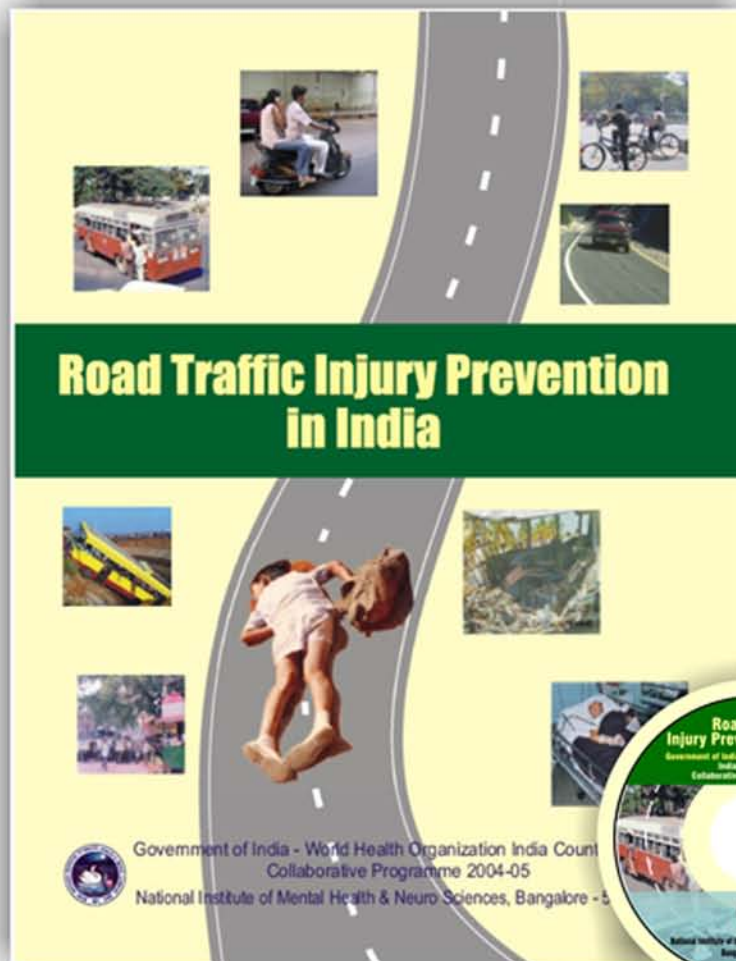




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# **Road Traffic Injury Prevention In India**



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## PEOPLE....

Everyday, roads / vehicles are used by millions of people in India, who are in a hurry, whose minds are preoccupied, whose behaviour is uncertain, who are unwell / accompany sick, who are disabled, who are unfamiliar with road environment, who are elderly, who come from rural areas, who use different vehicles, who travel varying distances, who are inexperienced, who are adventurous, who are in sorrow, who are in a rage, .....



## ROADS....

India has variety of roads and all existing roads are used for different activities, even though transportation is the principal activity. Highways, district roads, rural roads, elevated roads, bypass roads are all here to stay. While travel and mobility are the essential activities, roads are also used for a variety of reasons varying from laying of municipal drains - telephone cables - water supply pipes - electric cables to playing cricket - flying kites - holding public meetings – and others. From living along its sides and on footpaths to travel by swanky cars and motorbikes, roads are the nerve paths for activities.



## VEHICLES....

A look at Indian roads reveals the presence of variety of vehicles ranging in size, shape, type, looks, speeds and capacity. It is common to see the most luxurious, swanky , good looking cars to poorly maintained trucks and bicycles traversing Indian roads. These vehicles, driven by people of various characteristics and behaviours come in front of us everyday.



## SYSTEMS....

Road safety is an issue of importance to several sectors like transport, police, law, vehicle industry, health, excise, education, public works department and several others. Road safety has received less importance at a time when motorization, urbanization, migration and road expansion has gained importance. Each sector works with its own priorities and limitations, with very little coordination with other sectors. Do we have a unified and coordinated approach to reduce deaths, prevent hospitalizations, avoid disabilities, improve quality of life of our people ?

# In this complex scenario



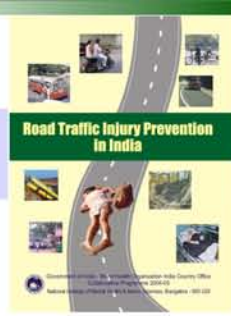
Accidents not only happen everyday, everywhere and at all times but are also increasing from year to year. Nearly 1,00,000 persons loose their lives ,an estimated 2 million are getting hospitalized and 1 million are becoming disabled India



**This scenario is unlikely to change, if serious efforts are not made by policy makers, professionals, political leaders, civil society, media public, and international organizations.**

# The New Understanding

reveals that



- Road deaths and injuries are a major public health problem in India.
- Road deaths and injuries are largely predictable and preventable.
- Road safety is a multisectoral issue and a public health issue.
- Road Safety requires action by all concerned people.
- Road safety should have a scientific approach and not an adhoc-knee jerk approach.

Read on to know more  
about prevention / reduction of  
Road deaths and injuries in our societies



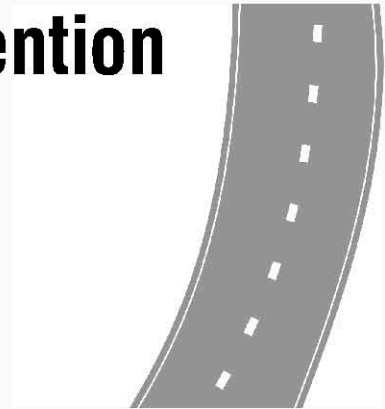
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