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## UP Enforces 'No Helmet, No Fuel' Rule | Uttar Pradesh | 13 Jan 2025

### Why in News?

The **Uttar Pradesh Transport Department** has proposed a strict "**no helmet, no fuel**" policy across cities in the state in an effort to reduce road accidents and fatalities involving two-wheelers.

- The Chief Minister observed that **road accidents claim approximately 25,000 to 26,000 lives** in the state annually.

### Key Points

- The '**No Helmet, No Fuel**' policy is set to be implemented in Noida starting **26th January 2025**.
  - This move aims to enforce helmet usage among **two-wheeler riders** and enhance **road safety** in the region.
- Fuel stations across the state have been directed to install signage reading, "**No Helmet, No Fuel.**"
  - This initiative **had been introduced earlier in Gautam Buddha Nagar district in 2019** but was only implemented sporadically.
- The Transport Commissioner issued an official letter directing the fuel station operators not to sell fuel to **two-wheeler riders**, who are not wearing helmets, including the pillion.
- The **Uttar Pradesh Transport Department** is also working to ensure widespread awareness of the policy.
  - Fuel station operators must be educated about the relevant provisions of the **Motor Vehicles Act, 1988** and the **Uttar Pradesh Motor Vehicles Rules, 1998**.
- While some support the initiative as a necessary step to enforce helmet usage and save lives, others argue that the government should also consider **improving road quality** and **overall safety measures** rather than enforcing new laws.

### Motor Vehicles Act, 1988

- Replacing the **Motor Vehicles Act, 1939**, this Act came into force on **1st July 1989**.
- The Act provides in detail the **legislative provisions regarding** licensing of drivers/conductors, registration of motor vehicles, control of motor vehicles through permits, special provisions relating to state transport undertakings, traffic regulation, insurance, liability, offences and penalties, etc.