

DSCI and ARAI partner to Shape the Future of Secure Mobility and Industrial Cyber Resilience

29 April 2026: In a significant step toward strengthening India's mobility and industrial security architecture, the Data Security Council of India (DSCI) and the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding, formalising a strategic partnership to advance cybersecurity, privacy, and the secure adoption of emerging technologies.

As vehicles evolve into software-defined, connected platforms, they are becoming integral to a larger digital ecosystem, interfacing with cloud infrastructure, mobility services, and global supply chains. This shift places cybersecurity and privacy at the core, especially as vehicles increasingly handle sensitive personal and operational data. Regulatory frameworks such as AIS 189 are playing a pivotal role in this transition, moving the industry toward a lifecycle-based, risk-driven approach to cybersecurity while reinforcing the need for secure engineering, continuous monitoring, and post-deployment risk management.

Aligned with this regulatory momentum, the DSCI-ARAI partnership aims to strengthen industry preparedness by advancing the adoption of evolving cybersecurity and data protection regulations, including AIS 189 and the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act. It seeks to bring together OEMs, Tier 1 suppliers, Global Capability Centers (GCCs), semiconductor players, and policymakers to address interconnected cyber and privacy risks across complex value chains, while strengthening capabilities through practitioner-led knowledge exchange.

The collaboration will also support leadership dialogues, thematic working groups, sector-focused research, and capacity-building initiatives covering areas such as industrial security, embedded systems security, supply chain cyber resilience, and secure adoption of emerging technologies across advanced manufacturing and mobility ecosystems.

By combining the deep technical and regulatory expertise of DSCI and ARAI, the partnership aims to accelerate a more coordinated, industry-wide approach to cybersecurity and privacy, while creating pathways for startups, academia, and industry to co-innovate solutions tailored to India's rapidly evolving mobility and manufacturing landscape.

During his address, **Vinayak Godse, CEO, Data Security Council** said *"Cybersecurity is becoming foundational to the future of connected mobility and advanced industrial systems. As regulatory expectations evolve and digital dependencies deepen, industry preparedness will require stronger collaboration across stakeholders and greater focus*

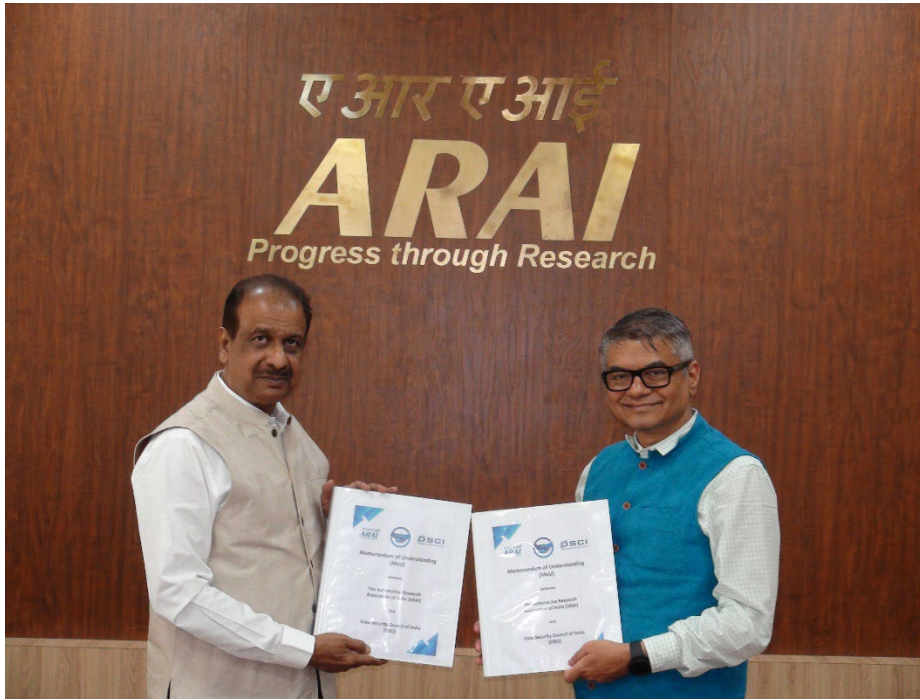
on building practical capabilities. Our partnership with Automotive Research Association of India is intended to support this transition through leadership engagement, thematic working platforms, joint research, and sector-focused capacity building, enabling a more coordinated approach to secure innovation across critical technology ecosystems”

Dr. Reji Mathai, Director of Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) said *“This MoU establishes a strong collaborative framework between ARAI & DSCI to advance cyber resilience and emerging technologies across critical and advanced sectors. By bringing together leadership dialogues, expert working groups, policy engagement, joint research, skilling initiatives, and innovation platforms, the partnership seeks to strengthen secure ecosystems. Leveraging our mutual strengths, this collaboration will contribute to building a robust, secure, and future-ready automotive and industrial landscape, aligned with India’s vision of a digitally secure and technologically advanced nation.”*

About DSCI

Data Security Council of India (DSCI) is a not-for-profit think tank on data protection in India, setup by Nasscom, committed towards making the cyberspace safe, secure and trusted by establishing best practices, standards and initiatives in cybersecurity and privacy. DSCI works together with the Government and their agencies, law enforcement agencies, industry sectors including IT-BPM, BFSI, CII, Telecom, industry associations, data protection authorities and think tanks for public advocacy, thought leadership, capacity building and outreach initiatives.





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