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Mr Asthana was the President & Chief Executive of Reliance Retail and served on the board of 4 Reliance group companies. Prior to Reliance stint Mr Asthana was on the Board of Cargill Inc. India, worked as the Asia Pacific trading head based in Singapore with Cargill. Before Cargill, Mr Asthana was Country Head of ITC Global Holdings based at Jakarta Indonesia and East Europe Head based at Bucharest Romania.

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Mr Asthana is a regular lead speaker at leading conferences in India and Internationally. Some of the recent ones include his speech at Arambh : a Government of India & World Bank initiative to incoming Civil Service Batch at Kevadia, Gujarat; Presentation to PE Fund and U.S.Agric Corporation in Chicago; Mid-career Training Program for IAS officers at Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy Mussorie, Harvard University, Boston; World Bank, Beijing and Singapore, ADB, Manila; European Union Parliament, Brussels;G-20 Consultation, Istanbul; Urbanization and Food Security, organised by The Chicago Council at Washington DC. Other major speeches have been made at Auckland, Tokyo, Melbourne, Houston, Berlin, Montreal, London, Geneva, Vienna etc. to name a few. Other notable Institutions where he speaks regularly include IIM Ahmedabad, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) etc.