

# *Chapter I*

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# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Indian automobile industry in the international as well as in Indian scenario has undergone competitive and volatile growth in the past two decades. Currently, the global automobile industry is concentrating high on consumer demands for fashioning, safety, comfort and with labour relations and manufacturing efficiency. The industry is at the junction with global mergers and relocation of production centers to evolving economies. The automobile industry is called "the industry of industries", Peter Drucker (1946, p.149).

Indian Automobile Industry is globally one of the biggest industries and a key sector of the Indian Economy. Further, this industry is progressively becoming the centre of attention of the manufacturing sector in India. The attention and importance to the automobile industry in the economic growth and agencies with planning policies of Government has also seen significant augmentation. The change in government policies and planning and an increase in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to 17% (USD 28 billion) during the financial year 2012-2013 (The Times of India, 2014) have made a healthy impact on the Indian Auto Sector. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has been reflected as the main catalyst in promoting sustainable development in developing countries like India (Kaur, 2014). A sound transportation system plays a vital role in the economic and industrial growth of a country. The Indian automotive industry proficiently fulfills this catalytic role by producing a wide variety of vehicles: passenger cars, multi-utility vehicles such as jeeps, scooters, motorcycles, mopeds, three wheelers, tractors, light, medium and heavy commercial vehicles. During the year 2013, the Indian Automobile sector is ranked as 4<sup>th</sup> Largest Tractor manufacturer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Two Wheeler manufacturer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Bus manufacturer, 5<sup>th</sup> Largest manufacturer of Heavy Truck , 6<sup>th</sup> Largest manufacturer of Car, 8<sup>th</sup> Largest Commercial Vehicle manufacturer (SIAM, 2015). The Largest automotive companies in India are Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai Motor India, Mahindra & Mahindra and Tata Motors. Foreign auto companies with plants in India include Ford, General Motors, Honda, Hyundai, Nissan Motors, Suzuki, Volkswagen, Skoda, Toyota, Audi, BMW, Mitsubishi, Renault, Jaguar, Land Rover, Fiat, Volvo and Mercedes -Benz. PSA Peugeot Citroen is likely to enter India by 2018-19 (Barooah, 2015).

## **1.1 HISTORY OF INDIAN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY**

In the year 1897, India's first car ran on roads. Till the 1930s, cars are imported directly, but in very small numbers. The nascent automotive industry emerged in India during 1940's. Mahindra & Mahindra established as a trading company in 1945, initiated the assembly of Jeep CJ-3A utility vehicles under license from Willys. After the independence in 1947, the Government of India and the private sector propelled efforts to create an automotive component manufacturing industry to supply for the automobile industry. In the year 1953, the launch of import replacement programme restricted the import of fully built-up cars. But still, the growth was relatively slow in the 1950s and 1960s due to nationalisation and the license raj which disadvantaged the Indian private sector. After setting total restriction for import, from 1970 onwards the automotive sector started to grow. However, the growth is mainly influenced by tractors, commercial vehicles, and scooters. Cars were still considered as a luxury product. In the 1980s slowly the Japanese companies started to enter into the Indian market and also the number of foreign companies' put forth their interest in making joint ventures with Indian companies. In Indian history economic liberalization in 1991 is considered as a mile stone. Since, liberalization has given a number of options to the companies to make joint ventures; there had been one option in each price class. Further, due to the gradual weakening of the license raj, a number of Indian and multi-national car companies launched operations with limited restrictions comparatively. Since then the automotive component and automobile manufacturing growth have accelerated to meet domestic and export demands. By 2000, there are 12 immense automotive companies in the Indian market, most of them being branches of global companies.

### **Present Scenario of the Indian Automotive Industry**

In the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, the attention of Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, and Taiwan, the Asian economies were shifted to China and India, which are experiencing rapid economic transformation at the present time. A favourable environment policy and the government's efforts to improve ease of doing business in India announced with coupled positive measures in the Union Budget (2015) helped in the progressive growth of the industry. The industry accounts for 7% of India's gross

domestic product (GDP) and employs about 19 million people, both directly and indirectly (IBEF, 2015). The ever-increasing development in infrastructure, a big domestic market which increases the purchasing power and government's stability framework have made India a favourable destination for investment, in the Automotive Mission Plan (AMP) vision 2006 to 2016. Moreover, the industry has attracted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of worth US\$ 13.48 billion during the period of April 2000 to June 2015, (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)-(ACMA, 2015). Indian automobile and auto- components industry is on a growth route, supported by very strong economic activity and infrastructure development, growing middle-class population with income which is disposable and rising consumer demand. The industry has chosen countries like South Africa, Nigeria to begin the launch of manufacturing units and also marketing in those countries. The norms for foreign investment and import of technology have liberalized progressively over the years for manufacturing of vehicles including passenger cars, in order to make this sector globally competitive.

The Indian auto industry is one of the largest in the world with 23.37 million vehicles of annual production in FY 2014-15, following a growth of 8.68 percent over the last year. Likewise, in FY 2014-15, automobile exports grew by 15 percent over the last year. According to the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA, 2015), the Indian auto-components industry is expected to register a turnover of US\$ 66 billion by FY 15-16 with the likelihood to touch US\$ 115 billion by FY 20-21. In addition, industry exports are projected to reach US\$ 12 billion by FY 15-16 and add up to US\$ 30 billion by FY20-21. The global auto component industry is estimated for US\$1.2 trillion. Since 2000, the auto component sectors of India have been growing at 20% per annum and were projected to maintain the high-growth phase of 15-20% till 2015. Revenues of the Indian auto-components industry grew by 11 percent in FY 14-15 to Rs 2.34 lakh crore (US\$ 34.7 billion). The turnover of the Indian auto component industry is likely to touch US\$ 40 billion by 2015-16. The component exports surged by 11.4 percent to Rs 68,500 crores (USD 11.2 billion) in 2014-15 from Rs 61,400 crore (USD 10.2 billion) during 2013-2014. The Auto Component industry of India has got a strong positive multiplier effect as a key driver of economic growth (ACMA, 2015).

**Table 1.1: Trends in Automobile Domestic Sales (in numbers)**

| Category            | 2009-10            | 2010-11            | 2011-12            | 2012-13            | 2013-14            | 2014-15            |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Passenger Vehicles  | 19,51,333          | 25,01,542          | 26,29,839          | 26,65,015          | 25,03,509          | 26,01,111          |
| Commercial Vehicles | 5,32,721           | 6,84,905           | 8,09,499           | 7,93,211           | 6,32,851           | 6,14,961           |
| Three Wheelers      | 4,40,392           | 5,26,024           | 5,13,281           | 5,38,290           | 4,80,085           | 5,31,927           |
| Two Wheelers        | 93,70,951          | 1,17,68,910        | 1,34,09,150        | 1,37,97,185        | 1,48,06,778        | 1,60,04,581        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  | <b>1,22,95,397</b> | <b>1,54,81,381</b> | <b>1,73,61,769</b> | <b>1,77,93,701</b> | <b>1,84,23,223</b> | <b>1,97,52,580</b> |

**Source:** Society of Indian Automobile Industry (SIAM, 2015)

**Table 1.2: Trends in Automobile Production (in numbers)**

| Category            | 2009-10            | 2010-11            | 2011-12            | 2012-13            | 2013-14            | 2014-15            |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Passenger Vehicles  | 23,57,411          | 29,82,772          | 31,46,069          | 32,31,058          | 30,87,973          | 32,20,172          |
| Commercial Vehicles | 5,67,556           | 7,60,735           | 9,29,136           | 8,32,649           | 6,99,035           | 6,97,083           |
| Three Wheelers      | 6,19,194           | 7,99,553           | 8,79,289           | 8,39,748           | 8,30,108           | 9,49,021           |
| Two Wheelers        | 1,05,12,903        | 1,33,49,349        | 1,54,27,532        | 1,57,44,156        | 1,68,83,049        | 1,84,99,970        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  | <b>1,40,57,064</b> | <b>1,78,92,409</b> | <b>2,03,82,026</b> | <b>2,06,47,611</b> | <b>2,15,00,165</b> | <b>2,33,66,246</b> |

**Source:** Society of Indian Automobile Industry (SIAM, 2015)

**Table 1.3: Trends in Automobile Exports (in numbers)**

| Category            | 2009-10          | 2010-11          | 2011-12          | 2012-13          | 2013-14          | 2014-15          |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Passenger Vehicles  | 4,46,145         | 4,44,326         | 5,08,783         | 5,59,414         | 5,96,142         | 6,22,470         |
| Commercial Vehicles | 45,009           | 74,043           | 92,258           | 80,027           | 77,050           | 85,782           |
| Three Wheelers      | 1,73,214         | 2,69,968         | 3,61,753         | 3,03,088         | 3,53,392         | 4,07,957         |
| Two Wheelers        | 11,40,058        | 15,31,619        | 19,75,111        | 19,56,378        | 20,84,000        | 24,57,597        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  | <b>18,04,426</b> | <b>23,19,956</b> | <b>29,37,905</b> | <b>28,98,907</b> | <b>31,10,584</b> | <b>35,73,806</b> |

**Source:** Society of Indian Automobile Industry (SIAM, 2015)

**Table 1.4: Indian Automobile Market Share for 2014-15**

| <b>Category</b>            | <b>Percentage</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Passenger Vehicles</b>  | 13                |
| <b>Commercial Vehicles</b> | 3                 |
| <b>Three Wheelers</b>      | 3                 |
| <b>Two Wheelers</b>        | 81                |

**Source:** Society of Indian Automobile Industry (SIAM, 2015)

Today, almost every global auto major has set up facilities in India. The capacity of traditional automobile markets, such as EU, USA and Japan, the growing prospects for evolving markets such as India has been increasing. India is critically looking forward to taking advantage of its essential strengths in the capabilities and position of automotive design and manufacturing is itself an export base for vehicles as well as components. In addition, several initiatives by the Government of India and the major automobile players in the Indian market is expected to make India a ground runner in Two Wheeler and Four Wheeler market in the world by 2020, according to a study by IBM.

### **Auto Component Industry in Tamil Nadu**

Traditionally, Tamil Nadu is known for automobile manufacturing and witnessed the second wave of the “Automobile boom”. Chennai and Coimbatore are viewed as major automotive component manufacturing clusters in Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu auto component industry mainly concentrates in the manufacturing of body and structural parts. The sector has witnessed over 15% growth of investments (both domestic and foreign) during 2004 to 2013 and the state accounts for over 7% of total auto components output. Tamil Nadu share in Overall Indian Automobile Sector for the financial year 2014 is 21.20% of export, 14.90% of domestic sales, 15.80% of production (Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet, 2015).

### **Coimbatore**

For a city that prides itself on its entrepreneurial skill and risk-taking ability. Coimbatore has emerged as one of the most trusted outsourcing destinations for the auto

component industry. For this growth, several factors have contributed, including ready availability of resources and skilled technical talent. Currently, in India the auto majors with a growing presence source both major components and sub- assemblies from the city. It has some prominent auto component companies such as Pricol and L.G. Balakrishnan & Bros, which are listed on the stock exchanges. The city includes the number of tier-I, II and III suppliers catering to the needs of the entire scale of the automobile industry, ranging from two-wheelers and four-wheelers to commercial vehicles and tractors. The auto component suppliers from Coimbatore of total turnover during 2012-2013 could have been around Rs. 5,000 crores. (Business line, 2014).

## **1.2 NEED FOR INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY IN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY**

“Excellent firms don’t believe in excellence, only in constant improvement and constant change” - Tom Peters

The globalization of the world’s economies challenges the Indian Automobile manufacturers and Auto component manufacturers with an increasingly competitive, hasty change, and turbulent environment. Innovation in this context is vital since organisation desire to grow, keep up with competitors, and adapt to changing customer needs (Porter, 1990; Hitt et al., 1997; Amabile & Conti, 1999; Klijn & Tomic, 2010). In such times of change, the ability to innovate is seen as a crucial determinant of organizational performance in terms of growth, competitiveness, and even survival. There are many other reasons which are forcing the Indian Automotive Industry to be more creative and innovative. In support of the above, Saxena & Shukla (2012) states some of the important reasons in their study. The reasons are i) increasing domestic market ii) challenges at volatility in oil prices iii) emergence of new generation Automobiles (Narayanan, 2006), iv) supply chain management in the world of global sourcing (NMCC, 2006) v) growing small car segment vi) green motoring vii) cross-border mergers and acquisition viii) entry of private equity players ix) trends in global automotive industry x) growing collaboration for technology enhancement xi) trendy cars and shorter life-spans xii) design for recycling xiii) rising of outsourcing trend. These are the main reasons that is forcing this industry to be more innovative.

Innovation is the backbone of a country in all aspects. Especially in a country like India, Innovation has taken an imperative character, since India is a developing country. As a developing country, India needs to increase its economy and it can be accomplished through the innovative activities of organisations. Without Creativity, Innovation will not happen. All Innovation begins with creative ideas and it is an ingredient for Innovation, Amabile et al. (1996). The most efficacious organizations will have an environment where Creativity and Innovation are exhibited at all levels of the organization, and in all functions. By reviewing these statements, it can be concluded that Innovation and Creativity are inseparable terms which are essential for organisational growth. Ray et al. (2013) argued that hastily changing business set-ups and highly competitive markets have enforced organisations to diagnose the need to innovate and be creative. By posture in mind the importance of organizational innovativeness for both firms and economies, research on the facilitators of Innovation has increased over the last decades (Anderson et al., 2004). In line to this, the present research also attempts to identify the facilitators of Individual Creativity which is the main pillar of organisational innovation activities.

There are several factors which influence the Individual Creativity of the employees in the work place. For example, Job Autonomy (Anand et al., 2012; Naqvi et al., 2013), Supportive Environment (Valentine et al., 2011), Innovative Climate (Amabile et al., 1996; Ekvall, 1996; Ahmed, 1998; Anderson & West, 1998; Hunter et al., 2007), Intrinsic Motivation (Ryan & Deci, 2000), Innovative Self-Efficacy (Schack, 1989; Choi, 2004; Flora et al., 2012), Fun at Work (Miller, 2005; Slatten, 2011). At this point, organisational climate is seen as a significant variable that affects Individual Creativity that in turn, affects organizational innovative processes. Scott & Bruce (1994) and Amabile et al. (1996) strongly state that innovative organizations achieve a climate conducive to innovative behaviours. Hence, the concept of organizational climate in common, the relationship between Organizational Climate and Creativity and Innovation of the organisation and employees in particular, turn into more popular and essential subjects for researchers from a variety of research areas (e.g. Scott & Bruce, 1994; Amabile et al., 1996; Oldham & Cummings, 1996). Researchers have developed instruments to assess the creative climate of the organisations. For example Team Climate Inventory (TCI) (Anderson & West, 1996), Creative Climate Questionnaire (CCQ) (Ekvall, 1996), KEYS (Amabile, 1997), Situational



Outlook Questionnaire (SOQ) (Isaksen et al., 1999), Multifactor Survey Instrument (Katz et al., 2004), Organizational Climate for Creativity and Innovation (OCCI) (Dubina, 2009) etc. Mainly these instruments have been used to identify the factors which influence Individual Creativity predominantly for the positive results in the various contexts.

The above discussions highlight the present need for Innovation and Creativity in the automotive industry in India and the importance of Creative Climate that is conducive in nurturing Innovation and Creativity of employees in the organisation to cope up with aggressively growing the Automotive Industry. Hence, this research intends to identify the important Creative Climate Factors that influence the Individual Creativity.

### **1.3 RESEARCH GAP AND OPPORTUNITY**

In-depth review of literatures highlights the factors which influence Individual Creativity - Employability (Stoffers & Heijden, 2009), Proactive personality (Amo, 2005), Job tenure (Dorenbosch et al., 2005), Job control (Axtell et al., 2006), Job demands (Janssen, 2000; Hartjes, 2010), Creative Climate (Amabile et al., 1996; Ekvall, 1996; Katz et al., 2004; Dubina, 2009), Participative leadership (Axtell et al., 2000), External work contacts (De Jong, 2007), Pay (Ramamoorthy et al., 2005), Desire for employee innovation (Amo, 2005). Reviews on Innovation and Creativity reinforce the need for a climate that fosters Innovation and Creativity amongst employees and researchers have developed questionnaires to assess Creative Climate at the workplace. For example Amabile has extensively researched Creativity and innovative environments, and along with colleagues (Amabile et al., 1996) developed KEYS. In that same period Ekvall (1996) created “Creative Climate Questionnaire” (CCQ) for assessing the level of support for Creativity. Likewise, Multifactor Survey Instrument developed by Katz et al. (2004), Team Climate Inventory (TCI) developed by Anderson & West (1998), Organizational Climate for Creativity and Innovation (OCCI) developed by Dubina (2009) are popular.

However, there are limited studies which assess the influence of Creative Self-Efficacy along with Creative Climate Factors on Individual Creativity. A Further plethora of studies highlights the importance of Individual Creativity in contributing to

Innovative Work Behaviour (Amabile et al., 1996; Pratoom & Savatsomboon, 2012). But there are sparse studies that sequentially examine the influence of Creative Self-efficacy and Creative Climate Factors on Individual Creativity, Innovative Work Behavior and Employee Engagement in the Indian Context. Hence the current research attempts to fulfil this gap, since innovation is becoming the order of the day and organizations are finding it challenging to engage their employees.

#### **1.4 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM**

“Innovation”- this is a manifest term in all kind of organisational setup. Since, it can bring some magic terms to the organisation. The Automobile sector is driven by Innovation and the vitality of Creativity and Innovation is significant. Further, success in business today demands constant innovation. Hence, Individual Creativity has taken a very critical position since they are the people who turn dream (Innovation) as reality. A Study by Shalley et al. (2009) reinforces the above view that due to the rapidly changing economy and continuing globalization of business, employee creativity i.e. the development of novel and useful ideas about products, practices, services or measures, has developed progressively essential for the survival of organizations.

There are numerous studies highlighting the significance of Individual Creativity in causative to Innovate work behaviour (e.g. Amabile et al., 1996; Heye, 2006; Schilling, 2008; Hirst et al., 2009 a and b; Phoocharoon, 2011; Munoz-Doyague & Nieto, 2012; Pratoom & Savatsomboon, 2012). To ensure Innovative Work Behaviour of the employee, the organisation should have a climate which is favourable for Individual Creativity. There are many studies which highlight different Creative Climate which will induce Creativity of employees and their Innovative Work Behaviour (e.g. Amabile et al., 1996; Ekvall, 1996; Katz et al., 2004; Dubina, 2009). Based on the in-depth review of literature, the present study considers a few other variables other than Creative Climate namely Creative Self-Efficacy as one of the important factors which influence Individual Creativity. Since the employee should be enough efficacious towards his/her creative abilities, if it is not, only with the Creative Climate the organisation cannot achieve innovation. At the same time, the employee is more efficacious towards his/her creative activities, the absence of support and creative climate will lead nothing to the employee as well as the

organisation's developments. Therefore, the present study considers Creative Self-Efficacy and Creative Climate as the most important factors which are needed for the employees to exhibit their creativity in the organisations.

Hence, this study attempts to investigate the influence of Creative Self-Efficacy and Creative Climate on Individual Creativity and the impact of Individual Creativity on Innovative Work Behaviour and on Employee Engagement among the respondents belonging to auto component manufacturing organisations in Coimbatore district.

### **1.5 OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

The objectives of the study are:

- To study the level of Creative Climate Factors, Creative Self-efficacy, Individual Creativity, Innovative Work Behaviour and Employee Engagement among the employees
- To examine the moderating role of Creative Climate Factors between Creative Self-efficacy and Individual Creativity
- To investigate the influence of Individual Creativity on Innovative Work Behaviour and Innovative Work Behaviour on Employee Engagement
- To elicit the influence of Creative Self-Efficacy and Creative Climate factors on Individual Creativity and its sequential effect on Innovative Work Behaviour and Employee Engagement
- To identify the Creative Climate factors that discriminate employees with low Individual Creativity and high Individual Creativity
- To examine significant differences in Creative Self-Efficacy, Creative Climate Factors, Individual Creativity, Innovative Work Behaviour and Employee Engagement across employees of varied demographic profile.

### **1.6 SCOPE OF THE STUDY**

The demand for automobiles is increasing world-wide due to increasing in the population, change and improved design and model, changes in taste and preference of customers, increase in buying capacity, increasing demand for transportation and to fulfil the requirements of fashion and comfort. Simultaneously, automobiles are being

manufactured to meet the demand, by several companies vigorously. India's robust economic progress and development directed to the additional expansion of its domestic automobile market which has attracted India-specific significant speculation by multinational automobile manufacturers.

The scope for the growth of Automobile and Auto component industry is vast in India for future. There are numerous reasons behind it. The vital reasons are; India is the second most populated country in the World, and the growth rate of Indian economy is very high, which indicates the presence of massive demand in the Automobile industry. Further, the industry is becoming more standardised and the level of competition is increasing and the production base of most of the auto-giant companies are being moved from the developed countries to developing countries in order to take the benefit of low cost of production. Therefore, as a developing country, India is taking serious efforts to grab these opportunities. According to a survey, conducted by IBM across the auto- majors, the majority of them sensed by 2020 the innovation level desired to be greater in software and electrical systems of automobiles. It is also projected that by 2020, the vehicles may become another node on the internet, connecting with other vehicles, the infrastructure of transportation, homes and businesses (Narayanan, 2006).

In the future days to come, obsessed by needs of safety, fuel efficiency and sustainability, the Indian automotive industry is expected to undergo metamorphosis. At present many challenges and opportunities exist in automotive industry in India. For example, challenges are increased global competition, increasingly diversified aggregate patterns of consumer behaviour, shifting in customer demand, competing with new technology, making product differentiation, supply chain restructuring, green motoring, design for recycling etc. The opportunities in India are extensive, at present India is in a stage of increasing family income, changing lifestyle and low vehicle penetration, easy finance rising availability, rapid urbanization, and poor public transport system. Further India is in a stage of large and growing domestic automobile market, reforms in Government policy, proximity to Asian and evolving economies like Africa, decrease in manufacturing cost with an availability of technology, globally modest in auto-ancillary industry, steel production at lowest cost, low labour cost accompanied by availability of manpower, high export latent market and recognised R&D capabilities. These situations in India inevitably induce the growth of automobile industry.

The existing Government is directing more to increase FDI flow into India. Further, Make in India and a Digitalised India policy is likely to trigger automobile industry positively in future. Additionally, the newly announced Foreign Trade Policy from the year 2015-20 is a pragmatic and progressive one. India's automotive industry is well-positioned for growth and sustainability, servicing both domestic demand and increasing export opportunities. According to the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), annual vehicle sales are projected to increase to 5 million by 2015 and more than 9 million by 2020. India is likely to become the third largest automotive market in the world and by 2016 leading Japan, Germany and Brazil, riding on its domestic automotive sales, according to IHS (Information Handling Services) Automotive, a global market information provider, by 2050, the country is expected to be the best in car volumes of the world with roughly 611 million vehicles on the nation's roads and with around US \$ 7.2 billion investment opportunity in India for auto-component manufacturers. Further, the Indian auto component industry is expected to register a turnover of US\$ 66 billion by FY 15–16 with the likelihood to touch US\$ 115 billion by FY 20–21 depending on approving conditions, as per the assessment by Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA). In addition, industry exports are projected to reach US\$ 12 billion by FY 15–16 and add up to US\$ 30 billion by FY 20–21 (SIAM, 2015).

By considering the above mentioned vast challenges and immense opportunities, the growth of automobile and auto component industry in India is extensive, which triggers the need for Innovation. Innovation begins with individuals (employees and employers) creativity. Individual Creativity can pave the way to the wholesome Innovation in the automotive sector. Hence, a culture of Innovation should be created in automotive sector. Thus, this study will help to identify the factors that influence the Individual Creativity of employees. Focusing on these factors will help the organisation to enhance the creativity levels of its employees and also this study helps in identifying the influence of Individual Creativity on Employee Engagement since employee engagement is one of the important factors for effectiveness and long- term growth of the organisations.

## 1.7 LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

- The study is limited to the employees of Automotive component manufacturing organisations in Coimbatore. Hence, generalization of the results in relation to employees of other cities may not give the same result since culture of the city, rules, and regulations of the organisation, lifestyle in the state or city may influence the findings.
- This investigation is primarily limited to the geographical location of Coimbatore. Most of the insights collected from this study can be referred to automobile and automotive component manufacturing organisations. Hence, the results cannot be generalised to other industries.
- The study depends entirely on the response of the employees. There is a possibility of personal bias with regard to their opinion. Certain respondents were worried that the management would use the information collected by the research study against them and as a result, their response might have been affected.

## 1.8 CHAPTER FRAMEWORK

The entire thesis is prepared into five main chapters. A brief outline of each of the chapters as given below:

**Chapter 1:** The Introductory chapter titled “Introduction” deals with a brief introduction of the study discussing the research gap and opportunity, Problem statement, Objectives of the study, Scope, and Limitations of the study.

**Chapter 2:** The Second chapter titled “Literature review” discusses the concepts of the study and reviews of relevant literature, proposed theoretical framework and hypotheses.

**Chapter 3:** The Third chapter titled “Research Methodology” details the methodology adopted while conducting the research, questionnaire validation, sampling techniques, data collection and the statistical tools applied.

**Chapter 4:** The Fourth chapter titled “Analysis and Discussion” discusses the results of the analysis portraying the interrelationship among the study variables.

**Chapter 5:** The Fifth chapter titled “Findings, Suggestions and Conclusion” summarizes the significant Findings, Suggestions, Conclusion and Scope for Further Study.