

# Automotive Technology e-Portal

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The International Centre of Automotive Technology (ICAT) has announced the launch of the automotive technology e-portal ASPIRE, which stands for **Automotive Solutions Portal for Industry, Research and Education**.

## Technology e-Portals

The **Department of Heavy Industry** has embarked on a mission to promote innovation, R&D and product development in India for various sectors. A step towards this mission is the creation of technology platform e-portals where such technology development, information exchange and innovation can be facilitated. There are **five portals being developed for specific sectors by different organizations viz, BHEL for power sector equipment, HMT for machine tools, CMFTI for manufacturing technology, ICAT and ARAI for automotive sector**. The objective of these portals is to create an ecosystem which will bring solution seekers and problem solvers together. These include, industry, academia, research institutes, start-ups, professionals and experts.

The key objective of the ASPIRE portal is to facilitate the Indian Automotive Industry to **become self-reliant by assisting in innovation and adoption of global technological advancements** by bringing together the stakeholders from various associated avenues. The activities would include **research and development, product technology development, technological innovations, technical and quality problem resolution for the industry, manufacturing and process technology development**, hosting challenges for technology development and also conducting market research and technology surveys for identifying the trends in the Indian auto

industry.

The e-portal will act as a **one stop solution** providing a technology platform which will help to bring together the various stakeholders from the Indian auto industry, providing the necessary impetus for ushering the industry into future with combined efforts. This includes bringing together the automotive OEMs, Tier 1 Tier 2 & Tier 3 companies, R&D institutions and academia (colleges & universities) on matters involving technology advancements.