

Road Accident Death FreeWorld

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If you do not want to die in a road accident, read this article and act.

Our right to live is more fundamental and important than and over rides other people's right to drive vehicles fast.



Every 5 minutes one Indian dies in road accident. In 2007, 1,14,000 people died in road accidents. Highest in Andhra and Maharashtra.

We are number one in the world. Maximum people who died were not the vehicle drivers, but innocent people walking on the road. We could be one of them any day.

London has 6 times more vehicles than Delhi. Delhi has 3 times more accidents than London. Speed breakers will reduce them.

We can not send our small children to school walking. Reason? Speeding vehicles.

Make speed breakers.
Cut their speed.
Our children have a right to live & walk down to school.

Around our houses, in our villages, towns & cities let us make speed breakers on every 100 meters, these accident deaths will go down. In 2004 American journal of Public Health published a study. It showed that speed breakers made on every 100 meters reduced the speed of vehicles and reduced accidents. Indian experience is similar.

Delhi I.I.T. has a campus of 250 acres. Wise people live and work there. They used to have one accident every week. They made speed breakers. Accidents reduced by 90 %.

This was told by IIT Delhi's Prof Dinesh Mohan who is expert in this subject.

When Mumbai's Saaki Naka to Powai road was made broad and excellent, road accidents increased. Speed breakers were made at 2 strategic locations. Then accidents reduced. This was told by responsible concerned officers, in a program organized by Mumbai Grahak Panchayat and CUTS, the NGO from Jaipur working on this subject of road safety.

Speeding Vehicles are killers

About 15 years ago railway accidents increased after increasing the speed of trains. Reducing their speed reduced them.

Studies by experts show that ,

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as the speed increases by 5 % the chance of accident increases by 10 %

The speed of the vehicle should be up to 30 kilometers per hour in villages, towns & cities. At this speed vehicle can be stopped quickly and accidents can be avoided. Even if accidents happen, people do not die. If the speed is above 50 kilometers per hour, the accidents become serious and people can die. If the speed is above 70 kilometers, accidents increase & deaths almost always take place.

Speed breakers alone reduce the speed, accidents & deaths, & allow us the right to live.

May our roads be for us. Today they are ruled by speeding vehicles. They are ruled by few crore vehicles, and 120 crore people have to walk miserably in the remaining space on the road, purely at the mercy of these vehicles. The country and the roads belong to 120 crore Indians, pedestrians and not to the few crore vehicles. Vote for those who make roads for the pedestrians, and make this agenda of their election campaign.

40,000 accidental deaths are avoided by the “illegal” speed breakers made by people all over India.

People above 60 years have fragile bones and fragile bodies. Their injuries do not heal soon. They die with small injuries. Let us save them.

Democracy means our rule in our town, village & city.

Write a letter to prime minister as follows.

Dear prime minister

Save our lives. Stop road accident deaths.

Make speed breakers every 100 meters in all towns, cities & villages. Make necessary law.

Thanks.

Signature & address

(Prime minister's address: Prime minister's office, New Delhi)

Any one easily gets driving license in India.

Most drivers do not know all the road signs and rules.

This includes our near & dear ones. So accidents occur. Dr. Pasricha has written excellent books. Ask every one who drives a vehicle to read them.

Mumbai's Study: How people go for work?

7 % by car

7% by cycle

15% by bus & there after walking

18% by train and there after walking

44 % by walking

Thus 77% go walking. Any vehicle can hit them. To ensure that they come home daily, make speed breakers.

England's Lady Diana, Our Shrikant Jichkar, Rajesh Pilot and many more, traveling in expensive “safe cars” died in car accidents. Mr. Nitn Gadkari survived a car accident.

Main causes of accidents.

1. Over Speeding 2 Over taking, 3 Late night driving (11pm to 5 a.m.) and 4 drunk driving causes maximum accidents. Put a sticker on steering wheel, telling driver not to do them.
2. 75 % accidents occur on highways. &
3. 75% occur at night.
4. So ask drivers to be extra careful on Highways.

Protect yourself as follows

1. Colour cycles yellow for better visibility and not black. Put radium reflector on cycle in front and on back. Tie a radium band to your hand while walking on roads, especially highways. .

Children have a right to walk or cycle to school.

Make roads safe with speed breakers.

Share this with all.

Reach to 115 crore Indians with help of media.

This article is based on the knowledge gained at a program organized by Mumbai Grahak Panchayat and CUTS, the NGO from Jaipur working on this subject of road safety.



Thanks. Drs. Hemant & Archana Joshi

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