"Cyber Pit Stop: Automotive Cybersecurity in the Connected Era"

CERT-In is advancing its ongoing efforts to strengthen the nation's cyber resilience through key initiatives proposed during the CERT-In SAMVAAD 2025 annual conference held at Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu in May 2025. Among the notable proposals was the launch of Automotive Security Working Group for development of "Automotive Cybersecurity Guidelines & Framework", envisioned as a strategic national framework to enhance cybersecurity preparedness, regulatory readiness, and incident response capabilities in the rapidly evolving automotive ecosystem.

In line with this vision, CERT-In along with the Working Group chair and members organised a "Automotive Cybersecurity Workshop" on December 11, 2025 for the cybersecurity audit community. The workshop brought together more than 185 participants, including representatives from automotive sector regulators, CERT-In empanelled information security auditing organisations, industry experts, and emerging technology innovators, with the objective of strengthening national competencies in securing modern, connected, autonomous and intelligent vehicles.

The workshop covered a comprehensive range of focus areas, including:

- Protection and security of in-vehicle communication networks
- Threat detection, incident analysis, and mitigation techniques
- Automotive Cyber Security Framework and Standards.
- Best practices for developing cyber-resilient automotive architectures

Expert-led technical sessions, demonstrations, and real-world case studies which enabled participants to gain practical insights into

addressing emerging cyber risks in the automotive sector. The initiative reaffirms the **Government of India's commitment to fostering safe**, **secure**, **and future-ready mobility**, aligned with national cybersecurity priorities.

Participants appreciated the workshop's practical approach and its relevance in today's rapidly digitizing transportation landscape.

CERT-In extends its gratitude to the working group chair & members, speakers, domain experts, and participating organisations for their valuable contributions.

