



Penalties For Parents Allowing Minors To Drive

Why in News?

To curb accidents caused by minors the Uttar Pradesh government is enforcing a **three-year imprisonment and a fine of Rs 25,000 on parents or vehicle owners** who permit underage driving.

Key Points

- An **awareness campaign** has been initiated in **government secondary schools** in collaboration with the **Transport Department**, emphasizing road safety through various mediums.
- **Under Section 199 (A)** of the [Motor Vehicles Amendment Act 2019](#), outlined that in **motor vehicle-related offenses** committed by juveniles, **only their guardian** or the vehicle owner would be **held accountable**.
 - The **prescribed punishment includes** a three-year imprisonment and a Rs 25,000 fine.
- Experts from King George's Medical University and the Lohia Institute in Lucknow revealed that **40% of road accident fatalities involve minors**.
- The officials urged strict adherence to the law prohibiting driving by children below 18 and advocated for awareness campaigns in all educational institutions.

Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, 2019

- The Act **hikes the penalties** for traffic violations, defective vehicles, juvenile driving, etc.
- It **provides for a Motor Vehicle Accident Fund**, which would provide compulsory insurance cover to all road users in India for certain types of accidents.
- It also **provides for a National Road Safety Board**, to be created by the Central Government.

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