

Press Release

**Hon'ble President of India confers Padma Vibhushan on Mr. Osamu Suzuki
(Posthumously)**

New Delhi, 29th April 2025: Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu conferred the Padma Vibhushan on Mr. Osamu Suzuki, Former Chairman, Suzuki Motor Corporation and Former Director & Honorary Chairman, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, posthumously. The formal conferment ceremony took place at the Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on 28th April 2025.

Mr. Osamu Suzuki was conferred the prestigious Padma Vibhushan in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the field of trade and industry. Mr. Toshihiro Suzuki, Representative Director and President, Suzuki Motor Corporation, accepted the award on behalf of his father.



On receiving this award, **Mr. Toshihiro Suzuki, Representative Director and President of Suzuki Motor Corporation** said, *“My sincere gratitude to the Honourable President of India and the Government of India for awarding the prestigious Padma Vibhushan to my father, Mr. Osamu Suzuki, former Chairman, Suzuki Motor Corporation. I have just received this high-level award on his behalf, and I am deeply honoured. I believe he is, from heaven, looking back fondly on the 45 years he spent with India, his second home.”*

He added, *“This award goes not only to my father, but also to all the people who have worked at Suzuki, Maruti Suzuki and all our business partners, who have supported us in this journey. My father must be feeling very proud today. I am also feeling extremely proud to receive this award. All the employees at Suzuki and Maruti Suzuki and our business partners must be feeling proud of this recognition. This award also expresses thanks to the ‘love of Indian people towards Suzuki’. This award belongs to all of you.”*

He further added, *“We, at Team Suzuki, will carry forward the commitment of Osamu Suzuki with the same passion to bring inclusive and sustainable mobility solutions that will be loved by the people of India.”*

Starting with 1 lakh unit annual capacity in 1983, under the leadership of Mr. Osamu Suzuki, Maruti Suzuki achieved significant milestones, including reaching a cumulative automobile production of 30 million units and an annual production of 2 million units in 2024. Furthermore, automobile exports from India, which commenced in the 1980s, surpassed 3 million units cumulatively. Today, Maruti Suzuki contributes to around 43% of total passenger vehicle exports from India.

About Mr. Osamu Suzuki:

Mr. Osamu Suzuki (30 January 1930 – 25 December 2024) was a visionary leader who played a crucial role in making car ownership accessible to the middle class in India and the emergence of India as a major car producing nation in the world. His manufacturing philosophy led to the success of Maruti Suzuki and helped in the growth of a globally relevant automobile and auto-component industry.

Mr. Osamu Suzuki graduated from the Faculty of Law at Chuo University in March 1953 and joined Suzuki Motor Corporation in April 1958. Throughout his remarkable journey, he held various leadership positions and played a pivotal role in shaping the company's growth and global presence.

His contributions have been recognized with numerous prestigious awards including:

Year	Recognition/Award
1987	Medal with Blue Ribbon, Japan
2000	The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, Japan
2002	Inducted into a Hall of Fame of Japan Automobile Hall of Fame
2007	Padma Bhushan, India
2024	Senior Fourth Rank, Japan
2025	Padma Vibhushan, India

For a selection of Mr. Osamu Suzuki’s notable quotes and videos that chronicle his life, please scan the QR code below.



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