

## **UP Enforces 'No Helmet, No Fuel' Rule**

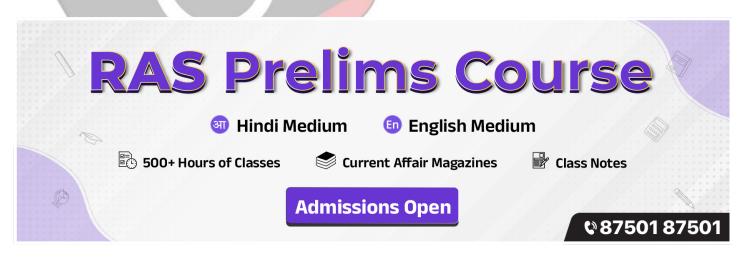
## Why in News?

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 Buddh 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 <u>Motor Vehicles Act</u>, <u>1988</u> and the <u>Uttar Pradesh Motor Vehicles Rules</u>, <u>1998</u>.
- 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.

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