

Sona Comstar partners with Ashoka University to promote Women Scholars

- *Sona Comstar will provide scholarships to fourteen women scholars pursuing Computer Science or Mathematics in the undergraduate program at Ashoka University*
- *Sona Comstar Scholars, the deserving and meritorious women students from the economically weaker sections, will be awarded the scholarship for three years*
- *This initiative is in line with the continued focus of Sona Comstar on promoting diversity and inclusion through education and women's empowerment*

Gurgaon, 20th September 2022: Sona BLW Precision Forgings Ltd ("Sona Comstar"), one of India's leading automotive technology companies, has signed an MoU with **Ashoka University** to provide scholarship to eligible Women Scholars pursuing Computer Science or Mathematics as their major/minor in the undergraduate program. The program will benefit fourteen meritorious and deserving women students from economically weaker backgrounds for three years.

Higher education has a life-changing and sustainable effect on individuals, communities and societies. It impacts individuals through improved opportunities, the economy through innovation and skills, and society by increasing awareness and responsibility. Women's participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education in India has risen over the years, but their participation in the workforce remains low. Through this partnership with Ashoka University, Sona Comstar wants to promote women's representation in STEM education and encourage their participation in the workforce.

Commenting on the partnership **Mr Kiran M Deshmukh, Group CTO, Sona Comstar**, said, "We are delighted to partner with the prestigious Ashoka University to provide scholarships to women graduate students. Women's lack of participation in the workforce is a cause of concern for the manufacturing industry. One of the root causes is that the talent pool for women in STEM is small. Our partnership with Ashoka University is a step towards promoting women's representation in STEM education and workforce."

"The partnership between Ashoka University and Sona Comstar in extending scholarships to women students pursuing undergraduate studies in mathematics and computer sciences is in line with the university's focus to expand its sciences programme. It is a great opportunity to promote STEM education among women from economically weaker sections in India. We hope that more students will be encouraged to take STEM courses through this opportunity and add to our robust sciences programme in the university," **Venkat Eshwara, Pro Vice Chancellor, Ashoka University**, said.

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About Sona BLW Precision Forgings Limited

Sona BLW Precision Forgings Limited (**Sona Comstar**) is one of **the world's leading automotive technology companies**. Founded in 1995, it is headquartered in Gurugram, India and has emerged as a global supplier with nine manufacturing and assembly facilities across India, USA, Mexico, and China.

Sona Comstar is primarily engaged in designing, manufacturing, and supplying highly engineered, mission-critical automotive systems and components to automotive OEMs. Sona Comstar is a leading supplier to the fast-growing **global Electric Vehicle (EV)** market. The company has strong R&D, engineering and technological capabilities in precision forging, mechanical and electrical systems, as well as base and application software development. It is diversified across geographies, products, vehicle segments and customers.



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About Ashoka University

Ashoka University is a pioneer in its focus on providing a liberal education at par with the best in the world. The aim at Ashoka is to help students become well-rounded individuals who can think critically about issues from multiple perspectives, communicate effectively, and become leaders with a commitment to public service. An Ashoka education emphasises foundational knowledge, thorough academic research based on rigorous pedagogy, and hands-on experience with real-world challenges. The 2500 plus students on campus, drawn from 30 states and over 243 cities in India and 27 other countries, receive a world-class interdisciplinary education through undergraduate and post-graduate programmes led by internationally renowned faculty.

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