World Skills Competition, Abu Dhabi

ASDC continued its support towards facilitating quality preparations for our candidates who have been short listed for representing India at the forthcoming World Skills Competitions later this year.

These trainings were organised by ASDC within India and also at a few overseas locations, in Indonesia, Thailand and Dubai. Candidates have now been trained on modules at locations of Toyota, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra, Honda, Fiat, General Motors, MSIL and Nissan (UAE) This excercise has provided the much needed international exposure to our candidates. We sincerely hope that our candidates have developed confidence for performing at world stage.

India will be represented by Shahad SM(From Popular Vehicles, a prominent dealership of MSIL) in the Car Painting Skill Category, Manmohan(MSIL) in the Autobody Repair Skill Category and Aditya Pratap Singh Rathod(Tata Motors) in the Automobile Technology Skill Category.





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While the PMKVY2.0 scheme has got off to a steady start, ASDC team is excited about few other interesting projects, specially the one that entails training candidates for the Indian Air Force. This is a challenging task as it involves dedicated broad banded qualifications in the combined domain of Driving and Vehicle Servicing. Each candidate has to have skills in both these trades. Moreover, the aspirant should be able to Drive and Service an entire range of vehicles from 2Wheelers to Cars and the Heavier range of Buses & Trucks, a very interesting and strong job profile indeed!

ASDC is continuing its focus on deepening its Industry connect through establishing ASDC aligned centres to be run by our Industry. Recent engagement with Yamaha India is a case in point. Nearly 40 locations across the country are gearing up to deliver trainings for the job role of a 2W Service Technician.

At another level, the ASDC Expert Groups are engaged with a network of experienced and deeply knowledgeable industry professionals who provide inputs for refinements of Skill Standards and related topics.

Increasingly, States are turning their attention to Skilling as a new policy initiative more or less on lines of the Skill India programme spearheaded by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship at the centre. ASDC is supporting these initiatives of State Governments.

Final countdown has begun to the World Skills Finals to be held later this year in Abu Dhabi. After a grueling run up of nearly one year through a robust selection process we finally have the candidates who will represent India at these competitions. ASDC has left no stone unturned in providing for best preparatory schedules for enhancing chances of our candidates. Several OEMs have lent their weight behind ASDC's initiative with large hearted support to these candidates within India and also at overseas locations. This has provided a boost in self confidence of our candidates who we expect will give off their very best on the world stage.

As always, keenly awaiting exchange of views and ideas with you. This communication is now also facilitated through social media platforms Facebook and Twitter!

Sunil K Chaturvedi



Skilling for Indian Air Force

Readers would recall that starting last year ASDC began engaging with defense establishments on skilling initiatives. Already skilling programmes are underway at various locations of the Indian Army. These programmes are for skilling of retiring personnel who could use ASDC certification for new careers in the Automotive Sector.

Taking forward our engagements with the armed forces we have now taken up a project for skilling candidates in *Driver cum Mechanic* qualifications. This opens up an opportunity for youth desirous of a career with the Indian Air Force.

In the initial phase, ASDC has identified five of its partners for training candidates for this project. These centres are located in Ajmer, Rajasthan; Bhubanewar, Odisha; Delhi; Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh; Dharuhera, Haryana; Pune, Maharashtra; Mumbai, Maharashtra. NATRIP centre in Silchar Assam is also gearing up to start batches for this project. The two Qualification Packs have been put together specially for this project as per IAF requirements. Essentially, this entails combining NOSs from *driving* and *service technician* suites. This is a prestigious project and ASDC is according due priority and committing resources to meet the challenges posed by way of special and stringent requirements of Indian Air Force.

State Initiatives

Madhya Pradesh

MP State Government organized a high profile event at Bhopal on 1st June, 2017, *The Global Skill & Employment Partnership Summit*. It was attended by a very large number of delegates from Industry, Academia and Government. Hon'ble Chief Minister of MP Mr Shivraj Chauhan, State Education Minister Mr. Deepak Joshi attended the programme. Hon'ble Minister Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy was the Guest of Honour at this event.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister articulated a strong vision for skilling youth in the state. He also announced the setting up of model Skill Park on lines of a similar centre in Singapore.

During the day long deliberations, ASDC CEO Sunil K Chaturvedi shared views on skilling opportunities in the state for the Automotive Sector.

Himachal Pradesh

ASDC has entered into an agreement with HP Government for skilling and certification of *bus drivers* and *mechanics* employed with the HP State Road Transport Department.

Uttar Pradesh

ASDC CEO had a discussion with Hon'ble Minister of Transport in UP, Mr. Swatantra Dev Singh and officials from UP State Road Transport Department. Hon'ble Minister expressed keen interest in upskiling of *bus drivers*/conductors and *workshop mechanics* operating nearly 15,000 strong fleet with UPSRTC.



Industry Engagement

As part of its strategic thrust for deepening its industry connect, ASDC has been advocating for industry operated ASDC Skilling Centres. Towards this objective, we are covering OEMs, Component Manufacturers, Dealerships as also organisations such as NATRIP.

In this regard a major project has been launched recently in collaboration with India Yamaha Motor Private Ltd. Under this collaborative arrangement nearly 40 locations across the country will be running *2Wheeler Service Technician* programmes.

ASDC Expert Groups

Readers would recall, the steps initiated by ASDC for review and rationalization of standards. The Manufacturing Expert Group chaired by Mr. Pradip Kapse has been making a lot of progress across the thirteen sub-domains. Nearly 75 Experts from our industry have been contributing with their vast knowledge and long experience in respective domains.

Some of the sub groups like *Machining, Welding, Forging, Quality, Casting, Assembly, Plastic Moulding, Painting and Heat Treatment* are nearing completion of the review work that will soon be collated and utilized for implementation.