



## Trauma Care Centres for Road Accident Victims

The Government of India has taken initiatives towards setting up of Trauma Care Facilities along National Highways, under the scheme "Capacity Building for Developing Trauma Care Facilities on National Highways".

- The overall objective of the scheme is to [bring down preventable deaths due to road accidents](#) by developing a pan-India trauma care network.
- The scheme provides for setting up a designated trauma center at every 100 km on NHs.

### WHO's Global Burden of Disease Project

- According to this project, road traffic accidents (RTA) cause over 1.27 million deaths a year.
- Road Traffic injuries are consistently one of the top three causes of death for people aged 5 to 44 years.
- It is estimated that unless immediate actions are taken road deaths will be the fifth leading cause of death by 2030, leading to an estimated 2.4 million deaths per year.
- Over 90% of the world's fatalities on the roads occur in low-income and middle-income countries, which have only 48% of the world's vehicles.
- In India, accidental injury is one of the leading causes of mortality and morbidity.
- India has just one per cent of total vehicles in the world but accounts for six per cent of total road accidents.

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