

ASHWA RACING, R.V. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING BUSINESS PLAN FINALS REPORT



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Introduction

In the fast-evolving landscape of the Indian Automotive Sector, the next decade is poised to witness unprecedented growth, with projections exceeding 12% of the country's GDP and contributing to over 40% of the Manufacturing sector. The ambitious Automotive Mission Plan (AMP) 2026 has set its sights on making India a substantial participant in the 'Skill India Program,' with the goal of generating a staggering 65 million direct and indirect jobs over the next 10 years. In this ever-growing industry, Ashwa sees great potential in the educational segment. In line with this, Ashwa plans to revolutionize the way we learn and apply technical knowledge.

Vision and Mission

Ashwa Mobility envisions a transformation in the capabilities of Engineering students and graduates alike, positioning them as proficient and industry-ready automotive experts. Our mission revolves around steering the future trajectories of both individuals and institutions in the automotive domain, achieved through a dynamic combination of certification programs and mentorship initiatives.

Addressing Critical Challenges

- Lack of Proof for Hands-On Work: A pervasive challenge is the absence of tangible proof and verification of hands-on work, creating a gap in distinguishing profiles among students and graduates.
- Limited Accessibility to Practical Knowledge: Well-funded newly set-up private universities in India grapple with limited accessibility to practical knowledge, hindering the holistic development of students.

Holistic Solutions

- Unparalleled Learning Experience: We offer an unmatched hands-on and immersive learning experience tailored for college students and professionals, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.

- Empowering Mobility Clubs: Through brand-building initiatives and expert guidance, we empower students in mobility clubs across select colleges, fostering a culture of excellence and innovation.

This technical business report delves into the intricacies of Ashwa Automotive's vision, mission, and strategic initiatives, highlighting our commitment to revolutionizing the automotive landscape and contributing significantly to the Skill India Program. Through innovative solutions and a forward-thinking approach, we aim to shape the future of the automotive industry in India.

Pitch and Proposal

We present a compelling opportunity in the education sector, seeking a 4 crore investment for a 20% equity stake over 3 years. At the heart of our business lies a commitment to innovation and research, with a significant allocation of resources directed toward R&D initiatives. This strategic emphasis ensures that we stay at the forefront of advancements in education, providing a unique and valuable offering to our students.

Our shareholder split is meticulously designed to align with a strategic business growth graph. This graph outlines three pillars of expansion, showcasing our trajectory as we envision moving from regional success to a national presence. With plans for an Initial Public Offering (IPO), we aim to extend our services beyond our current locations, reaching multiple cities and universities. This expansion not only diversifies our reach but also positions us as a key player in the broader education landscape.

Looking toward the horizon, we are enthusiastic about broadening our syllabus to incorporate Electric Vehicles (EV) and autonomous vehicle technologies. This forward-thinking move not only anticipates industry trends but also ensures that our students are well-equipped for the future of engineering and technology.

Simultaneously, we are exploring strategic partnerships with industry players on profit-sharing models. This collaborative approach not only enhances our industry relevance but also opens doors to new opportunities and resources.

Financial projections indicate that we are on track to reach our breakeven point by 2027. This pivotal moment will mark the transition to our second round of funding, where we aim to secure 5.5 crore. Importantly, this inflection point is where your initial investment of 4 crore is projected to yield an outstanding return on investment of 40%, which is then predicted to grow to a staggering 232% in 2029.

In closing, we invite you to be part of our journey as we revolutionize engineering education. Your investment will not only fuel our growth but also contribute to shaping the future of the industry. Join us in this exciting venture as we empower students, drive innovation, and create a lasting impact on the education landscape.

Deep Dive - Strategic Partnerships

The chosen expansion model for our business is through strategic partnerships, focusing on collaborative initiatives that provide mutual benefits to both our company and potential partners. Strategic partnerships, in this context, involve networking events, career guidance collaborations, subsidies on tools and components, collaborations with other edtech platforms, and tie-ups with incubators/accelerators.

Following are the partnerships we will explore:

1. Networking Events Important to Companies and Students:

- For Companies: Networking events serve as an avenue for companies to identify and connect with skilled individuals who can contribute to their projects.
- For Students: Students gain valuable exposure to potential employers, creating opportunities for internships, projects, and potential future employment.
- Potential Partners:
 - Mahindra
 - Ola Electric
 - Bosch

2. Career Guidance and Support:

- For Companies: Collaborating with career guidance institutions provides access to a pool of students with a clear understanding of their career paths, aiding targeted recruitment efforts.
- For Students: Partnerships with career guidance institutions offer students insights into diverse career paths, helping them make informed decisions about their future.
- Potential Partners:
 - Mindler
 - iDream
 - Manya Group

3. Subsidy on Tools, Software, and Components during Certification:

- For Companies: Subsidized certification costs attract students, providing companies access to a skilled pool of individuals interested in the industry.
- For Us: Partnerships with tool and component providers result in reduced costs for certifications, ensuring affordability and widespread participation.
- Potential Partners:
 - Infineon
 - Mathworks
 - Ansys

4. Incubators/Accelerators - Tie-up with Government Initiatives and Startup Programs:

- For Them: Partnering with government initiatives and startup programs provides incubators/accelerators access to skilled and innovative individuals.
- For Students: Students benefit from exposure to real-world projects and mentorship, potentially turning their ideas into successful ventures.
- Potential Partners:
 - CoCreate Ventures
 - ARTPARK, IISc
 - SIAM/ARAI

Service Model

In response to the dynamic landscape of the automotive sector and the ever-growing demand for skilled professionals, our service model is designed to address the industry's needs through a comprehensive approach. At the core of our initiative are two integral components: the Student Certification Program and the University Mentorship Program.

Below are the service models to both our programs:

I. CERTIFICATION/UPSKILLING PROGRAM

Overview

Ashwa's Certification Program aims to provide students with a comprehensive upskilling experience in various engineering domains. The program is designed for undergraduates, master's, PhD students, and professionals seeking a career switch. With a focus on practical learning, the 6-month program integrates generic coursework, online classes, real prototype demonstrations, and hands-on testing. This provides students with the opportunity to not only gain knowledge in the conventional manner but to apply their learnings for better comprehensive understanding. The core philosophy of this program centers around holistic upskilling in various engineering disciplines. Unlike traditional educational models, Ashwa's program prioritizes practical learning, fostering a dynamic and immersive educational experience.

Cost and Scholarships

Program Cost: INR 51,000

Scholarships: Up to 30% reimbursement based on performance in proctored exams or guided projects. The scholarships awarded will be in accordance with-

- Top 2%: 30% reimbursement
- Top 8%: 20% reimbursement
- Top 15%: 10% reimbursement

- Additional Referral and Loyalty Discounts available.

Duration and Structure

- Course-work is structured in such a way that it will be completed in 6 months.
- Generic coursework based on a standard template curated by our members utilizing the experience and expertise gained over the last 20 years.
- Live online classes and recorded sessions by distinguished faculty will be held for 4 hours/week.
- Monthly assignments and assessments on the portal will ensure that students are able to keep in touch with the course material and reinforce their learnings.
- The final 3 weeks of the course will be dedicated to testing on hardware/prototype at the workshop.
- Testing Components:
 - Part 1: Testing of previous components on a ready test bench with hands-on experimentation.
 - Part 2: Design competition for the best component/part specific to the chosen course. Winning design is manufactured/assembled, forming the baseline for the next batch.
- Any Intellectual Property in the form of designs, processes, etc. created under the program belongs to Ashwa.

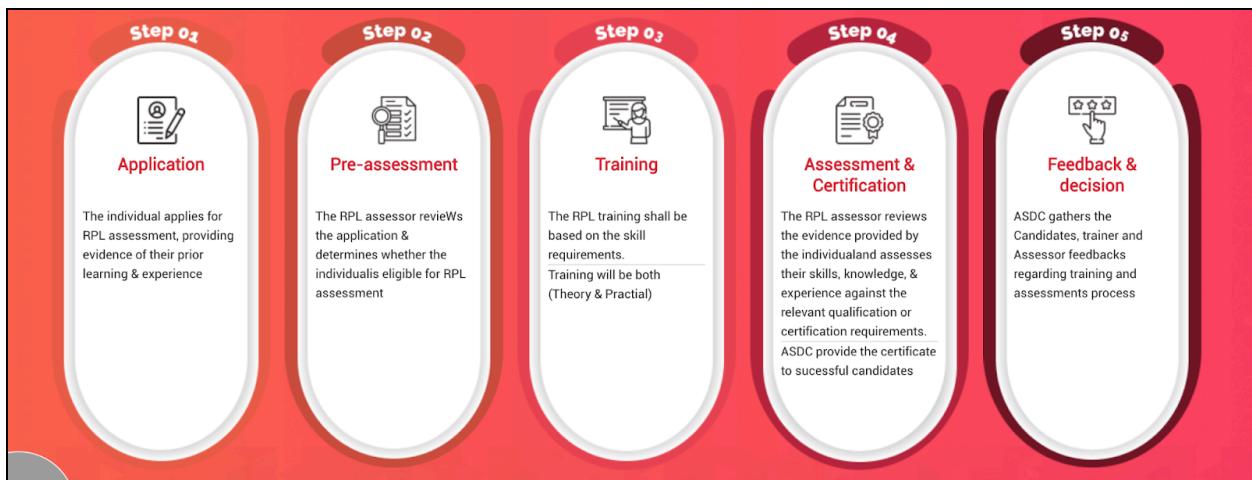


Fig: Course structure in accordance with ASDC Recognition of Prior Learning Path

Eligibility

The Certification Program is open to any student, preferably in their undergraduate journey, but also welcomes master's and PhD students or professionals looking to switch career paths.

The fixed program schedule is aligned with semester exams and internship/summer breaks of the university academic calendar.

Infrastructure

- Own workshop for the hands-on and testing components of the course-work scheduled for the last 3 weeks of the program.
- Existing collaborations with track partners/air strips for prototype testing.
- Partner with logistics and transportation companies to enable seamless movement of students, components and prototypes.
- Continuous improvement of course material, prototype advancement and infrastructure development.
- Prototypes reused across batches with previous batches' work and implementations used as baselines to be improved by the current batch in a competition-based approach.
- Skill Development Center to be set-up in third year to enable fast-track certification program (3 months).

Curated Courses

Course Name	Skills Gained	Final Project Template	Industry Relevance
Engine Tuning + Assembly	- Engine disassembly, diagnosis, and repair - Performance optimization techniques - Precision machining and assembly skills	- Build and tune a high-performance engine for a specific application (e.g., racing, fuel efficiency)	Automotive, motorsport, marine, power generation industries

Mechanical Research - Simulations, Manufacture, 3D Printing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finite element analysis (FEA) and computational fluid dynamics (CFD) - Design for manufacturability (DFM) and additive manufacturing (3D printing) - Mechanical testing and data analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design, simulate, and manufacture a new mechanical component using 3D printing 	Aerospace, automotive, medical, consumer product industries
Aerodynamics and Composites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding of aerodynamic principles and CFD simulation - Design and fabrication of composite structures - Wind tunnel testing and data analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design and build an aerodynamic component for a vehicle (e.g., wing, airfoil) using composites 	Aerospace, automotive, marine, wind energy industries
Electrical - Sensor Fusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge of various sensors and their integration - Data acquisition, processing, and analysis - Algorithm development for sensor fusion applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a sensor fusion system for a specific application (e.g., autonomous vehicle navigation, drone obstacle avoidance) 	Robotics, autonomous systems, medical devices, industrial automation industries
Vehicle Design - Powertrain, Suspension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding of different powertrain options (electric, hybrid, internal combustion) - Suspension design and analysis - Vehicle dynamics simulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design and simulate the powertrain and suspension system for a new vehicle concept 	Automotive, motorsport, transportation, off-road vehicle industries
Systems Engineering - Product Development, Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project management and systems thinking - Requirements engineering, design, and testing - Systems integration and validation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a complete product from concept to market, including design, manufacturing, and testing 	All industries, particularly complex systems development (aerospace, medical devices, etc.)

Skill Development Center

- To be established after 3 years, offering a 3-month fast-tracked fully offline course during internship breaks and holidays for students wishing to gain quick skills.
- Same course material covered with extended hours and additional practical learning, offered in the SDC.
- Well-equipped classrooms, resource center, testing facilities, and career guidance workshops through partnerships and collaborations.
- MOU with the Karnataka German Technical Training Institutes (KGTTI) at Bengaluru for premises, track, and classroom facility usage.



Fig: KGTTI Skill Development Center in Bengaluru

II. UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

Overview

Ashwa's University Mentorship Program is a comprehensive initiative designed to empower universities in cultivating skilled and competitive engineering students. The program focuses on setting up Formula Student (FS) workshops, offering a Basic Package as a mandatory baseline, and providing additional services for universities to tailor their experience. This technical report outlines the key components and costs associated with the program.

Basic Package Overview

- Setup Cost: INR 7,00,000
 - Workshop establishment with components and tools.
 - Access to critical resources: Design, Testing, Databases, and select course material.
 - 6-month setup duration.
- Lifetime Access: Lifetime access granted to resources provided during the setup.
- On-Demand Mentoring (AMA): Small fixed number (15 hours) of on-demand mentoring and feedback sessions for problem-solving or guidance.
- Subsystem-Specific Training:
 - 6-month training program for students.
 - Culminates in a final project aligned with vehicle design goals for the chosen subsystem.

Additional Services

- Cost: Additional INR 5,00,000
- Problem-Solving Support:
 - On-demand problem-solving sessions.
 - Additional 100 hours or 1 year of sessions.
- Domain-Specific Information Sessions:

- Monthly sessions covering domain-specific topics.
- Q&A platform with active support.
- Dedicated Domain Expert (Domain Lead):
 - Assigned for a fixed duration to provide specialized guidance.
 - Enhances expertise and support for students.

Switch to New Program

- One-Time Cost: Additional INR 5,00,000
- Workshop Setup:
 - Tailored setup for Electric Vehicle (EV) or Autonomous programs.
 - Includes safety measures and storage upgrades.
- Access to New Resources:
 - Resources aligned with the requirements of the new program.
- Targeted Subsystem-Specific Training:
 - 3-month training for students focusing on concepts of the chosen program.
- Transition Flexibility:
 - Continued progress in additional services or the option to split time between existing and new programs.
 - Billing based on absolute time spent, not program-specific costing.

Program Implementation Process

- Basic Package Subscription: Universities subscribe to the Basic Package, making an upfront payment of INR 7,00,000 for workshop setup and resources.
- Subsystems Training: Engaged students undergo a 6-month subsystem-specific training, gaining hands-on experience and aligning their skills with eventual design goals.
- Additional Services (Add-on basis): Universities can opt for additional services, providing students with enhanced problem-solving support, domain-specific knowledge sessions, and the expertise of a dedicated Domain Lead.
- Switch to New Program (Add-on basis): For universities desiring a shift to a new program, a one-time cost of INR 5,00,000 is applied, facilitating a seamless transition and tailored training for the selected domain.

Market Segmentation

In navigating the complex landscape of the automotive industry, a strategic and targeted approach is essential to effectively cater to the diverse needs of stakeholders. Our market segmentation strategy is intricately crafted to align with the multifaceted dimensions of this dynamic sector. By understanding and categorizing the diverse entities within the automotive ecosystem, we aim to tailor our services for optimal impact and relevance.

MARKET SIZE (COMPOUND ANNUAL GROWTH RATE)

We project a CAGR of 10% from 5000 in 2024 to 8100 in 2028 for our student certification program and a CAGR of 5.5% from 120 in 2024 to 160 in 2028 for the university program. These are primarily targeted at undergraduate and graduate students looking to pursue careers in the automotive industry and well-funded private universities that have been recently set-up looking to build up their brand image and reputation and who are willing to invest in student clubs and initiatives to boost statistics and attract new batches. The data has been backed up by research as follows:

1. Industry Growth and Job Opportunities:
 - a. The auto sector contributes significantly to employment, and the presence of renowned brands and R&D companies in clusters like Chennai-Bengaluru-Hosur and Mumbai-Pune-Nashik-Aurangabad indicates sustained growth.
 - b. Continental, Valeo, Bosch, Knorr-Bremse, Aptive, ZF, Fisteln, Vitesco, Marelli, and 20+ other Indian and multinational R&D companies are strategically located in the automotive hub of Chennai-Bengaluru-Hosur.
 - c. The Indian automotive sector is expected to grow at a CAGR of 10% from 2024 to 2028, driven by factors such as increasing disposable incomes, growing urbanization, and the government's focus on promoting electric vehicles.
 - d. The estimated CAGR of 36% in the EV industry until 2026, along with the creation of five crore jobs by 2030, highlights the industry's potential.
2. Projected GDP Contribution and Industry Importance:

- a. The projected contribution of over 12% to India's GDP by the automotive sector by 2026 underscores its economic importance.
 - b. With an annual turnover of \$100 billion and employment of 37 million people, the industry is a key player in India's economy.
 - c. India's aim to double the auto industry size to INR 15 lakh Cr by 2024 is a testament to the industry's rapid expansion. This growth necessitates a parallel development of skilled professionals through targeted university programs.
3. Skill Requirements and Specializations:
- a. The shift towards electric vehicles and advanced technologies in vehicles necessitates a skilled workforce, including electronic and electrical engineers, specialists in telematics, vehicle networking, automation, AI, IoT, and data analytics.
 - b. Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and auto component manufacturers are actively seeking professionals with system-level knowledge.
4. Target Market Size and Graduates Demand:
- a. Approximately 4,000 fresh engineering graduates are recruited annually, constituting 40% of the total workforce requirements. This strategic recruitment aligns with the industry's 10% attrition rate, ensuring a continuous influx of new talent.
 - b. The targeted market size of 2,000 freshers aligns with the industry's demand for skilled professionals.
 - c. The planned growth of 15-20% yearly reflects the industry's ongoing expansion and the need for a larger workforce.
5. Strategic Hiring Targets:
- a. The planned hiring strategy of targeting 5% in the first 2 years, ~14% in year 3, and 37% in year 6 shows a gradual increase in hiring needs, aligning with the industry's growth trajectory.
 - b. Similarly, we plan to target 2.5% of private universities in and around Karnataka in year 1, 6.5% in year 3 and 12.25% in year 5.
 - c. Targeting private universities in Karnataka, particularly those without existing Formula Student (FS) programs such as Alliance, CMR, and Reva.

6. Regional Auto Clusters and Industry Vision:

- a. The presence of auto clusters in key regions emphasizes the regional importance of the automotive sector.
- b. The industry's vision of making India self-reliant and globally competitive further emphasizes the need for skilled graduates and collaborations with universities.

7. Government Support and Vision:

- a. The Indian government's commitment to achieving 30% electric vehicle sales by 2030 indicates a significant shift in the automotive industry. This creates a demand for specialized programs in universities to cater to the evolving needs of the sector.
- b. Various government schemes and regulations from Ministries such as MORTH, MOEFCC, MOPNG, MOP, MOF, DOC, DPIIT create an environment where expertise in areas like EVs, emissions, fuel efficiency, and energy efficiency is crucial. Universities aligning their programs with these trends enhance their relevance and attractiveness.

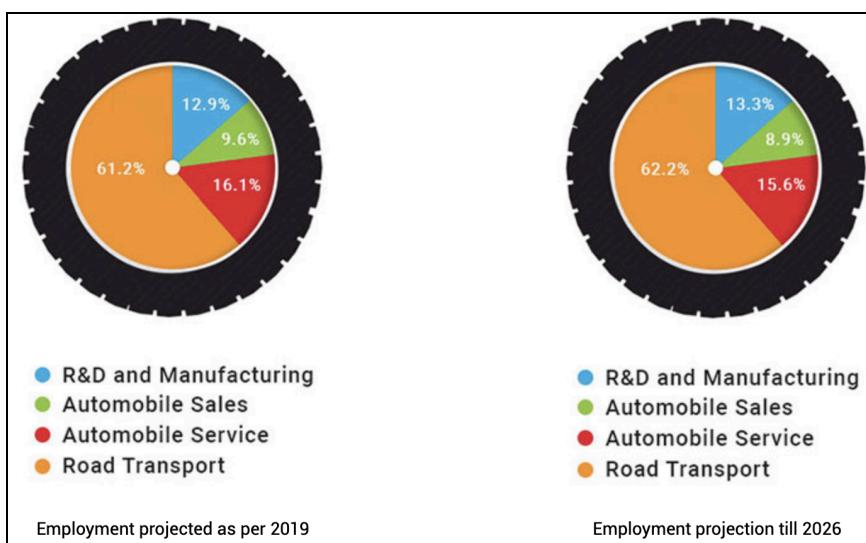


Fig: Employment Statistics as per <https://careerguide.asdc.org.in/>

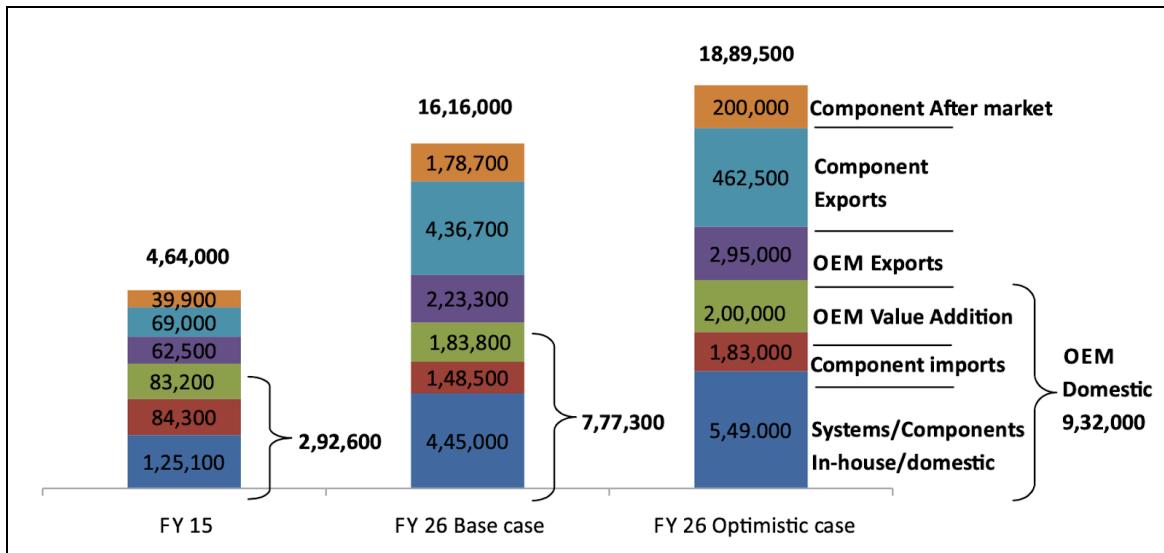


Fig: Current and Projected Composition (in Cr) of Indian Automotive Industry as per AMP 2026

GENDER RATIO

- Male: 67%
- Female: 33%

Justification

According to the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-21 report, there exists a notable gender disparity in the field of engineering in India, with women constituting only 19.2% of engineering students. The representation is particularly low in specific disciplines, such as civil engineering (8.4%), mechanical engineering (16.7%), and electrical engineering (21.5%), as indicated by AISHE data. In the context of engineering courses, the enrollment statistics for the academic year 2020-21 illustrate a considerable gap, with 10,69,136 women students compared to 26,17,155 men at the undergraduate level.

Despite these demographics, a positive trend is emerging with an increasing number of companies and initiatives focusing on promoting women in STEM.

Various initiatives within the Indian automotive industry underscore a commitment to gender equality:

- **Women-only Hiring Programmes:** Pinnacle and Bajaj Auto have pioneered women-only hiring programs, fostering an environment conducive to women's entry

into the automotive field. These programs offer targeted training and support for women aspiring to build careers in the sector.

- **Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives:** Several companies, including MG Motor India, have implemented diversity and inclusion initiatives, setting ambitious targets for gender balance within their workforces, including factory settings. For example, MG Motor India aims to achieve 50% female representation by 2025.
- **Work-Life Balance Support:** Recognizing the importance of work-life balance, leading automotive companies have introduced flexible work arrangements to assist female employees in managing their personal and professional responsibilities effectively.
- **Government Policies:** The Indian government has instituted policies to advance gender equality in the automotive industry. Initiatives such as the Women Entrepreneurship Platform and Women Vocational Training Programme provide support, funding, and tailored courses to enhance women's skills in alignment with industry demands. The Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme (MSK) focuses on empowering rural women through skill development and employment opportunities

In addition to these initiatives, the government has taken substantial steps, including launching skill development programs, establishing women-only industrial parks, and providing financial incentives to companies employing women. Autonomous bodies extend support through loans to organizations fostering women's self-help groups. Key industry associations like ACMA, ASDC, AIAWA, FADA, and CII are actively involved in initiatives promoting gender inclusivity in the automotive sector. These collective efforts are integral to ensuring equal opportunities for women to actively contribute to and benefit from the growth of the automotive industry in India.

AGE WISE DISTRIBUTION

- 19-20 year olds: 14%
- 21-22 year olds: 30%
- 23-24 year olds: 40%
- 25-26 year olds: 11%
- 27+: 5%

Justification

The age distribution of our target audience exhibits a diverse range, with the majority falling into the 21-24 age bracket. This demographic profile aligns with the strategic focus of our certification programs, designed to cater to specific needs prevalent in the market.

Primary Target Audience: Third and Fourth-Year College Students

Profile: Students in their 3rd and 4th years are identified as a pivotal demographic actively seeking specialized certifications and upskilling programs. The impetus for this pursuit stems from the imperative to enhance employability, secure higher remuneration, and bolster their resumes with sought-after skills during the impending placement season.

Characteristics: At this juncture, students exhibit a focused mindset and a refined sense of their career goals, eschewing general courses in favor of specific upskilling programs with hands-on development, projects, and demonstrable learning outcomes. Their willingness to invest substantively in these courses is influenced by a concentrated focus on achieving a competitive edge in the job market, a factor convincingly communicated to parents.

Secondary Target Audience: Recent Graduates

Profile: Recent graduates constitute our largest demographic, embodying individuals seeking to pivot their career trajectories by either switching branches or delving into niche specializations within their domains.

Motivations: The motivation behind their engagement lies in the desire to fortify their skill sets for optimal competitiveness in their chosen fields, thus ensuring a smooth transition and ascendancy in their professional journeys.

Tertiary Target Audience: First and Second-Year College Students

Profile: A modest allocation is designated for first and second-year students characterized by focused and goal-oriented individuals with clear career aspirations.

Scenario: This segment includes individuals such as mechanical engineering students keen on pursuing core design jobs. The lighter course load during their initial years renders them primed for early engagement in certification courses aligned with their career goals.

Quaternary Target Audience: Older Population (27+)

Profile: The allocation for individuals aged 27 and above signifies our commitment to catering to those who perceive their current career paths as stagnant or irrelevant.

Objectives: These individuals seek to upskill for career transitions into more lucrative fields or supplement their existing job roles with secondary income streams.

STUDENT DIVERSITY BY REGION

- Karnataka: 38.1%
- Tamil Nadu: 19%
- Rest of South India: 19%
- North India: 14.3%
- Rest of India: 9.5%

Justification

Regional Overview:

Chennai - The Automotive Epicenter: Chennai boasts the largest regional revenue share, contributing 35% and housing a spectrum of automotive giants such as Ford, Hyundai, BMW, and Daimler. The city accounts for 60% of the country's automotive exports and is home to key operations, including the Heavy Vehicles Factory, Engine Factory Avadi, and various major manufacturers.

Industry Associations and Research Centers: Bengaluru hosts the Automobile Association of Southern India (AASI), further solidifying its status as a pivotal location within the automotive landscape. The presence of the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) in Hyderabad and Pune underscores the industry's robust research ecosystem in South India.

Engineering Education Landscape:

Southern States Dominance: The five southern states, including Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Kerala, account for half of all engineering seats in India. Despite Tamil Nadu having the highest annual enrollment in engineering courses,

employability challenges persist, as revealed by a NASSCOM survey and the National Employability Report for Engineers 2019.

Industry Prowess in South India:

Automotive Majors: Numerous automotive majors and component manufacturers operate extensively in South India, contributing to the region's prominence in the industry. Notable companies include Hyundai Motor India, Ford India, TVS Group, Royal Enfield, BMW India, Daimler India Commercial Vehicles, Mitsubishi, Renault-Nissan, Ashok Leyland, and many others.

Rationale for Our Presence:

Addressing Employability Gaps: The decision to establish our company in South India is driven by a commitment to bridge the employability gaps prevalent among engineering graduates in the region. Despite the thriving automotive industry, there is a disparity in job placements, prompting our strategic intervention to provide specialized certifications and upskilling programs tailored to industry needs.

Customer Acquisition

In the ever-evolving landscape of business, the symbiotic processes of customer acquisition and retention stand as the cornerstones of sustainable growth and success. This comprehensive report delves into the intricacies of our company's strategies, shedding light on both the outreach initiatives to attract new customers and the meticulously designed efforts to foster lasting relationships and retain existing ones.

I. CERTIFICATION/UPSKILLING PROGRAM

A. Customer Outreach

- Upskilling Assurance and Pay:
 - Messaging: Clearly communicated commitment to skill development and placement assistance through targeted messaging in marketing materials and webinars.
 - Webinars: Webinars featuring successful alumni sharing their upskilling journey and job placement experiences, creating a relatable narrative for potential participants.
- Industry Connect/Partnership:
 - Collaborative Events: Organized collaborative events with industry experts, showcasing the program's relevance to industry demands.
 - Guest Lectures: Guest lectures arranged by professionals from renowned companies to provide insights into the practical applications of the certification.
- Hands-on Learning:
 - Virtual Tours: Virtual tours showcasing state-of-the-art infrastructure, emphasizing the program's commitment to hands-on learning.
 - Project Demos: Engaging videos and case studies illustrating hands-on learning experiences and projects completed by participants.
- Verifiable Qualifications:

- Blockchain Integration: Implementation of blockchain technology to provide secure and verifiable certifications.
- Testimonials: Featured testimonials from certified students showcasing tangible outcomes and industry recognition.
- Value to Resume:
 - Resume Building Workshops: Workshops guiding students on incorporating program experiences and accumulated knowledge to enhance their resumes.
 - Industry Integration: Highlighting program experiences that align with industry demands, making graduates more appealing to potential employers.
- History:
 - Success Stories: Showcasing achievements and success stories from past cohorts through various channels, emphasizing a proven track record.
 - Alumni Testimonials: Alumni to provide testimonials that highlight industry success and the program's impact on their careers.

B. Customer Retention

- Quality Content Delivery:
 - Regular Updates: Continuous improvement of the program by updating course content every six months to reflect industry advancements.
 - Feedback Loop: Established feedback mechanism to gather insights and suggestions for continuous improvement.
- Lifetime Access to Community Forum:
 - Community Engagement: Fostering a sense of community through a lifetime-access forum, allowing students to connect, share experiences, and seek advice.
 - Exclusive Content: Exclusive content and opportunities for forum members, enhancing their long-term engagement.
- Incentive Programs:
 - Loyalty Points: Introduction of a loyalty program rewarding continued participation with points.
 - Referral Benefits: Rewarding students for referring other students and peers to the program, expanding the program's reach.

- a. Course Discounts: Points can be redeemed for future course discounts and access to premium content.
- b. Referral Rewards: Discounts, free additional modules, and scholarship opportunities for successful referrals.
- c. Tech Rewards: Redeemable points for tech gadgets or software licenses, enhancing overall rewards.
- Flexibility in Learning Hours and Hybrid Model:
 - Flexible Scheduling: Flexibility in learning hours to accommodate diverse student schedules.
 - Hybrid Learning: Implementation of a hybrid model combining online and offline components for accessibility and convenience.
- User-Friendly Interface:
 - User Feedback Sessions: Regular user feedback sessions for platform improvements.
 - Responsive Design: Ensuring a user-friendly interface for easy navigation and overall satisfaction.
- Money-Back Scheme:
 - Transparency: Clear communication of the terms and conditions of the money-back scheme, fostering trust.
- Customized Coupons and Discounts:
 - Personalized Rewards: Implementation of a system of customized coupons and discounts based on number of courses and return rate.
 - Communication Channels: Notifying users about rewards through calls, messages, emails, application notifications, and monthly newsletters.

II. UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

A. Customer Outreach

- University Reputation:
 - Ranking Highlights: Emphasizing program contributions to national rankings such as National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF), academic publications, and successful patent initiatives.
 - Collaborative Success: Showcase of successful collaborations and student placement strategies to enhance the university's reputation.
- Collaborations and Funding:
 - Strategic Alliances: Establishment strategic alliances with industry leaders to attract funding and collaborations.
 - Impactful Initiatives: Highlighting impactful initiatives that position the university as a reliable and capable partner.
- Student Intake:
 - Diverse Learning Opportunities: Promotion of diverse learning opportunities to attract a wide pool of students seeking studies in reputed institutions.
 - Attraction Marketing: Showcasing attractive features to position the university as a preferred choice for prospective students.
- Students and Faculty Skill Development:
 - Professional Development: Illustration of the positive impact on student and faculty academic and professional development.
 - Research Opportunities: Emphasizing increased research opportunities within the university ecosystem for both groups.
- Placement and Industry Connect:
 - Increased Employability: Communication of strong industry connections leading to increased graduate employability.
 - Campus Recruitment: Highlighting success stories of companies participating in campus recruitment to attract more industry partners.
- Infrastructure:

- Infrastructure Development: Showcasing ongoing infrastructure development initiatives to strengthen the university's standing.
- Career Guidance: Prioritization of comprehensive career guidance to enhance overall support for students.
- Gateway for R&D:
 - Research Achievements: Exhibition of patents, publications, and other research achievements
 - Academic Standing: Highlighting the program as a gateway for impactful research and development, attracting students with a keen interest in research.

B. Customer Retention

- Renewal Incentives:
 - Discounted Membership Fees: Discounted renewal fees for universities continuing their participation in the program.
 - Additional Support: Providing enhanced support services as additional incentives for renewed memberships.
- Engagement Programs:
 - Regular Events: Conducting regular classes, training, webinars, and workshops for ongoing engagement.
 - Faculty Support: Additional faculty support to ensure sustained involvement and commitment.
- Campus Feedback from Students:
 - Interactive Platforms: Establishment of platforms for students to share feedback and suggestions, fostering a sense of involvement.
 - Adaptive Changes: Implementation of changes based on student input to create a shared sense of ownership.
- Continuous Value Addition:
 - Expanded Prototypes: Integrating new prototypes reflecting industry advancements to provide a cutting-edge learning experience.
 - Dynamic Learning: Dynamic learning experience for ongoing student attraction and retention.

Implementation Plan

Embarking on a visionary journey, this section outlines the meticulously crafted implementation plan of our company, poised to navigate the dynamic landscape of the automotive industry. The roadmap delineates strategic milestones from 2023 to 2033, steering the company toward transformative growth and establishing a firm foothold in the market.

2023

Certification/Upskilling

- Training 100 students in two batches (Jan-Jun, Feb-Jul) based on alignment with holidays.
- Assuming students distribute evenly among 5 certification programs.

University

- Collaborate with 3 universities in Karnataka (CMRIT, NMIT, Reva) for CV mentorship.
- Setup incubation centers/workshops on campus.
- Train students and faculty.
- Offer additional services to 2 out of 3 universities.

2024

Certification/Upskilling

- Formulate curriculum for EV prototypes.
- Increase batch strength to 200.
- Establish mechanisms for post-program support, such as career guidance sessions or networking events.

University

- Commence building FS CV Prototypes for students in partnered universities.
- Advertise expansion into Chennai, garner interest from engineering students, graduates and employees.

- Promote success stories, student achievements, and tech innovations of the first few cohorts.

2025

Certification/Upskilling

- Establish our program in Chennai, partner with companies and tie up with testing, logistical and workshop partners.
- Add 5 additional courses:
 - Electric Vehicle Power Electronics.
 - Battery Technology and Management Systems.
 - Advanced Aerodynamics.
 - Structures and Materials.
 - Telemetry and DAQ.
- Acquire third round of funding for Skill Development Centre (SDC) in collaboration with Karnataka German Technical Training Institute (KGTTI) for usage of premises, classrooms and track for testing.
- Affiliation with National Skill Development Council (NSDC) as a Non-Funded Partner for training certification to improve credibility for program relevance and quality and outreach for education and industry partners.

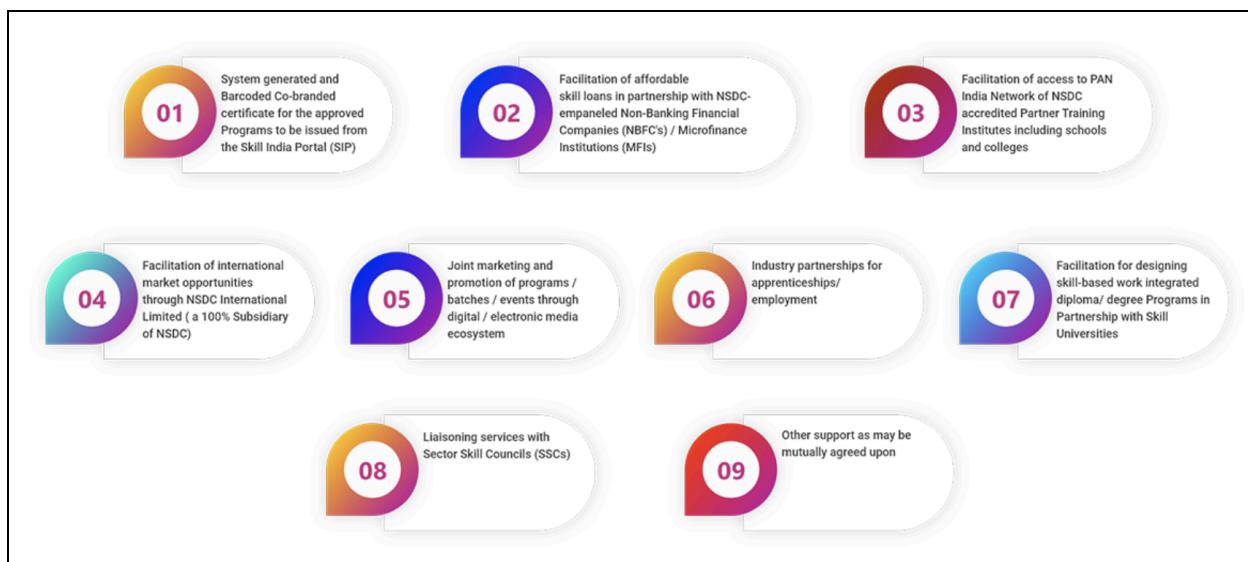


Fig: Benefits of Non-Funded Partnership with NSDC as per
<https://nsdcindia.org/non-funded-partnership>

University

- Commence partnership programs for EV.
- Extend partnerships with current universities for new programs and add universities to portfolio list.

2026

Certification/Upskilling

- Formulate autonomous curriculum based on industry requirements.
- Establishment of the inaugural incubation center in partnership with ARTPARK in Bangalore to further potential start-up ideas.

University

- First batch of guided rule-compliant prototypes created by initial university teams.
- Extend collaborations to 15 university initiatives (old universities-new program, new universities-old program and new universities-new program)
- Advertise comprehensive statistics on improved placements, company satisfaction, and employee growth from Ashwa students.

2027

Certification/Upskilling

- Acquire funding to expand hybrid certification programs to Hyderabad and Pune.
- Extend student batch size to 1350.
- Introduce programs for internship opportunities with industry partners for students involved in building prototypes.
- Add 4 more courses:
 - Advanced Driver-Assistance Systems (ADAS)
 - Mobility as a Service (MaaS)
 - Connected Multi-Agent Systems
 - Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM).

University

- Offer first set of autonomous mobility mentorship programs to universities in these 4 regions.

2028 - 2033

Certification/Upskilling

- Extend curriculum to allied fields (Robotics, UAVs, Telematics, and advanced manufacturing).
- Introduce multiple mobility programs (OSV, Hyperloop, MotoStudent).
- Foster long-term collaborations with Automotive Skill Development Council (ASDC), Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and automotive industry partners.

University

- Support and mentor interested teams for international Formula Student competitions in various categories.
- Extend the mentorship program to 30 universities.
- Establish long-term research partnerships with university professors to address research and industrial challenges within our areas of expertise.

Competitor Analysis

COURSERA

Product/Service Offerings: Coursera offers a comprehensive range of automotive courses covering engineering, design, manufacturing, and maintenance. Key features include a global network of instructors, an interactive learning experience, and verified certificates. Additional offerings include specialization tracks and full-degree programs.

Benefits:

- High-quality content from top institutions and industry leaders. Flexible learning paths aligned with individual interests and career goals.
- Global recognition of certificates.
- Robust community and networking opportunities.
- Additional career services, including job placement support.

Target Markets: Coursera caters to professionals seeking upskilling or career transitions, students in search of supplementary education, and employers seeking comprehensive training solutions.

Pricing Strategy: Coursera operates on a freemium model, providing free access to courses with fees for certification. Specializations and degree programs often involve subscription fees.

Distribution Channels: Primarily an online platform, Coursera delivers courses through web and mobile apps. Partnerships with universities and organizations enhance distribution.

Market Share and Growth: Coursera holds a significant market presence, boasting millions of users and continuous growth through new courses and strategic partnerships.

UDACITY

Product/Service Offerings: Udacity specializes in automotive engineering and autonomous systems courses, featuring project-based learning, mentorship programs, and industry-aligned curricula.

Benefits:

- Practical, project-centric learning experiences.
- One-on-one mentorship opportunities.
- Curriculum designed in collaboration with industry leaders.

Target Markets: Udacity primarily targets individuals aiming for specialized skills in technology-driven fields, including professionals and students seeking industry-relevant education.

Pricing Strategy: Udacity operates on a subscription-based model, offering monthly plans for access to nanodegree programs, often including project reviews and mentorship.

Distribution Channels: Courses are delivered through Udacity's online platform, emphasizing project-based assessments and mentorship support.

Market Share and Growth: Udacity is recognized for its niche focus on technology-related fields, attracting learners seeking hands-on experience and practical skill development.

EDX

Product/Service Offerings: edX offers a diverse array of automotive courses from top universities worldwide, including MicroMasters and Professional Certificate programs.

Benefits:

- Access to courses from prestigious global institutions.
- Comprehensive skill development through MicroMasters and Professional Certificate programs.
- A robust online platform with interactive learning features.

Target Markets: edX caters to a diverse audience, including professionals, students, and lifelong learners seeking high-quality education.

Pricing Strategy: edX employs a mixed pricing model, offering free course access with fees for certificates. MicroMasters and Professional Certificate programs typically involve a fee.

Distribution Channels: Courses are accessible through edX's online platform, with partnerships with universities contributing to a diverse and globally distributed course catalog.

Market Share and Growth: As a key player in the online learning landscape, edX continues to grow its user base through partnerships, expanding its course offerings and global reach.

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Integrated Hybrid Format

Feature: Fusion of online classes and hands-on concept development.

Benefit: Provides a holistic learning experience, seamlessly integrating theoretical knowledge with real-world application.

Access to Single-Seater Prototype

Feature: Exclusive access to a dedicated prototype for student practice.

Benefit: Offers a unique opportunity for hands-on learning and immediate real-time implementation.

Value Proposition - Holistic Learning Experience

Value: Equips students with a comprehensive skill set, blending theoretical understanding with practical application.

Differentiator: Transcends traditional online learning, providing a complete and immersive educational journey.

Value Proposition - Accelerated Learning Through Prototype Testing

Value: Enables students to apply theoretical concepts directly on a real prototype.

Differentiator: Enhances learning speed and depth, adding a tangible and practical dimension to education.

Innovations - Prototyping Integration

Technological Innovation: Incorporation of a single-seater prototype for hands-on learning.

Benefit: Bridges the gap between theory and application, enriching the learning process.

Innovations - Real-Time Testing Environment

Process Innovation: Allowing students to implement and test concepts on an actual vehicle.

Benefit: Creates a dynamic learning environment mirroring real-world scenarios, fostering quicker and more effective learning.

Customer Service and Support - Dedicated Guidance for Concept Implementation:

Customer Service Feature: Personalized support for implementing and testing concepts

Benefit: Ensures students receive guidance and assistance during the hands-on phase, optimizing their learning experience.

Customer Service and Support - Additional Workshops and Assistance:

Customer Service Feature: Extra workshops and support beyond regular classes

Benefit: Demonstrates a commitment to each student's success by providing additional resources for further understanding.

Quality and Reliability - Certified Learning Outcomes

Quality Feature: Demonstrable learning outcomes through successful prototype implementations.

Benefit: Guarantees a high-quality education with tangible and measurable results.

Quality and Reliability - Proven Prototype Reliability

Reliability Feature: Evidence of the prototype's reliability in facilitating effective learning.

Benefit: Establishes trust in the educational process, showcasing the reliability of the hands-on component.

SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

- Experience and Prototypes: 20 years of industry experience and a collection of prototypes showcase a rich history and practical expertise.
 - Impact: Builds credibility and trust among students and industry stakeholders.
- Exhaustive Curriculum: A comprehensive curriculum covers a wide range of engineering domains.
 - Impact: Provides students with a holistic skill set, making them well-rounded professionals.
- Hands-on and Customizable Training: Emphasis on practical, hands-on training with customizable options.
 - Impact: Enhances the learning experience and allows adaptability to individual learning styles.

WEAKNESSES

- Development Time for Courses: Courses may require significant development time.
 - Impact: Potential delays in launching new courses or updating existing ones.
- Resource Intensive: High resource requirements for maintaining infrastructure and equipment.
 - Impact: Increases operational costs and may limit scalability.
- Barrier for Entry for Less Privileged Students: Financial constraints may hinder access for less privileged students.
 - Impact: Limits inclusivity and may reduce the diversity of participants.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Industry Demand for Specific Requirements: Aligning courses with specific industry demands.
 - Impact: Attracts more students and increases employability.
- Corporate Partnerships for Credibility: Collaborating with corporate partners.

- Impact: Enhances program credibility and increases placement opportunities.
- Hybrid Mode of Learning: Embracing a hybrid learning model.
 - Impact: Increases accessibility and accommodates diverse learning preferences.

THREATS

- Competition (Other Upskilling Courses and Industry Training): Competition from other upskilling courses and industry-specific training programs.
 - Impact: May affect enrollment numbers and market share.
- Economic Factors: Economic downturns impacting funding and enrollment.
 - Impact: Reduced budget for upskilling programs and potential decline in student interest.
- Resistance from Universities: Universities may resist collaboration or implementation.
 - Impact: Limits opportunities for expansion and university partnerships.
- Material Piracy: Unauthorized use or replication of course materials.
 - Impact: Erodes intellectual property value and may lead to substandard learning experiences.
- Logistical Challenges: Challenges in managing logistics for hands-on training.
 - Impact: Disruptions in program delivery and potential dissatisfaction among students.

Risk Management Outline

1. Ability to Scale the Certification Program

- Mitigation Strategies:
 - Conduct a thorough scalability assessment before launching new programs.
 - Implement a phased approach for scaling, ensuring resources match demand.
 - Continuously monitor feedback and make real-time adjustments to optimize scalability.

2. Not Enough Market Penetration

- Mitigation Strategies:
 - Invest in targeted marketing campaigns to increase visibility.
 - Leverage alumni success stories to showcase the program's impact.
 - Explore partnerships with industry influencers to enhance market reach.

3. Preference for Master's and Independent Training Programs

- Mitigation Strategies:
 - Highlight unique features such as hands-on training and industry partnerships.
 - Collaborate with universities to integrate certification programs into academic curricula.
 - Offer flexible learning options to cater to individual preferences.

4. Universities Funding Their Own Collegiate Mobility Programs

- Mitigation Strategies:
 - Emphasize the complementary nature of the certification program to university initiatives.
 - Showcase successful collaborations with universities to highlight mutual benefits.
 - Explore joint funding models to ease financial burdens on universities.

Human Resource Capabilities

Structure

1. PROGRAM LEAD/REGIONAL LEAD

Certification/Upskilling Program

- Supervise and manage the day-to-day operations, ensuring smooth functioning of the Certification Program.
- Ensure the Certification Program aligns with organizational objectives and industry standards.
- Make significant decisions and serve as the principal figure in the decision committee, guiding the strategic direction of the Certification Program.

University Program

- Work closely with universities to establish and facilitate the creation of student-driven mobility clubs within the framework of the University Program.
- Ensure that university programs are in sync with the broader initiative of establishing student-driven mobility clubs.
- Lead decision-making processes in collaboration with the decision committee.

2. DOMAIN LEAD

Certification/Upskilling Program

- Serve as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in their respective domains for the Certification Program.
- Oversee the adaptation and development of curriculum for the Certification Program.

- Facilitate industry collaborations to enhance the relevance of the Certification Program.
- Conduct induction programs and oversee the Certification Program.

University Program

- Conduct recorded sessions, Ask Me Anything (AMA), and guidance sessions based on team slot bookings in the University Program.
- Ensure smooth functioning of incubation centers in the University Program.
- Provide on-demand problem-solving sessions for specific issues in the University Program.

3. MENTORS

Certification/Upskilling Program

- Teach all course work outlined by the leads, proper communication and explanation of prescribed material
- Assist in developing content for guidance and advisory sessions in the Certification Program.
- Assess and evaluate participants in the Certification Program.

Mentorship Program

- Participate in the Q&A platform to provide active support to students in the University Program.
- Assist in developing content for guidance and advisory sessions in the University Program.
- Conduct assessments and training sessions for participants in the University Program.

4. ASSISTANT STAFF

Certification/Upskilling Program

- Provide administrative assistance for the day-to-day operations of the Certification Program.
- Offer technical support and coordinate with technicians for the setup and maintenance of workshops and infrastructure.
- Prepare materials and resources required for hands-on learning activities in the Certification Program.
- Assist in the grading and assessment processes, ensuring accurate and timely evaluation of participant performance.
- Maintain organized records related to workshops, infrastructure, tools, equipment, and participant information in the Certification Program.

University Program

- Responsible for organizing and setting up workshops and necessary infrastructure for hands-on learning in the University Program.
- Maintain ongoing coordination to ensure availability and proper functioning of tools, equipment, and components required for practical sessions in the University Program.
- Manage the coordination of databases, learning resources, and records, ensuring accessibility and accuracy for the University Program.

Talent Acquisition Strategy

1. Stability, Job Security, and Continuous Learning:
 - Offer a secure and stimulating learning environment for participants, ensuring continuous updates in industry-relevant skills.
 - Emphasize the alignment of programs with industry demands, providing learners with skills for stable and evolving career paths.
2. Collaborative and Positive Environment:
 - Establish clear guidelines and norms for collaborative learning, fostering a positive atmosphere.

- Conduct regular surveys to monitor participant and faculty satisfaction, and enforce strict rules against harassment.
3. Health Insurance, Retirement Plans, and Well-being:
- Provide health insurance plans for participants and extend coverage for faculty.
 - Introduce retirement fund plans for faculty, promoting overall well-being.
4. Flexible Learning Arrangements:
- Offer flexibility in learning hours, accommodating diverse schedules and preferences.
 - Provide flexible academic arrangements, allowing for a healthy work-life balance.
5. Performance Bonuses and Incentives:
- Introduce performance bonuses for outstanding achievements, such as access to health and wellness initiatives or ESOPs.
 - Implement performance-based incentives for both participants and faculty, recognizing excellence in various aspects.
6. Employee Recognition Program:
- Conduct regular recognition programs, celebrating excellence in coursework, projects, adherence to program standards, and interpersonal skills.

Employee and Work-force Benefits (Retention Strategy)

1. Flexible Work Timings:
- Implementation: Offer flexible work timings and schedules coordinated with course coordinators to balance work and education commitments.
 - Guidelines: Emphasize that flexibility should not compromise course quality, and ensure guidelines prevent misuse of this benefit.
2. Professional Growth Opportunities:
- Leveraging Networks: Utilize Ashwa's extensive industry connections for employees to grow their careers and expand their professional networks.
 - Reputation Building: Employees gain the opportunity to build a strong professional reputation within their field by working with Ashwa.
3. Performance Incentives:

- Yearly Rewards: Provide yearly performance incentives, ranging from memberships, financial bonuses, insurance benefits, to awards.
 - Attributes Recognition: Recognize attributes such as leadership and resilience in the face of adversity, fostering a culture of excellence.
4. Access to Research Resources:
- Knowledge Enhancement: Ensure employees have access to diverse research resources, facilitating continuous learning and skill development.
5. Employee Recognition Programs:
- Yearly Awards: Implement yearly employee recognition programs, acknowledging and rewarding exceptional performance.
 - Morale Boost: Boost employee morale, creating a positive work environment crucial for the company's initial years.
6. Wellness Initiatives:
- Introduce wellness programs like gym memberships, health workshops, and other memberships.
 - Performance-Based Bonus: Consider providing wellness initiatives as performance-based bonuses initially, gradually incorporating them into the standard employee benefit plan.

Scaling Factors

1. Strategic Alignment:
- Operational to Strategic Shift: Progress from an operational focus in the initial stage to a strategic alignment with long-term goals in later stages.
 - Business Objectives: HR strategies evolve to align with the company's overarching goals and objectives as it moves through different growth stages.
2. Strong Relationships with Key-Holders:
- Key Stakeholder Engagement: Build and nurture strong relationships with key stakeholders crucial for the company's growth.
 - Strategic Partnerships: Establish strategic partnerships that contribute to the company's success in each growth phase, as mentioned in the Deep Dive section.
3. Talent Management and Acquisition:

- Scalable Recruitment Processes: Develop efficient and scalable recruitment processes to attract top talent swiftly.
- Talent Management Programs: Implement comprehensive talent management programs covering onboarding, performance management, career development, and succession planning.
- Employee Engagement Focus: Prioritize employee engagement strategies to create a positive work environment, ensuring satisfaction, retention, and high productivity.

4. Data Analytics Integration:

- Smart Decision-Making: Utilize data analytics tools for informed decision-making in HR processes.
- Seamless Data Flow: Ensure a seamless flow of data within HR functions, facilitating data-driven insights for strategic planning.

5. Structure and Compliance:

- Formalized HR Processes: Develop and formalize documented HR processes and policies for various functions.
- Legal Compliance: Stay abreast of changing labor laws and regulations, implementing processes to ensure ongoing compliance.