

Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Appoints

Mr. A.M. Naik as Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)

New Delhi, November 28, 2018: Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship announces the appointment of Mr. A.M. Naik as Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). One of the most influential business leaders in the country, Mr. Naik brings over 50 years of meritorious experience in the infrastructure, engineering and construction sectors.

The appointment of Mr. Naik as Chairman of NSDC underscores the importance attached by the **Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi** to skill development. As the Prime Minister has repeatedly stressed 'skilling brings a sense of self confidence to the poor. Matching job creation with industry demand is the key to end unemployment. It is envisaged that in the future, India will be the biggest supplier of workforce to the world.'

Currently the Group Chairman of India's biggest engineering and construction conglomerate – Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T), Mr. A.M. Naik is one of the most respected management professionals in the country. His years of successful stewardship have resulted in building L&T as one of the strongest global businesses.

Making the announcement, **Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship** expressed, "Mr. Naik epitomizes core values of a successful leader - strength, innovation, ingenuity, knowledge and foresight – values that are imperative to the success of any development initiative in today's economy. His standing in the community of industrial leaders will strongly enhance the industry connect. His vast experience will take NSDC to greater heights. I am confident that this organization under his leadership, apart from its engagement in executing skilling modules, should also be a think tank providing direction and necessary guidance for creating a demand-based skilling ecosystem in the country."

Commenting on his appointment, **Mr. A.M. Naik** said, “NSDC has developed a unique model combining skill development with strong industry partnerships. I am pleased at this opportunity to contribute towards our common vision of a high skill, high value-added economy that offers opportunity to all.”

Mr. Manish Kumar, MD & CEO, NSDC added, “NSDC is privileged that Mr. Naik, a person with such vast knowledge and experience, is onboard as the Chairman of the organization. We believe that his business leadership and experience will powerfully steer NSDC in its next phase of growth.”

In his remarkable career spanning over five decades, Mr. Naik has won many accolades. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan, India's 3rd highest civilian award in 2009 for his outstanding contribution to the economic growth of the country. Mr. Naik is also the Honorary Consul General for Denmark. He was conferred the Danish Knighthood by Her Majesty Queen Margarethe - 2008 and a further honour, the Order of the Dannebrog - Knight First Class in 2015.

About National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)

NSDC is a unique public-private-partnership, working under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. NSDC aims to promote skill development by catalyzing creation of large, quality and for-profit vocational institutions. The organisation provides funding to build scalable and profitable vocational training initiatives. It also develops appropriate models to enhance, support and coordinate private sector initiatives. NSDC supports short-term skill training through a wide network of training providers and district nodal skill centres called Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK). Besides, the organisation is involved in re-skilling and also in catering to the skilled manpower requirement of overseas markets, most notably that of Japan (under TITP) and UAE.