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**Shaping the Future
with Skills and Growth.**





President

Mr. F R Singhvi

Message From President

As I pass the baton, I carry immense pride—for we haven't just trained thousands; we've transformed lives, redefined leadership, and upheld values that will endure long after we're gone.

Let's continue to nurture and share our skills, fostering an environment where everyone can thrive and reach their full potential. Together, we can build a stronger, more supportive community.



CEO

Mr. ARINDAM LAHIRI

Message From Ceo's Desks

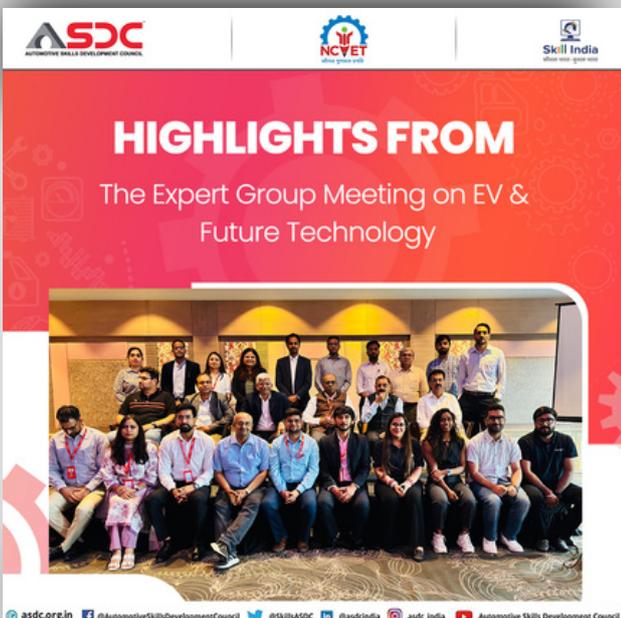
Empowering our youth with the right skills is crucial. The announcement of PM Kaushal Vikaas Yoajna 4.0, with its emphasis on industry partnership and alignment of courses with industry needs, is a major step towards skilling the Indian youth in new age courses such as robotics and mechatronics that are essential for industry 4.0.



NAPS Workshop

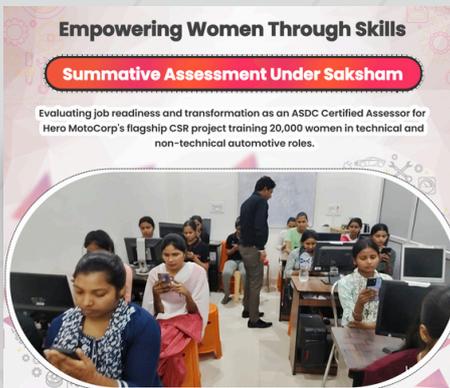
ASDC successfully conducted a NAPS workshop on 28th May 2025 at The George Telegraph Training Institute, Sealdah, Kolkata. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 150 students, reflecting strong interest in skill development and career opportunities. The event was further enriched by the presence of dignitaries from NSDC, RDSDE Kolkata, GTTI, and Kiswok Industries, who shared their insights and encouraged students to actively pursue skilling initiatives.

The Sales EGM successfully brought together leaders from ASDC along with eminent experts from the automotive industry. The forum, enriched by strategic discussions and powerful insights, focused on driving growth, fostering innovation, and shaping future-ready solutions. With the collective experience and shared vision of all participants, the event laid a strong foundation for the roadmap ahead.



Expert Group Meeting

Industry experts came together for a focused discussion on 'Skill Requirements in EV Powertrain System.' Held in a hybrid format (at the ASDC Office, Delhi, and virtually), the session aimed to align advanced EV technologies with evolving skill needs. The meeting was attended by professors from IITs, IISc, and technical universities, along with professionals working in the EV powertrain domain.



► PROJECT - SAKSHAM

From classroom to the shop floor – Project Saksham candidates stepped into real industry environments through on-the-job training. This hands-on experience enabled them to apply their learning, build confidence, and become truly job-ready.

With **120 enthusiastic female candidates** in attendance, the initiative made a promising start in the region. It marked the beginning of a meaningful collaboration that created impact and empowerment.

► PROJECT - SAKHI



ASDC was honoured to receive the prestigious **GreenTech Award** for Project Sakhi—our flagship women empowerment initiative supported by the SIDBI Swavalamban Foundation. This recognition reflected our efforts in advancing sustainable mobility and creating dignified livelihood opportunities for women by training them as skilled drivers. We thanked the ASDC leadership for their vision and support in driving this impactful initiative forward.

► PROJECT VAHAAN

Milestones of Mobility

Project Vahaan Convocation Ceremony in Pune



Empowering Youth, Driving the Future! We were proud to share the successful Convocation Ceremony of Project Vahaan held in Pune, a collaborative initiative between the Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) and Michelin India Private Limited.

With initiatives like **Project Vahaan**, ASDC and Michelin India continued to contribute towards building a skilled workforce, driving innovation, sustainability, and growth in the automotive ecosystem.

► PROJECT SAKSHAM-II

Here were some highlights from the **SAKSHAM 2** Training of Trainers (TOT) program, which empowered individuals with the skills to excel in the automotive industry. With a focus on Automotive Telecaller, Automotive Sales Executive, and Automotive Showroom Host roles, this initiative shaped careers and created new opportunities for growth and success.

On-Ground Monitoring for Real Impact

Saksham-II Project Centre Visit

Empowering rural women through skill-based training in Sales and Service roles under Hero MotoCorp's CSR initiative with ASDC.



ASDC Expert Group Panel Discussion

Theme Mastering Complex Diagnostics: Technicians for Advanced Automotive Service

10th June 2025 | **11:00 AM – 1:30 PM**

Join us virtually for power-packed panel discussion featuring leading experts from across the automotive ecosystem

Join Virtually

Scan the QR code to register and attend

Expert Speakers

- Mr. Kausik Kumar Rana**
Stellantis India
- Dr. Kamalkishore C. Vora**
NAMTECH
- Mr. Konka Viswanath**
VECV
- Mr. Prasanna Prakash Samel**
Synoptic Skills Studio Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Vivek George**
Autel Intelligent Technology Corp. Ltd.
- Mr. Anandakumar T.S**
ASDC

Organized by ASDC in collaboration with industry leaders.

PANEL DISCUSSION

ASDC brought expert groups together for a focused panel discussion on mastering complex diagnostics. Industry leaders shared key insights on technician readiness for advanced automotive services. Participants were invited to join virtually by scanning the QR code.



PANEL DISCUSSION



ASDC Expert Group (Service) Panel Discussion – Highlights An insightful session on ‘Mastering Complex Diagnostics: Technicians for Advanced Automotive Service’ focused on advancing diagnostic skills and developing a future-ready workforce. We thank the AKGEC Skill Foundation for their support in making the session successful.

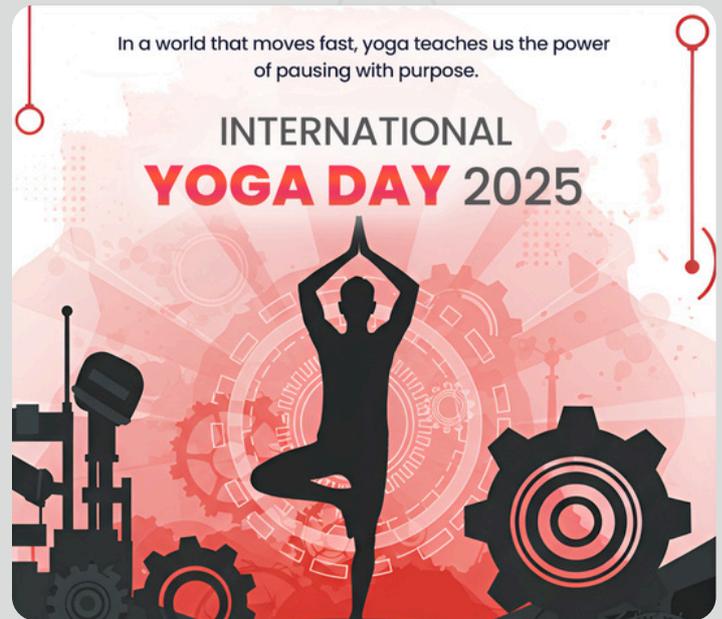


WORLD ENVIROMENT DAY

On this World Environment Day, ASDC renewed its pledge to drive change—by promoting sustainability, integrating EV solutions, and empowering a greener future. The message highlighted that the road to tomorrow begins with the steps taken today.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

Team ASDC extended warm wishes on International Yoga Day. On this special occasion, we celebrated the spirit of balance, strength, and well-being that yoga brings into our lives. Yoga was recognized not just as an exercise but as a journey of self-discovery, uniting the mind, body, and soul.



ANNUAL PARTNERS FORUM 2025

We were proud to announce the esteemed sponsors of Partners Forum 2025, whose support reinforced our shared vision of advancing skills, driving innovation, and enabling industry excellence. The forum was held under the theme ‘Stronger Together, Transform Tomorrow.’

▶ INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS



ASDC launched a Skill Training initiative under the Scheduled Caste (SC) Welfare scheme, Government of Tripura. Through this program, 45 aspiring candidates from West and North Tripura were trained as Light Motor Vehicle (LMV) drivers.



SCWELFARE SCHEME

Become a Certified Trainer in

Automotive Welding Machine Technology

Join Our **FREE 10-Day Training of Trainers (ToT) Program**

Organized by
Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC)

Job Role	Automotive Welding Machine Technician – Level 4
Location	Delhi NCR / Haryana
Start Date	Coming Soon
Duration	10 Days
Mode	Physical Training (Domain + Pedagogy)

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TRAINING OF TRAINERS.

Insights were shared from our recent Training of Trainers (ToT) and Training of Assessors (ToA) program for Electric Vehicle Service Technicians. This initiative was a testament to our commitment to advancing skills in the rapidly evolving field of electric vehicles. Together, we drove the future of sustainable transportation.

▶ INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PANEL 1 DISCUSSION



ANNUAL PARTNERS FORUM 2025

STRONGER TOGETHER | TRANSFORM TOMORROW

Panel Discussion 1

Classroom to Career : Reimagining Vocational Education Under NEP

Speakers

- Dr. Deepak Paliwal**
Joint Director
PSSCIVE
- Dr. Dilip Handkeolyar**
Co-Chancellor
Commonwealth University
- Dr. Atul Kulkarni**
Director Corp. Relations
VIT, Pune
- Dr. Ravichandran**
Professor & Dean
Jamia Hamdard

Moderator

- Mr. Utkarsh Agarwal**
Editorial Lead
BW Auto India

At the **Annual Partners Forum 2025**, the first panel discussion, titled 'Classroom to Career: Reimagining Vocational Education Under NEP,' brought together leading academic voices.

PANEL DISCUSSION

At the **ASDC Partners Forum 2025**, Panel Discussion 2 explored 'CSR Unlocking Potential: Sustainable Livelihood Skilling Through CSR,' and was moderated by Mr. Rajesh Rajgor of Motor India.



ANNUAL PARTNERS FORUM 2025

STRONGER TOGETHER | TRANSFORM TOMORROW

Panel Discussion 2

CSR Unlocking Potential : Sustainable Livelihood skilling Through CSR

Speakers

- Mr. N Raghavan**
President
Lucas Indian Service Ltd
- Mr. Gaurav Majumdar**
Skilling Sector Lead
HCL foundation
- Mr. Mahesh Shetty**
Sector Head - For Skilling & Livelihood
JSW Foundation
- Mr. A.K Somvanshi**
Board Advisor & CSR Head
Victoria Auto Private Limited.
- Mr. Mahesh Kumar Kalkini**
Head - Plant Operations
Hero Motocorp

Moderator

- Mr. Rajesh Rajgor**
Associate Editor
Motor India

PANEL 2 DISCUSSION

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ASDC plans to train 5 lakh individuals during current fiscal

NEW DELHI: (Jun 27) The Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) on Friday said it has set a target of skilling, upskilling, and providing apprenticeship opportunities to 5 lakh individuals across India in the current financial year.

During the last fiscal year, the council facilitated over 2 lakh apprenticeships, ASDC said in a statement.

The statement further said ASDC has recently signed several international memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with academic institutions and is now working to expand its global engagement with industry.

INDIA TODAY

CBSE launches National Automobile Olympiad 2025 for Classes 6-12, how to apply

CBSE and ASDC have introduced the National Automobile Olympiad 2025, which aims to build skills in safety, sustainability, and smart mobility for India's future automotive workforce.

In Short

- CBSE and ASDC have launched the National Automobile Olympiad 2025 for classes 6 to 12
- Focuses on safety, sustainability, and smart mobility for India's future automotive workforce
- No registration fee. Olympiad is offered in both English and Hindi

The National Automobile Olympiad (NAO) 2025 has been launched to help school students connect their education with real-world skills. It is being organised by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in partnership with the Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC).

The Olympiad is a countrywide programme aimed at developing automotive skills amongst students from Classes 6 to 12 in CBSE-affiliated schools.

With India becoming the world's 4th largest automobile market and the sector contributing nearly 7.5% to the country's GDP, there is a growing need for skilled professionals in this field.

NAO 2025 hopes to raise awareness, improve skills, and guide students toward careers in the automotive industry.

NAO 2025: FOCUS ON SAFETY, SUSTAINABILITY, SMART MOBILITY

Speaking on the initiative, FR Singhvi, President, ASDC, highlighted the broader vision behind the Olympiad. "This year's theme -- The Three New S's: Safety, Sustainability, and Smart Mobility, reflects the evolving priorities of the automotive sector. Participants will delve into emerging domains like mechatronics, robotics, artificial intelligence, data analytics, and sustainable mobility," he said.

Vinayak Gulati, Vice President of ASDC, shared important details about the accessibility and format of the National Automobile Olympiad (NAO) 2025.

"The Olympiad is open to all students from Classes 6 to 12 and is designed to be inclusive and accessible, with participation available in both English and Hindi," he added.

THE HINDU
National Automobile Olympiad 2025
The Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC), in collaboration with the CBSE, has launched the fourth edition of the National Automobile Olympiad (NAO) 2025.
Eligibility: Open to students from Class 6 to 12 across all educational boards.
Deadline: July 31

MOTORINDIA

ASDC hosts Annual Partners Forum 2025: 'Stronger Together, Transform Tomorrow'

June 27, 2025 | motorindia

Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) successfully hosted its Annual Partners Forum 2025 at the Grand Hotel, New Delhi, bringing together over 250 leading industry stakeholders, government representatives and academic leaders. This year's theme, "Stronger Together, Transform Tomorrow," underscored the urgent need for collaborative action to shape the future of India's dynamic automotive industry.



The event was inaugurated by Dr. Hanif Qureshi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries, Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, AICTE and Dr. Rodney Riviere, Cluster Coordinator, CIJ India, as Guest of Honour. Also present was Dr. Suresh Deshmukh, Director, NCVT, as Special Guest.

In his keynote address, Dr. Qureshi highlighted the significant role of the automotive industry in India, contributing over \$240 billion to the economy and accounting for 42% of manufacturing output.



HIGHLIGHTED NEWS

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PLI, EVs, and Skill Development Highlighted at ASDC Ann Partners Forum 2025

Annual Partners Forum focuses on collaborative efforts to strengthen India's automotive discussions on domestic value addition, future mobility, and emerging skill development.

By Sarthak Mahajan | 27 Jun 2025 | 1437 Views



The Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) hosted its Annual Partners Forum 2025 at the Grand Hotel, New Delhi, with the theme "Stronger Together, Transform Tomorrow." Over 250 participants from industry, government, and academia to explore ways to India's automotive sector.

The forum was inaugurated by Dr. Hanif Qureshi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries, Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, AICTE, and Dr. Rodney Riviere, Cluster Coordinator, CIJ India, as Guest of Honour. Also present was Dr. Suresh Deshmukh, Director, NCVT, attended as Special Guest.

In his keynote, Dr. Qureshi noted the automotive sector's contribution of over \$240 billion and 42% of manufacturing output. He highlighted the government's goal of achieving 20% of manufacturing output. He stressed the need to enhance India's role in the \$700 billion global auto components market.

Prof. Sitharam spoke about the importance of developing innovation led, globally India's future and urged increased participation in skilling programs focused on emerging technologies like robotics, AI, and mechatronics. Dr. Deshmukh outlined the role of NEP 2020 in making technical education industry-aligned.

ASDC President F. R. Singhvi emphasized collaboration between industry and academia to enhance the importance of soft skills alongside technical training. Dr. Riviere remarked on the importance of enhancing human capabilities in the automotive industry.

The event included MoU signings with various organisations, the Project Saksham discussions on vocational education and sustainable skill development through CSR. The forum shared resolve to advance India's skilling ecosystem.

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उद्योग विशेषज्ञों से उम्मीत ऑटोमोबाइल प्रौद्योगिकियों में विविध करियर संभावनाओं के बारे में छात्र परिचय करेंगे। तीन सार पर होगा यह ओलंपियाड इस ओलंपियाड को तीन सार पर आयोजित किया जाएगा। पहले सार पर छात्रों से आदर्शों के छात्र, दूसरे सार में नवीय व दसवीं व तीसरे सार में 11वीं व बारहवीं के छात्र शामिल होंगे। क्षेत्रीय स्तर पर प्रतियोगिता अक्टूबर-नवंबर में ऑलंपियाड होगा। राष्ट्रीय स्तर का वाइसल डिस्कर में आयोजित किया जाएगा। प्रतियोगिता हिंदी और अंग्रेजी दोनों भाषाओं में होगी, इसमें सभी शिक्षा बोर्ड के छात्र हिस्सा ले सकते हैं।

SW AUTO WORLD
India's Roadmap To A Future-Ready Auto Sector
ASDC's Forum

19-20 October 2025 | New Delhi, India

Key topics: Automotive workforce skills | ASDC 2025 | Future auto industry | Government policies | NEP 2020 | Government policies | AI and sustainable India | Automotive education | The ASDC Partners Forum 2025 highlighted the importance of collaboration between industry, academia, and government to build a future-ready workforce.



Keynote: Path to PLI and Green Mobility
Addressing the Report, Dr. Hanif Qureshi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries, underlined the government's strategy to achieve 20% of manufacturing output by 2025, positioning the auto sector as a key pillar of the Indian economy. He stressed the need to enhance India's role in the \$700 billion global auto components market.

Keynote: Path to PLI and Green Mobility
The Rs 24,000 crore PLI scheme is already catalyzing innovation in electric and hydrogen mobility. Over 12 firms have achieved 50% per cent domestic value addition, evidence that our indigenous path is bearing fruit, he stated.

Dr. Qureshi emphasized the growing importance of a skilled workforce to complement this momentum, with India currently facing a shortage of 2.5 million skilled workers. He urged increased participation in skilling programs focused on emerging technologies like robotics, AI, and mechatronics, which will be key to realizing this shared opportunity.

Keynote: Path to PLI and Green Mobility
Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman of AICTE, described the current trend as the 'New K-12', a golden window for India to build cutting-edge competencies, innovation-led products. He stressed the integration of AI in emerging technologies like robotics, automation, and AI-based technical education framework.

"ASDC is doing the critical work of bridging academia and industry. Our youth must not only be job-ready but also drive the evolution of mobility itself," he said.

NEP 2020: Making Skilling Inclusive and Accessible
Highlighting the paradigm shift outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Dr. Suresh Deshmukh, Director, NCVT, advocated for flexible, hands-on, and industry-integrated learning models. "The future role is on multidisciplinary and inclusive education that prepares students for real-world challenges," he remarked.



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