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National Workshop on

# Driving Economic Growth

Policy Pathways and Industry Perspectives in  
India's Automotive Sector

August 30, 2025

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# OVERVIEW

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AUGUST 30, 2025 - 8:30 A.M. | PRASANTHI NILAYAM CAMPUS

The automotive sector is one of the key engines of India's economic growth, contributing significantly to GDP, employment generation, technology advancement, and global trade competitiveness. In recent years, the industry has been navigating a transformative phase, driven by technological innovation, environmental imperatives, policy reforms, and evolving consumer expectations.

This National Workshop aims to bring together policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and academicians to deliberate on the policy frameworks, strategic pathways, and industry perspectives that can accelerate sustainable growth in India's automotive sector. The discussions will cover a wide spectrum of themes, including the transition to electric mobility, supply chain resilience, skill development, digital transformation, safety standards, and environmental sustainability.

The workshop will feature an eminent line-up of speakers including Sri Sandeep Raina, Executive Officer – Product Planning, Maruti Suzuki India Limited; Dr Rumki Majumdar, Macroeconomist; Sri Hemal Navinchandra Thakkar, Senior Practice Leader & Director, CRISIL Limited; Sri Yerra Sriranganatha Raju, Director, Sanathana Analytics; Sri Vivek Pahwa, Lt. Colonel, Indian Army; Sri Aruni Kumar Mahapatra, Founder of Battery IQ Climatech & Aktivolt CelTek; Sri Krishnam, Deputy General Manager, VE Commercial Vehicles; and Sri Preeti Ranjan, Deputy General Manager – Digital Products, TVS Motor Company. The program will also comprise of student presentations from the department.

Together, they bring rich expertise spanning policy, economics, analytics, product innovation, mobility solutions, defence applications, electric vehicle technology, and commercial vehicle advancements, offering a holistic perspective on India's automotive sector.

Ultimately, the workshop aspires to contribute to policy advocacy, capacity building, and industry-academia partnerships that will shape the future of mobility and strengthen India's position as a leader in the global automotive landscape.

*Start Early, Drive Slowly, and Reach Safely*

- Revered Founder Chancellor,  
Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba



# Agenda

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### TIME

### TOPIC

### PRESENTER

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Inaugural Session	
9:00 am – 9:45 am	A Focus on India's Economic Resilience Amid Global Uncertainties and Implications for the auto sector	 <b>Dr Rumki Majumdar</b> Macroeconomist
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Automobile Industry in India - A Perspective	 <b>Yerra Sriranganatha Raju</b> Founder, Sanathana Analytics
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Tea Break	
10:30 am – 11:15 am	Automobile Industry Dynamics and Pre-Owned Car Industry	 <b>Hemal Navinchandra Thakkar</b> Senior Practice Leader & Director Crisil
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Driving India: Future of Mobility in India	 <b>Sandeep Raina</b> Executive Officer Product Planning Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Role of Defence Sector in the Evolution of the Automobile Industry	 <b>Vivek Pahwa</b> Lt Colonel, Indian Army
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	India's EV Future Runs on Atmanirbhar Batteries	 <b>Aruni Kumar Mahapatra</b> Founder, Battery IQ Climatech & Aktivolt CelTek
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Digital & AI - It's Empowering Effect	 <b>Preeti Ranjan</b> DGM Digital Products, TVS Motor
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Trends in Commercial Vehicles	 <b>Krishnam</b> DGM and National Lead Volvo Eicher