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New Delhi, September 15, 2023: Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) hosted its highly anticipated Annual Conclave 2023 at The Grand Hotel in New Delhi. The event, which took place on September 15, 2023, brought together prominent figures from the Indian automotive industry to engage in meaningful discussions centred around the theme "Skilling - The Future Together."

With an impressive attendance of over 500 participants, the Conclave saw the convergence of senior bureaucrats, industry stalwarts, CEOs, and representatives from both Indian and global automotive manufacturers. These distinguished attendees convened to deliberate on the pivotal role of the automotive sector in India's growth trajectory and the industry's expectations from the skilling ecosystem. The prestigious inauguration of the Conclave featured Guest of Honours Ved Mani Tiwari, CEO of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

Guest of Honour Ved Mani Tiwari, CEO, NSDC, underscored the importance of skill development in the ever-evolving automotive landscape. He highlighted the role of electric vehicles (EVs) and other technological advancements, emphasising the need for a flexible credit-based education system to prepare the workforce for the future. He underlined the significance of a digital infrastructure and financial support for fostering innovation in the electric vehicle sector.

Vinod Aggarwal, President, ASDC, highlighted the annual updates of ASDC and emphasised the significant contribution of the automobile sector to the GDP and the vast employment opportunities it creates. Currently, there are approximately 20 million

direct or indirect employees and technicians associated with the industry. He acknowledged that emerging innovations, such as electric vehicles (EVs) and hydrogen-powered vehicles, introduce substantial opportunities. With the economy expanding, the scope of work and available opportunities is immense. He added that ASDC has evolved into a mature organization, incorporating 13 new courses focused on emerging technologies and areas of expertise demanded by the industry.

Arindam Lahiri, CEO, ASDC warmly welcomed the Guest of Honours and set the stage for the event. He highlighted that this year's Conclave featured enriching discussions with a specific focus on statelevel skilling initiatives and adaptable models for states. Furthermore, the event aimed to foster engagement with the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) ecosystem at the state level.

The panel discussions held at the ASDC Annual Conclave revolved around the necessity for organizations to embrace digitisation, reinvent practices, and prepare for a future characterized by constant change. Panel members emphasised the importance of clear strategy, strong leadership, and collaborative skills as essential tools for navigating the ever-evolving landscape of the automotive sector. Industry experts united to share insights on building a robust skilling ecosystem by fostering collaborations with the industry and making skills an aspirational goal.

The ASDC Annual Conclave 2023 served as a significant milestone in advancing skill development in India's automotive industry, fostering innovation, and driving the sector towards a brighter future.



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