



Road Safety Meeting

Why in News

Recently, the 18th meeting of **National Road Safety Council (NRSC)** and 39th meeting of **Transport Development Council (TDC)** were held in New Delhi under the **Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH)**.

Key Points

- The ministry is discussing with States the steps required for improving the engagement of the society towards accidents, and victims, whose life can be saved within the first **'golden hour.'**
 - Golden hour refers to the immediate one-hour time period following a traumatic injury, during which, chances of preventing death by way of prompt medical treatment are the highest.
- **Different road safety aspects** discussed in the meeting:
 - [The Motor Vehicle \(Amendment\) Act 2019](#)
 - Tourist Vehicles Authorisation and Permit Rules 2019
 - Bus port guidelines
 - Digitisation of transport and abolition of border check posts
 - Inter-state transfer of vehicle registration and driving licenses
 - Harmonisation of road tax across States – **One Nation One Tax**
 - Vehicle scrapping policy
 - Guidelines for setting up, authorisation and operation of vehicle scrapping facility
 - Implementation of vehicle tracking platform under Nirbhaya framework.
- The meeting also highlighted **36% improvement on national highways** and **26% on State highways**.

Steps Need to be Taken

- The meeting underlined the need to include NGOs and engineering students in conducting road audits.
- There is a need to bring about behavioural change towards road safety.
- Road discipline should begin from the family, school and society level.

National Road Safety Council

- It is an **advisory body** which was established under **section 215** of the **Motor Vehicles Act, 1988** with the objective of improving road safety aspects in the road transport sector.
- The Council is **chaired by the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways**.
- In 2011, MoRTH formed five separate working groups on the **four Es of road safety**-
 - Education
 - Engineering of Roads
 - Engineering of Vehicles
 - Enforcement, and Emergency Care.

Transport Development Council

- It is the **highest body to advise** the Government on all matters relating to roads and road transport.
- The **Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways is the Chairman** of the Council.
- It meets at least once a year.

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