



India State Support Programme for Road Safety

For Prelims: India State Support Programme for Road Safety, Brasilia Declaration, Motor Vehicles (MV) (Amendment) Act, 2019, World Bank, International Monetary Fund

For Mains: Road Safety - India's related initiatives, challenges, steps that can be taken

Why in News?

The [World Bank](#) has approved a USD 250 million loan for **India State Support Program for Road Safety** for seven States under which a single accident reporting number will be set up to better manage post-crash events.

What is World Bank?

▪ About:

- It was created in 1944, as the **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)** along with the [International Monetary Fund \(IMF\)](#). The IBRD later became the World Bank.
- The World Bank Group is a unique global partnership of five institutions working for sustainable solutions that reduce poverty and build shared prosperity in developing countries.

▪ Members:

- It has 189 member countries.
- India is also a member country.

▪ Major Reports:

- [Human Capital Index.](#)
- [World Development Report.](#)

▪ Its Five Development Institutions:

- International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- International Development Association (IDA)
- International Finance Corporation (IFC).
- Multilateral Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
- International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
 - India is not a member of this.

What are the Key Highlights of the Program?

▪ About:

- The project will establish a **national harmonised crash database system** in order to analyse accidents and use that to construct better and safer roads.
- The USD 250 million variable spread loan from the [International Bank for](#)

Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a maturity of 18 years including a grace period of 5.5 years.

- **It will be implemented** in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

▪ **Aim:**

- It aims to **fund network expansion of basic and advanced life support ambulances and training of first responder caregivers** to road crash victims on the spot.
- The project will also **provide incentives to the States to leverage private funding** through **Public Private Partnership (PPP)** concessions and pilot initiatives.
- Women face the indirect brunt of road accidents. Recognising this challenge, the project has a special focus on gender and will promote women's representation in management roles in the road safety sector.
 - The project will also provide employment opportunities for women especially, in post-crash care command and control centers.

What is the Scenario of Road Accidents in India?

- Road crashes are estimated to cost the Indian economy between 5% to 7% of **GDP (Gross Domestic Product)** a year.
- Official government data show that **each year road accidents in India kill about 1,50,000 people and injure another 4,50,000.**
- More than **half of the victims are pedestrians, cyclists, or motorcyclists** and almost 84% of all fatalities are among road users between the **working ages of 18-60 years.**
- Poor households that account for over 70% of crash victims **bear a higher proportion of the socio-economic burden of road crashes** due to loss of income, high medical expenses and limited access to social safety nets.

What are the Initiatives for Road Safety?

- **Third High Level Global Conference on Road Safety for Achieving Global Goals 2030':**
 - MoRTH (Ministry of Road Transport and Highways) participated in a conference in Sweden in 2020 — the **Third High Level Global Conference on Road Safety for Achieving Global Goals 2030'** — where it was conceptualised to have zero road fatalities in India by 2030.
- **Brasilia declaration:**
 - India signed the **Brasilia declaration** and committed to reduction in fatalities.
 - The declaration was signed at the Second Global High-Level conference on Road Safety held in Brazil.
- **Motor Vehicles (MV) (Amendment) Act, 2019:**
 - It **hiked 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.

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