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Bharat New Car Assessment Programme

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Why is in news? Shri Nitin Gadkari to launch the Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat NCAP)

The Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways will launch the much-awaited Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat NCAP) on 22nd August 2023.

This programme is a significant step forward in the Government's commitment to improve road safety through raising the safety standards of motor vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes in India.

The programme aims to provide a tool to the car customers to make a comparative assessment of crash safety of motor vehicles available in the market

About the BNCAP:

BNCAP would be the **Indian adaptation of the Global New Car Assessment Program (GNCAP)**.

It is a **safety rating system for passenger cars**.

The programme is expected to **develop a safety sensitive car market** in India.

The system would entail giving vehicles a **star rating based on their performance in crash tests**.

The **voluntary programme** aligns existing test regulations at home with global crash testing protocols.

The change is sought to be introduced by adding a new rule 126E dealing with the BNCAP to the **Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989**.

It would be **applicable on M1 category** of vehicles.

It is the **passenger vehicles** having **not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat**, and weighing less than 3.50 tonnes.

The vehicle must be **imported or manufactured in** the country.

Rating:

Bharat NCAP would assign vehicles between **one and five stars**.

Potential car customers can refer to these star ratings to compare the safety standards of different vehicles and accordingly make their purchase-decision.

It is expected that the demand for safer cars will increase, encouraging the car manufacturers to comply with customer needs.

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Adult Occupant Protection (AOP)

Child Occupant Protection (COP) and

Safety Assist Technologies (SAT).

Significance:

With high safety standards, Indian cars will be able to **compete better in the global market**, increasing the export potential of the car manufacturers in India.

It will prove to be a critical instrument in making our automobile industry Aatmanirbhar.