

Conference: The Indian Automobile Safety

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The Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE) and the Global New Car Assessment Programme (NCAP), in partnership with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, organized the Indian Automobile Safety Conference at the College of Traffic Management, Faridabad, on May 16 and 17. The conference objective was to support the Indian automobile industry towards developing policies and measures in order to meet the ambitious road safety targets now included in the Global Goals for Sustainable Development and also the Global Plan of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020) which suggests an integrated and holistic framework for road accident prevention.

The two-day conference, which brought together automobile and component manufacturers and leading motor vehicle safety experts, deliberated on developments with regard to NCAPs operating in Australasia, the ASEAN countries, Europe and Latin America as well as the Bharat New Vehicles Safety Assessment Programme. The crash test results of some popular cars conducted under the aegis of GNCAP was also released at the conference.

Unveiling the latest crash test results, David Ward, Secretary-General of Global NCAP, said: "The latest 'SaferCarsforIndia' results show how important it is for cars to have a body shell that can remain stable in a crash. This is an absolutely crucial pre-requisite for occupant safety, together with fitment at least of front airbags. Global NCAP strongly believes that no manufacturer anywhere in the world should be developing new models that are so clearly sub-standard."