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# Traffic Laws & Policing

## Fatal Accidents on Roads of Delhi

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## Fatal Accidents in Delhi since 2001

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Persons Killed</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>1768</b>	<b>1842</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>1625</b>	<b>1696</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>1921</b>	<b>1991</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>1929</b>	<b>1978</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>2049</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>2135</b>	<b>2178</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>2081</b>	<b>2141</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2093</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>2272</b>	<b>2325</b>

Number of deaths in road accidents is about 4 times who are victims in murders.

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# Theme of the Congress

Institutional Arrangements  
for

Reduction of Road Fatalities

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# Institutional Arrangements

- Scenario in Delhi.
- Need for driving licence.
- Auto rickshaw driver without driving licence at Parliament House on 24.11.10.
- Penalized u/s 3/181, 5/181 and other provisions of M.V. Act.
- 17-year-old student taking his sister on mobile. Both of them killed. He had no driving licence.

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# What is accident

- When something happens for reasons beyond one's control.
- Implies the persons concerned have taken due care and are not negligent.
- In most of accidents here, event happens due to lack of 'due care' or gross negligence by accused or victim.

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- Those who have driving licence not qualified to drive. Candidates having driving licence for heavy vehicles did not know basic driving.
  - Instance of Santro driver driving at 120 km/hr. crash. 4 killed one injured.
  - Medical student who killed 4 and injured 10.

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# Drunken Driving

- Punishment Rs. 2,000.
- In large number of cases reason for accident is drunken driving.
- Upto 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 9,524 persons prosecuted. They could have killed themselves or others.
- Courts requested for suspension of driving licence and imprisonments.



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# Law relating to accident cases

- You kill 6 persons on road and next day you can drive RTV and may be, kill more. Penalties for simple and fatal accidents.
- All type of accidents offence bailable. Virtually no punishments.

# Why drastic reduction in fatal accidents difficult.

- In 2010 in 108 cases in which 115 people got killed caused by the deceased themselves.
- In 671 cases involving 678 deaths nobody saw the accident. Hit and run cases.
- In 904 cases and 927 deaths accidents in night. No presence of traffic police on roads.
- In large number of cases victims unidentified. Homeless people living on roads. In some, drunk, insane or under influence of drugs.

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# These victims should have been alive. These are not ACCIDENTS

1. Construction site. Pajero riding contractor, kills 1½ year old child, sleeping in the open.
2. Five motorcycle/scooter riders hits central verge on Holi, get killed, Mar.,2010, Delhi
3. Acrobatics, riding without holding handle with pillion rider, hits electric poles, dies.
4. Tractor moving on uneven road, passenger falls down and comes under wheel.
5. Student killed when teacher reverses her car inside school boundary.
6. Tail Board of a military vehicle opens, one passenger falls and killed

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7. Scooter with 3 hits the railing on flyover, two falls down from flyover.
  8. Footboard passenger falls, passenger crushed under wheel.
  9. Tractor in ready position, one child switches the ignition, tractor starts, child falls down, dead.
  - 10 Delivery van hits two women sitting on road side bench, one died and other injured.
  11. Car driver loses control and kills a person sleeping on footpath.

# Traffic Laws:

OFFENCE	SECTION	FINE
Driving without Licence	3/181 MVA	Rs. 500
Driving by Minor	4/181	Rs. 500
Allowing Unauthorized Person to drive	5/180	Rs. 1000
Carrying High/Long Load	RRR 29/177 MVA	Rs. 100
Without Fitness	56/192 MVA	Rs. 2000
Without Speed Governor	66.1/192A MVA	To court
Red Light Jumping	119/177 MVA	Rs. 100
Obstructive Driving	125/177 MVA	Rs. 100
Triple Riding	128/177 MVA	Rs. 100
Driving without Helmet	129/177 MVA	Rs. 100
Not using seat belt	CMVR 138 (3)/177 MVA	Rs. 100
Driving Dangerously	184 MVA	Rs.1000
Using Mobile while driving	184 MVA	Rs. 1000
Drunken Driving	192 A MVA	To court

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- **However, we are committed to reduce road fatalities.**

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- **We have succeeded in reducing road fatalities by 10% this year.**

# FATAL ACCIDENTS

(Comparative date as on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.)

Year	No. of Fatal Accidents
2006	1883
2007	1846
2008	1757
2009	1979
2010	1787

Number of fatal accidents is less in 2010 than 2006,2007 & 2009.



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# Strategy is simple

- Post traffic policemen at intersections in peak hours.

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# Why it works:

- We, in India, tend to follow traffic rules when policemen is around.
- In absence of policeman, compliance to road rules very less.

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# To reduce fatalities on roads

- **Need for stiff laws and penalties**

# How it can succeed

- Between 1<sup>st</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> October accidents came down from 102 in 2009 to 53 in 2010 in one fortnight.
- Reason: During commonwealth Games stiff penalty of 2,000 Rs. Fine and possibility of arrest for Games lane violation.
- Stiff penalty on statute for traffic rules violation would have bearing on accidents like drunken and dangerous driving and reduce fatalities drastically.

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- With stiff penalties, strict enforcement we can bring down fatalities by at least 50% by 2020.

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# THANKS