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ASDC Annual Conclave 2024: A Collaborative Push Toward the Future of Automotive Skills Development

New Delhi, September 27, 2024: The Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) successfully hosted its Annual Conclave 2024 today at the Hyatt Regency, New Delhi. Themed **"Collaborate, Empower, Accelerate, and Achieve,"** the event brought together key stakeholders from the automotive industry, including policymakers, industry leaders, educators, and training providers, to engage in high-level discussions on the future of automotive skills development in India.

The conclave featured **Shri Ramdas ji Athawale**, Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, as the **Chief Guest**. In his address, Shri Athawale emphasized the government's commitment to uplifting marginalized communities through skill development. He said, "The automotive sector provides numerous opportunities for India's youth, and through efforts like ASDC's programs, we can ensure these opportunities are inclusive. It is essential that we focus on training and certifying the next generation of professionals, providing them with the tools they need to succeed."

Delivering the **keynote address**, **Mr. F R Singhvi**, President of ASDC, spoke about the critical role of skill development in addressing the challenges of the automotive industry. "As the automotive sector evolves, the need for skilled professionals becomes even more crucial. Today's conclave has showcased the tremendous potential that can be unlocked when we empower individuals with the right skills and knowledge. This collaboration will not only accelerate progress but also ensure sustainable growth for the entire industry."

Mr. Vinkesh Gulati, Vice President of ASDC, followed with his remarks, highlighting the importance of collaboration to drive innovation. "The Indian automotive sector is experiencing remarkable growth, and with such rapid expansion, the support of a skilled workforce becomes crucial. This is where the culture of skilling and the role of ASDC become paramount. The future of our automotive industry hinges on how effectively we collaborate to empower both individuals and institutions. By working together, we can strengthen the skilling ecosystem and ensure that India remains competitive on the global stage," he noted.

The conclave also featured **panel discussions** on topics such as **CSR collaborations for purpose-driven impact** and **accelerating skills for an inclusive India**, with prominent voices from organizations like **Bajaj, Toyota, and Hero MotoCorp** sharing their insights.

In line with its commitment to skill development, Bajaj has launched the **BEST (Bajaj Excellence in Skill Training)** program focusing on

Robotics & Automation for graduates and diploma holders. ASDC is proud to be the assessment and certification partner for this program, ensuring that the candidates receive industry-recognized credentials that will enhance their employability in the rapidly evolving automotive sector. This collaboration exemplifies the shared vision of ASDC and Bajaj to nurture future-ready professionals equipped with the latest technological skills.

One of the event's major highlights was the **Certified Candidates Convocation**, where candidates from ASDC's flagship projects **SAKHI SAKSHAM, SHAKTI, SANKALP-SAARTHI, and SANKALP-JEEVIKA** were awarded certifications, recognizing their achievements and readiness to join the automotive workforce.

ASDC has made significant strides in **empowering women** through its focused skilling initiatives, even surpassing the number of male beneficiaries. At today's event, the presence of **45 skilled young women trained by ASDC** added a sense of grandeur and inspiration, showcasing the transformative impact of these programs on their lives and careers. Their achievements stand as a testament to ASDC's commitment to fostering **gender equality** in the automotive industry and beyond.

WorldSkills Lyon 2024 winners and experts were also recognized for their exemplary performances on the global stage. Dhrumilkumar Dhirendrakumar Gandhi and Sathyajith Balakrishnan, who secured a Bronze medal in the highly competitive Industry 4.0 category, were felicitated alongside Praful Ankush Pendhari, Vikash, and Prem Vasanth Kumar, who earned Medallions for Excellence in Automobile Technology, Car Painting, and Additive Manufacturing, respectively. This special segment celebrated their contributions to enhancing India's reputation at the WorldSkills Lyon 2024 competitions.

The **ASDC Excellence and Special Recognition Awards** ceremony honoured partners who have made significant contributions to the skilling ecosystem, further highlighting the importance of collaboration in achieving industry milestones.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Singhvi reaffirmed ASDC's commitment to expanding the skilling landscape in India. "Today's discussions have provided a clearer vision for the future and reinforced the importance of collective action. Together, we can empower individuals, accelerate growth, and achieve excellence in the automotive sector."

The conclave concluded with the signing of **Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)** aimed at fostering partnerships that will strengthen skilling initiatives across the country. The event underscored the critical role of public-private partnerships in addressing the evolving needs of the automotive industry and in achieving global competitiveness.

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Growing number of GCCs in India driving demand for cross-functional skills: ASDC

The rising number of global competency centres that are engaged in the development of software, connectivity and electronic technologies for modern vehicles is calling for an industry-ready workforce that could proactively cater to the global demand for such engineering services, says India's Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC).

With an increasing amount of software and electronics getting into vehicles and transforming them into computers on wheels at an unprecedented pace, there is a growing demand for software development from automakers and component players alike.

As a result, India, which takes the crown as the software powerhouse of the world, is witnessing an accelerated growth in multinational automotive companies setting up their global competency centres or GCCs in the country. With its resources that are renowned to offer top-notch, speedy and frugal engineering services, India is poised to play a major role in the global transition to electric- and software-defined vehicles (SDVs).

This growth in automotive GCC establishments in the country is also driving demand for more cross-functional skills, requiring engineers to have an application-based knowledge of software, electronics and mechatronics with respect to the automotive domain. This newfound need for cross-domain R&D skills in the automotive sector is pointed out by the Automotive Skills Development Council or ASDC.

Speaking to Autocar Professional on the sidelines of ASDC's annual conclave in New Delhi, Arvind Lalit, CEO, ASDC, highlighted that the rising industry need for cross-functional skills could be directly connected to the current boom in GCCs in Indian cities like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Pune, among others. While Tier-1 major ZF Lifetec recently opened its GCC in Hyderabad, Cummins India too opened its first centre in Pune earlier in July 2024.

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Ramdas Athawale Unveils ASDC's Plan To Train 8 Lakh Gig Economy Workers By 2030

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Minister Athawale praised the plan, expressing support for efforts to address vehicle emissions that would provide sustainable livelihoods and employment for marginalized groups.



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Empowering India's Youth Through Skill Development

ASDC's initiative, aimed at training 10 per cent of India's workforce in emerging sectors, is set to focus on key areas such as soft skills, road safety,


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