



ROAD SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT

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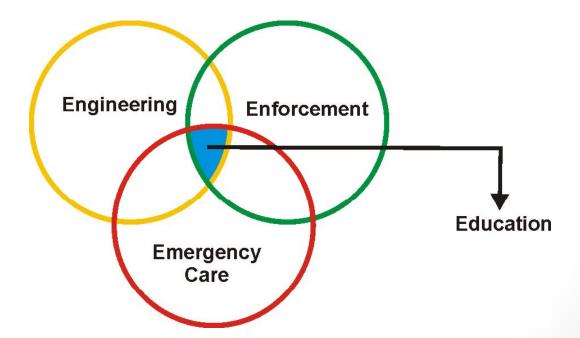
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Stop accidents before they stop you

Road Safety Education (RSE)

- ✓ Consensual and coordinated action succeeds
- ✓ Single most potent tool
- ✓ Cuts across all other E's





Alert today – Alive tomorrow

Action Plan for Road Safety - I





Look every way every day

Action Plan for Road Safety - II





National Road Safety Policy

- ✓ Finalise and adopt the National Road Safety Policy
- √ The Government of Tamil Nadu has adopted a State Road Safety Policy
- ✓ National Road Safety be adopted on May 11 to coincide with the launch of Decade of Action for Road Safety

National Road Safety Policy

Targetting **Drivers**

Improving
Data
Reporting
System

Imparting
Safety
Education
to Children

Broadening Ambit of RSE



A licence doesn't make you safe driver, any more than having a lottery ticket makes you a millionaire

Targetting Drivers

About 80 percent of the accidents are caused by drivers fault:

- ✓ Illiteracy
- √ Easy licence issuance
- ✓ Inadequate training





Safety doesn't happen by accident

Improving Data Reporting System

- √ Need for disaggregated data
- ✓ Under reporting
- √ Tamil Nadu's Road Accident Data Management System

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Imparting Safety Education to Children

- ✓ Several issues: environment, consumer education, health, sex, financial literacy, road safety etc.
- √ Need a holistic life/value package

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Targetting Data Safety Reporting System

Imparting Safety Education RSE

Reporting System



Broadening Ambit of RSE

- ✓ Besides students, include paramedics, nurses, traffic police, transport departments, NGOs, drivers etc.
- ✓ Redesign outreach campaign to encourage discipline

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For Safety is not a gadget but a state of mind

Urban-Rural Divide

- √ 70 percent accidents occur on roads other than national highways
- ✓ State Accident Prevention Committee in Maharashtra identifies hot spots in rural areas and suggests remedies





Safety is a cheap and effective insurance policy

Mobilising Resources

- ✓ Meagre budget that too unspent
- √ Cess on petrol/diesel
- ✓ Allocation of part of traffic violation on fines
- ✓ Involve auto manufacturers, insurance companies etc.
- ✓ Larger plan allocation





Safety isn't expensive, its priceless

Nodal Agency: Strengthening Laws and their Enforcement

A nodal agency to coordinate all road safety activities including strengthening legislation:

- ✓ Motor Vehicles Act, 1988
- ✓ Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989
- ✓ National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board



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Education to Accompany Enforcement

Political Will and Support



Safety isn't just a slogan, it's a way of life

Education to Accompany Enforcement

- ✓ Improve Road User Behaviour
- ✓ Deterrent
- ✓ Compliance everywhere all the time





Safety never takes a holiday

Political Will and Support

Intent to be articulated by President, Prime Minister, chief ministers of all states at special occasions and otherwise





Better a thousand times careful than once dead

The Way Forward

- ✓ Comprehensive Plan of Action
- ✓ Like the Millennium Development Goals, to reduce accidents in India by half by 2020 to coincide with the conclusion of Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020
- ✓ Monitor the above goals

