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# ANNUAL CONCLAVE 2025



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## EVENT REPORT



# ABOUT ANNUAL CONCLAVE 2025



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**New Delhi:** Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) successfully hosted its 14th Annual Conclave 2025, themed "Stronger Together, Transform Tomorrow", bringing together leaders from government, industry, and academia to deliberate on the future of skilling in the automotive sector.

The event commenced with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony. **F.R. Singhvi**, President, **ASDC**, presented the Annual Update, highlighting the Council's 2024-25 impact—key achievements included forging partnerships with universities, advancing women's skill development and employment, strengthening industry-academia collaboration, and expanding its international footprint. This was followed by addresses from the Guests of Honour: **C.S. Vigneshwar** (President, **FADA**), **Shradha Suri Marwah** (CMD, Subros Limited & President, **ACMA**), **C.V. Raman** (CTO, **Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.**), and **Dr. Vinita Aggarwal**, IES (Retd.), Executive Member, **NCVET**.

**C.V. Raman**, CTO, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd, emphasized that India's mobility future will be driven by advanced engineering, digitalization, and disruptive technologies such as EVs, IoT, and AI. To realize the \$5 trillion vision, he stressed the need for skilling to evolve by integrating experiential learning, fostering industry-academia collaboration, and leveraging startup innovation.

**Dr. Vinita Aggarwal** highlighted the importance of qualification standardization, stating: "India's journey to becoming a global skill hub is powered by standardization and industry alignment. With over 180 automotive QPs under NSQF, we must ensure they remain dynamic—integrating hands-on training, apprenticeships, and micro-credentials. The automotive sector should actively adopt and upgrade these QPs to build a future-ready, tech-driven workforce."

Speaking at the conclave, **F R Singhvi, President, ASDC**, remarked: "This conclave has reinforced our belief that India's skilling ecosystem thrives on partnerships. Together, we are shaping a workforce that is not only job-ready but future-ready."

A major milestone of the conclave was the release of a White Paper and the signing of MoUs with Hero MotoCorp, Bajaj Auto, Gandhi Auto, Delphi TVS, and Bosch India to scale up skilling initiatives nationwide.

The conclave also hosted two high-impact panel discussions: Academic Excellence to Industry Impact: Aligning Talent Pipelines with Future Mobility Technologies and From Garage to Gigabyte: Skilling for Next-Gen Automotive Technologies. These sessions examined how new-age skilling can bridge classroom learning with the demands of digital-first, tech-driven automotive industries.

**Vinkesh Gulati, Vice President, ASDC**, added: "Our collective responsibility is to ensure that every young aspirant finds a place in the industry's growth story. ASDC is committed to bridging the gap between potential and opportunity."

The Certified Candidates Convocation felicitated skilled candidates from ASDC's flagship programs, underscoring its commitment to inclusive skill development. Presentations on CSR Best Practices by Bajaj Auto and Hero MotoCorp Ltd. showcased impactful industry-led skilling models. Recognitions included Internationally Placed Candidates, Rewards & Recognition Awards, and the ASDC Excellence and Special Recognition Awards, celebrating exemplary contributions to the skilling ecosystem.

The conclave firmly reiterated that public-private partnerships will be the cornerstone in addressing the evolving needs of the automotive industry and enabling India to emerge as a global leader in mobility technologies.

As promoting bodies of **ASDC**, **SIAM**, **ACMA**, and **FADA** extended their strong support to the **ASDC Annual Conclave 2025**, reaffirming the strength of industry collaboration in shaping the skilling ecosystem. The conclave was graced by the presence of eminent leaders—**Mr. C.V. Raman**, Chief Technology Officer, **Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.** ; **Ms. Shradhha Suri Marwah**, President, **ACMA** ; **Mr. Vinnie Mehta**, Director General, **ACMA** ; **Mr. C.S. Vigneshwar**, President, **FADA** ; **Mr. Saharsh Damani**, Chief Executive Officer, **FADA**; and **Mr. Rama Shankar Pandey**, Director, Paracoat Products Ltd. and **ASDC** Governing Council Member. Their active engagement added immense value to the discussions, driving forward strategic dialogue and emphasizing the collective vision of creating a skilled, future-ready workforce for the evolving automotive industry.



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## Maruti Suzuki outlines 'ABCD' mantra to bridge skills gap in auto sector

A group photograph of approximately 25 young people, likely students or trainees, standing in two rows on a stage. They are all wearing white polo shirts with the 'ASDC' logo and blue jeans. Each person is holding a white certificate or diploma. In the background, there is a large banner with the text 'ASDC ANNUAL CONCLAVE 2025' and various logos for Ford, Mahindra, and other automotive companies. The banner also includes the text 'TECH-DRIVEN AUTOMOTIVE SKILLING' and 'TRANSFORMING INDUSTRY THROUGH EDUCATION'. The stage is set against a yellow wall with the 'AUTOCAR professional' logo at the top. The overall atmosphere is professional and celebratory.



# ASDC Conclave 2025: Accelerating Tech-Driven Skilling for Future Mobility

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## Vinkesh Gulati appointed President of Automotive Skills Development Council

In his new role, Gulati is expected to drive efforts to bridge the skill gap in electric mobility, advanced manufacturing, digital retailing and aftermarket services.

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The Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) has announced the appointment of Vinkesh Gulati as its new President, following the

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## Skilling key to building resilience in automotive sector, says white paper

The white paper, titled "Skilling and Capability Development for AI-powered SDV Enterprise", was unveiled at the ASDC Annual Conclave 2025 on Tuesday

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