



Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India

## **Press Statement**

### **ACMA welcomes thrust on sustainable development in Union Budget 2022-23**

- Budget sets the blueprint for 'Amritkal' – the next phase of India's development into a green & digital economy
- Focus on inclusive growth, infrastructure, logistics, roads & highways, ease of doing business, enhanced outlay for capital expenditure, MSME and skilling, among others, auger well for the automotive value chain

**New Delhi, February 01, 2022:** ACMA, the apex body representing India's auto component sector, congratulated the Government on the measures announced in the Union Budget especially for the focus on inclusive growth, development of infrastructure & logistics, ease of doing business, enhanced outlay for capital expenditure, impetus to growth & development of MSMEs and skilling & education.

Thanking the Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, **Sunjay J Kapur, President ACMA, said**, "The blueprint of a digitally enabled, Aatmanirbhar Bharat, coupled with measures that will drive sustainable yet inclusive growth at a rapid pace for the next twenty-five years. These are the bedrock of the proposals announced in the Union Budget 2022-23, as we redefine our economy in a post-pandemic world."

"Setting the direction for creation of urban fossil fuel free zones, policy for battery swapping and energy as service and incentives for creating a vibrant start-up eco system, India could soon emerge as a fore-runner of green mobility solutions for the world", **added Kapur.**

**Kapur** further mentioned, "ACMA is also delighted by the measures announced for the MSMEs. The auto component industry is dominated by small players and the extension of the ECLGS (Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme) and its cover, revamping and infusion of funds into the Credit Guarantee Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) scheme combined with the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) program will help the MSMEs stay relevant and competitive".

The budget also announced reduction in duty on some commodities such as pig iron, ferro alloys, ferrous products etc. as also on copper and aluminium scrap, and removal of anti-dumping duty on some steel items which will help alleviate the current challenge of availability of raw materials in the automotive sector. That apart, opening of the Defence R&D to private sector will create yet another opportunity for the auto component sector.

---