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Road Safety Needs Closer Attention and Policing



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When in Kathmandu, which is like any other chaotic Indian city, vehicles do not blow their horns. Even in North Eastern States, horns are rarely used and there is far better discipline. Among major cities, Mumbai is the most disciplined. Few years ago, I was being driven by a taxi in Mumbai when it landed in the slip lane while we had to go straight. Since we were in the left lane, a constable insisted that we turn left. That is the discipline, which is lacking seriously in Jaipur.



Once a police officer's car broke the same rule on S P Marg. When I reprimanded the driver, a senior lady officer sitting inside apologised to me, with genuineness. More often the senior police officers would be arrogant. Her defence was that she was getting late for a meeting. My response was that her official car could have jumped the red light also so why stand on the wrong side.

Another traffic nuisance in the city is that of air horns, which cross the limits. Even at 4am in the morning trucks and buses hit the pedal on their horns on city roads to get a cheap thrill. I have filed a complaint before the National Green Tribunal since long but it has had no effect. An unimplementable order was passed that no air horns will be used between 10pm and 6am, but not a single violator has been pulled up.

Recently, the proactive Commissioner of Police of Jaipur, Sachin Mittal, a techie, has promised to work *inter alia* on traffic issues. Now that the new budget will be announced, we will appeal to the Jaipur Police for better traffic management, and not just VIP movements.

What the local police may consider doing is to invite well known police officers from around the country who have managed traffic problems effectively to train their own officers and ranks. For example, Satyendra Kumar Garg, former Special Commissioner of Delhi Police, played a key role in world-class traffic management during the 2010 Commonwealth Games. As Joint CP (Traffic), he pioneered initiatives to reduce road fatalities and drunken driving, including innovative public outreach like giving roses to drivers to promote safe driving.

Or another note, police officer, Safeen Hassan, the youngest IPS officer in the country joined the service at the age of 22. At the age of 28, he was the DCP (Traffic) in the East Zone of Ahmedabad. Over the last two years of his tenure, he was able to bring down serious road accidents by 36 percent.

In order for traffic police management to succeed, it must be accompanied by good flanking measures such as CCTVs; proper marking on pothole-free roads, and better enforcement with education (please refer page 8).

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Time Ticks at US\$11mn

Filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola sold a rare F.P. Journe watch he designed in 2014 for nearly US\$11mn at a Phillips auction, making it the sixth-most-expensive watch ever sold.

Coppola was selling watches to help finance his self-funded film *Megalopolis*. The skeleton-dial timepiece, one of only a few ever made, stunned the watch world, highlighting the soaring demand for ultra-rare F.P. Journe watches among elite collectors. (NYT, 27.10.25)

A Wedding Song in Silence

A deaf and mute woman, Reena, married Dharmraj in a heartwarming ceremony at the



government-run Nariniketan shelter home in Kota, Rajasthan, India where she has lived for 13 years. Rescued as a destitute mother, Reena developed skills in tailoring, embroidery, and yoga, later serving as a district-level yoga trainer.

The groom was chosen through a formal selection process. The couple received financial assistance, gifts, and a marriage certificate, with strong community support.

(Tol, 11.12.25)

One Battle After Another

Dark comedy *One Battle After Another* led the Golden Globe race with nine nominations, positioning Leonardo DiCaprio's Paul Thomas Anderson-directed thriller as an early Oscars favourite. It competes in best musical or comedy film.

Sentimental Value followed with eight nominations. Acting nods went to DiCaprio, Benicio Del Toro and others, while Netflix dominated TV categories. (TG, 02.12.25)

When Machines Learn to Lie

AI-generated videos from tools like OpenAI's Sora are rapidly spreading misinformation across social platforms, experts warn. Despite disclosure rules and watermarks, deceptive content is easy to manipulate or relabel.

Researchers say platforms are unprepared for the scale of lifelike fakes influencing politics and public opinion. While companies promise safeguards, critics argue moderation and labelling efforts remain inadequate to protect users from disinformation. (NYT, 08.12.25)



Couple Vows Across Screen

A newly married software engineer couple stranded in Bhubaneswar, India after a last-minute IndiGo flight cancellation attended their Hubballi wedding reception virtually.

With guests assembled and rituals scheduled, Sangam Das and Medha Ksheerasagar appeared via video link. Medha's parents occupied the couple's chairs at the venue. (IE, 05.12.25)

Programming the World's Stories

Netflix chief content officer Bela Bajaria, dubbed the "Queen of Streaming," oversees the platform's US\$18bn content engine across 190 countries, shaping what 300 million subscribers watch. Born to Indian parents and raised across continents, Bajaria champions local authenticity as the key to global success.

Her influence may grow further if Netflix's US\$82.7bn bid for Warner Bros Discovery assets succeeds. (Tol, 11.12.25)



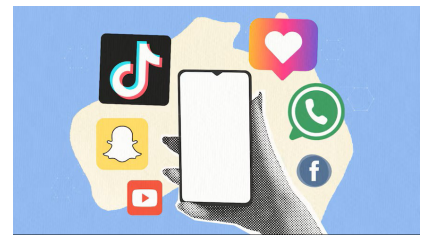
The Pitch Falls Silent

Nuagarh village in Odisha, Bhubaneswar, India has shunned cricket since 13 local players drowned in 2004 while travelling to a tournament final. Once a cricket hub, residents collectively abandoned the sport in grief.

A memorial honours the victims, whose widows still associate cricket with tragedy. Despite India's cricket frenzy nearby, Nuagarh continues its silent protest, preserving memories of the devastating loss. (Tol, 09.12.25)

Logging Off Childhood

Australia has begun enforcing a law banning children under 16 from social media, testing whether regulation can curb online



risks. Teenagers say the ban will change little, citing VPNs and deep reliance on platforms for communication.

While the law places responsibility on tech companies, officials admit it is no quick fix. Critics question whether legislation can reshape habits embedded in teen social lives. (TH, 02.12.25)

Urban India Cools on 'Dry Months'

Urban Indians are stepping back from month-long alcohol breaks, with participation falling across Gen Z, millennials and Gen X, IVSR data shows. While interest in rigid "dry month" trends fades, many consumers prefer shorter, flexible breaks.

Experts opine this reflects a more nuanced drinking culture, driven by moderation rather than abstinence, even as India remains a key market for global drinks companies. (Tol, 08.12.25)

A Princess Stirs the Crown

Japan's Princess Aiko, turning 24, has sparked renewed calls to end the country's male-only succession law. Widely admired for her warmth and public service, Aiko is barred from becoming emperor despite being the only child of Emperor Naruhito.



With the monarchy facing a succession crisis, supporters urge legal reform, though conservative leaders continue to oppose allowing a female monarch.

(Tol, 02.12.25)

When Weddings Learn Restraint

Nearly two dozen villages in Uttarakhand's Chakrata region have banned lavish wedding gifts, fast food and expensive customs to reduce financial pressure and revive tradition. Violators face fines of ₹1 lakh.

Panchayat leaders say competitive displays of wealth had become burdensome. The new norms promote traditional Garhwali cuisine and simpler ceremonies, ensuring cultural roots are preserved for younger generations.

(Tol, 24.11.25)

Silk That Refuses to Fade

Sualkuchi village in Assam, India has preserved its handloom silk tradition for decades, resisting mechanisation. Producing Muga, Eri



and Pat silk on 12,000 looms, it supports 6,000 families and generates ₹300 crore annually.

Community pride, youth participation and trademark

protection have safeguarded authenticity. Certified silk with QR codes now protects the village's identity from counterfeits.

(Tol, 23.11.25)

Memory Finds its Way Home

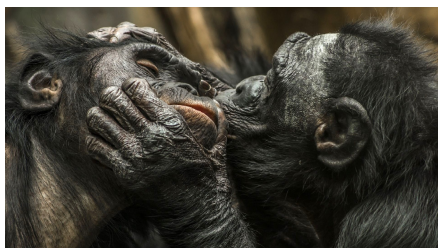
After losing his memory at 16 due to a head injury, Rikhi Ram lived for decades under another identity in Maharashtra, India. A second injury triggered memories of his Himachal Pradesh home.

45 years later, he reunited with siblings who believed him dead. Born in Sirmaur district, Rikhi had wandered across states, married and raised children before his past resurfaced unexpectedly.

(TH, 21.11.25)

The First Kiss, Long Ago

New research suggests kissing predates humans, emerging 16.9–21.5 million years ago among



African ape ancestors. Scientists defined kissing as non-aggressive mouth contact and analysed primate behaviour, finding it likely existed in a common ancestor of humans and great apes.

The study estimates an 84 percent chance Neanderthals kissed and shared microbes with modern humans through close contact.

(Tol, 21.11.25)

Leopards Leave the Fields

Leopards thriving in sugarcane fields of UP and Uttarakhand, India are becoming too slow to survive in the wild, prompting forest officials to relocate many to zoos. Years of easy prey have altered predator behaviour, increasing human-wildlife conflict.

In Bijnor alone, nearly half of captured leopards were not released. Sugarcane fields have effectively become refuges, reshaping conservation strategies.

(Tol, 19.11.25)

A Man Returns to his Name

Missing for 28 years, Jagabandhu Mondal returned to his Bengal village (India) to reclaim his voter identity during electoral roll revision. Long presumed dead, his return stunned his family, who had performed his last rites.

With his name missing from local rolls but present elsewhere, officials face challenges verifying his claim. The case highlights identity gaps exposed by electoral revisions.

(Tol, 19.11.25)

Alive on Paper, Fighting Back

A clerical error declared Saroj Devi dead instead of her husband, blocking her Aadhaar and welfare benefits. For three years, the Aligarh resident (India) has petitioned authorities to correct the mistake.

Unable to access services, she recently approached the SDM, who ordered an inquiry. Officials admitted the error originated at the gram panchayat while issuing a death certificate.

(HT, 02.10.25)

A Fist, A World Title

World Cup gold medallist boxer Arundhati

Chaudhary received a hero's welcome in Kota after winning the 70kg title in Greater Noida. The Indian Army



havaldar defeated Uzbekistan's Aziza Zokirova 5-0, earning her first senior international medal.

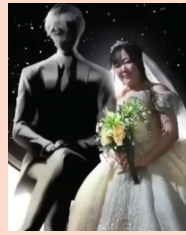
Recovering from wrist surgery, she trained despite injury, drawing strength from her mother's struggles. Chaudhary has now won seven international gold medals.

(ETV Bharat, 20.11.25)

Japanese Woman Marries AI

A 32-year-old Japanese woman held a symbolic wedding with an AI companion she created using ChatGPT. The private ceremony, though not legally recognised, drew attention to growing emotional bonds with AI.

Experts opine that such relationships reflect social shifts in Japan, marked by isolation, long work hours and falling marriage rates. (IT, 13.11.25)



3I/ATLAS Baffles Astronomers

Interstellar object 3I/ATLAS has puzzled scientists by losing its tail and showing unusual behaviour. While Harvard's Avi Loeb suggests it could be an alien craft, NASA and others argue it is a natural comet with atypical features.

New images show no debris trail, fuelling debate. Regardless of origin, researchers say its ancient composition could reveal clues about other solar systems. (ToI, 09.11.25)

₹20 Lakh Challan Error

A Muzaffarnagar scooter owner was shocked after receiving a traffic challan of ₹20.74 lakh for minor violations. Police later admitted it was a clerical error, caused by entering a legal section number as the fine amount.

After social media outrage, authorities corrected the penalty to ₹4,000. An internal inquiry was conducted, and the mistake acknowledged publicly. (IT, 09.11.25)

World's Largest Museum

Egypt has inaugurated the Grand Egyptian Museum near the Giza pyramids, the world's largest museum dedicated to a single ancient civilisation. Housing over 50,000 artefacts, it will display King Tutankhamun's entire collection for the first time.

A US\$1bn megaproject, the museum blends modern design with ancient heritage and is expected to become a major global cultural landmark. (BBC, 01.11.25)

3 Desis Youngest Billionaires

Three 22-year-old Silicon Valley friends, including Indian-Americans Adarsh Hiremath and Surya Midha, have become the world's youngest self-made billionaires. Their AI



recruiting startup, Mercor, was valued at US\$10bn after raising US\$350mn.

The milestone surpasses Mark Zuckerberg's record, underscoring the explosive growth and wealth creation driven by artificial intelligence ventures. (ET, 03.11.25)

Roya Mahboob's Quiet Rebellion

Entrepreneur Roya Mahboob is creating offline apps, underground networks and a global robotics team to educate Afghan girls barred from school.



Working from abroad, the 37-year-old has revived and expanded the Afghan Dreamers, the all-girls robotics team she founded in 2017, now spanning Canada, Sweden, Italy and the US.

Some members still join remotely from Afghanistan via WhatsApp and Zoom. Her work features in the film "Rule Breakers". (NYT, 24.11.25)

₹1.1 Cr for '8888' Plate

The fancy vehicle number HR 88B 8888 has fetched a record ₹1.1 crore, the highest ever in India's VIP number auctions. The bidder, reportedly a Hisar resident named Sudhir, outbid 44 others in an online auction by the Haryana Transport Department.

The number's appeal lies in its visual symmetry of seven 8s or Bs. The reserve price was ₹50,000, with ₹11,000 to participate. The auction is final only after full payment; otherwise, the security deposit will be forfeited. (ToI, 27.11.25)

No Onion, No Marriage

A Gujarat couple ended their 22-year marriage after a dispute over the wife's refusal to eat onion and garlic. The kitchen conflict grew larger and eventually reached the court.

The Gujarat High Court upheld the family court's decision to grant a divorce as the wife chose not to challenge it further. The wife's dietary choices come from her faith in the Swaminarayan Sect, which avoids these ingredients. (Mint, 10.12.25)

Healing Screens, Restoring Minds

The Government of Kerala, India has established clinics and initiatives,



notably the D-DAD (Digital De-Addiction Centre) project by the Kerala Police, to combat digital addiction primarily among children and youth.

The project, launched in 2023 and expanding across the state, offers free counselling and therapy to help individuals manage screen time and develop healthier digital habits. (DB, 16.11.25)

Sun Stored in the Sands of Bikaner

The Rajasthan government launched the Pugal Solar Park in Bikaner, billed as India's largest solar generation and storage project. It will combine 2,450MW solar capacity with 5,000MWh battery energy storage to supply peak-hour power.

Spread over 4,353 hectares in Pugal tehsil, the project is expected to attract investments exceeding ₹18,000 crore. (Tol, 08.11.25)

Pledge to Quench Rural Thirst

The Rajasthan government has signed ₹100 crore MoUs with five CSR partners under Jal Swavlamban



Abhiyan 2.0 to boost rural infrastructure and water conservation.

The partnerships will enhance panchayat-level capacity, promote community participation and support sustainable, self-reliant village development through training and long-term conservation efforts. (Tol, 02.12.25)

Career Dreams Meet Digital Divide

The Education Department's directive to make the My Career Advisor app mandatory for Classes



9-12 has hit hurdles in rural Rajasthan due to limited access to smartphones.

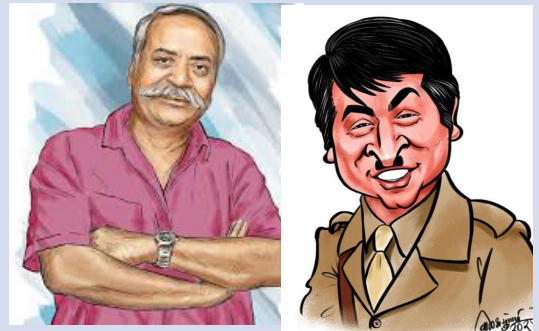
While the AI-based app offers personalised guidance on 1,500 career options, many rural families

Jaipur Bids Farewell to Two Cultural Icons

Jaipur mourned the loss of two eminent personalities, Piyush Pandey and veteran actor Asrani, whose contributions left a lasting imprint on Indian culture and public life. Pandey, widely regarded as the conscience of Indian advertising, redefined storytelling with his deep understanding of people, language, and emotions, shaping iconic campaigns that resonated across generations.

Asrani, celebrated for his impeccable comic timing and memorable roles, enriched Indian cinema with performances that blended humour, warmth, and social commentary.

Their passing marks the end of two remarkable journeys, leaving behind rich legacies that continue to inspire creativity, authenticity, and cultural pride.



share a single phone, and students are barred from carrying mobiles to school. Teachers have welcomed the initiative but questioned the feasibility of enforcing compulsory usage under these constraints.

(Tol, 11.12.25)

City Reclaims Its Streets

Jaipur Municipal Corporation (JMC) and Jaipur Development Authority carried out parallel anti-encroachment drives across the city, clearing roads and freeing govt land. JMC seized 15 canters of goods and imposed ₹77,500 in fines, while JDA reclaimed land worth nearly ₹50 crore.

Drives covered areas including the Walled City, Tonk Road, Pratap Nagar and Kalwar Road. Officials warned violators of strict action against repeat encroachments.

(Tol, 02.12.25)

The City's Pulse on Roads

To ease congestion, JMC will launch a Physical Traffic survey on key city roads. The first survey will begin on Govind Marg, a narrow stretch affected by encroachments and frequent traffic jams.

A joint team involving deputy commissioners from Adarsh Nagar and Malviya Nagar zones has been formed to conduct the survey and suggest measures to improve traffic flow.

(Tol, 29.11.25)

Rajasthan's Voter Roll Goes Digital

Rajasthan has become India's first state to achieve 100 percent digitisation of voter lists under Special Intensive Revision-2026.



CEO Naveen Mahajan said over 97 percent voter mapping is complete, meaning only three percent of voters will need to submit documents.

He credited micro-planning, monitoring and technology platforms, such as ECINET and the BLO app, urging voters to verify details.

(ET, 06.12.25)

Jaipur 3rd Among Road Accidents

Jaipur ranked third among Indian cities for road accident deaths in 2023, with 848 fatalities, NCRB data



shows. Bengaluru and New Delhi ranked first and second.

Rajasthan ranked sixth nationally with 11,932 deaths. Traffic police said awareness drives, enforcement and coordination with civic agencies are underway and expressed hope of reduced fatalities in coming years.

(Tol, 02.10.25)

Jal Mahal Gets a Fresh Shine

JMC launched a large-scale cleaning and beautification drive at Jal Mahal–Man Sagar Lake. Sanitation workers using boats are removing plastic, thermocol and floating waste, with three tractor-trolleys already cleared.

The drive covers both the lake and its embankment. Alongside cleaning, JMC has begun repairing and painting railings along the lakefront to enhance the area's appearance and improve the visitor experience.

(Tol, 06.12.25)

Blocks with a Dream!

The Rajasthan government has launched the Guru Golwalkar Aspirational Block Development scheme to drive holistic and inclusive growth by focusing on one block in each district.

Aligned with the Prime Minister's vision of *Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas*, the scheme will implement innovative programmes across health, education, agriculture, infrastructure, skill development and social welfare to accelerate local development.

(PTI, 24.10.25)

One Song, Many Voices

Jaipur witnessed numerous mass singing events for "Vande Mataram" in November 2025, marking the song's 150th



anniversary, with participation from educational institutes, government bodies, and cultural groups, fostering patriotism through unified renditions at various locations like university grounds and offices.

These events, part of a nationwide commemoration, echoed themes of national pride and unity, highlighting the song's historical significance.

(DB, 08.11.25)

Crackdown to Curb Fatalities

The Rajasthan government has launched a statewide crackdown to address lax road safety and curb the rising number of accidents and fatalities, directing multiple departments to work in coordination.

The drive aims to rein in reckless driving, improve compliance with traffic rules, strengthen emergency response systems, and create greater accountability at the district level to make roads safer across the state.

(Tol, 06.11.25)

A City in 13 Circles

JMC is restructuring into 13 administrative zones, a significant change from its previous setup, with the Local Self-Govt Dept issuing a notification for this revamp that includes redefining wards and merging JMC Greater & Heritage for more efficient, region-focused governance, set to impact upcoming civic polls.

(Tol, 11.11.25)

Vows in Green

In Samode village near Jaipur, young professionals Pooja Malik and Lakshya Pawan Shyam Kaura celebrated a unique, eco-conscious Hindu wedding that rejected dowry and waste.



With family support, the couple planted trees and exchanged symbolic gifts like bonsai, blending tradition with sustainability and global values against the historic backdrop of Samode Palace.

(DP, 09.11.25)

When Streets Remember, Safety Speaks

CUTS International marked the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims with street plays at two prominent locations in Jaipur. The performances paid tribute to lives lost in road accidents while spreading awareness on responsible driving, pedestrian safety and traffic rule compliance.



A key highlight was educating the public about the Good Samaritan Law, reassuring citizens they can help accident victims without legal fear. The initiative drew strong public participation, underscoring that road safety is a shared, collective responsibility.

Justice is a Constitutional Promise: Strengthen It Through ADR

Vijay L. Kelkar* and Pradeep S. Mehta**

With over 52 million cases pending, India's justice system is under strain. Expanding alternative dispute resolution offers a practical path to faster, affordable justice and reduced court backlogs.



India's overburdened courts are a well-known reality. As of July 2025, more than 52.4 million cases were pending across the judicial system — 46 million in subordinate courts, 6.3 million in high courts and nearly 87,000 in the Supreme Court. Adding to this are large numbers of unresolved matters before tribunals and administrative bodies.

Against this backdrop, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) offer one of the most practical pathways to timely justice. While ADR is not a panacea, it can significantly reduce pressure on courts and improve access to dispute resolution.

Yet ADR's reach and effectiveness remain uneven. Many litigants are unaware that mediation or conciliation are viable options. Until recently, enforceability was another concern, as mediated settlements lacked statutory backing unless converted into court decrees. The Mediation Act, 2023 addresses this gap by granting enforceability and confidentiality to mediated outcomes, but its implementation across courts and states has been inconsistent.

India's arbitration experience illustrates how ADR's promise can falter in practice. The *White Industries v. India* case exposed serious enforcement delays. An Australian company, despite securing an arbitral award against an Indian state-owned enterprise, spent nearly a decade trying to enforce it. The matter ultimately reached an international tribunal under the India-Australia Bilateral Investment Treaty, which found that India had failed to provide an "effective means" of enforcing arbitral awards, harming the country's reputation as an arbitration-friendly jurisdiction.

More recently, the Supreme Court's 2024 judgment in *Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd v. Delhi Airport Metro Express Pvt Ltd* revived concerns about excessive judicial intervention. By entertaining a rare curative petition and re-examining the merits of an arbitral award already upheld through multiple stages of litigation, the court blurred the line between limited

judicial review and substantive re-adjudication, weakening finality in arbitration.

Globally, ADR is deeply embedded in justice systems. Courts in the US and UK routinely mandate mediation at early stages of civil disputes, often penalising unreasonable refusal. In the commercial sphere, Singapore and Hong Kong have emerged as leading arbitration hubs, supported by modern laws, strong institutions and minimal court interference. In 2024, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre handled 625 new cases valued at nearly US\$11.9bn, over 90 percent of which were international.

India has made progress but still lags behind such global leaders. Its ADR framework remains fragmented across multiple statutes — the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996; the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987; and the Mediation Act, 2023. By contrast, Singapore's integrated ecosystem, including institutions like the Singapore Mediation Centre, has resolved thousands of cases efficiently, with high settlement rates and rapid timelines.

Bridging this gap requires a multi-pronged approach. The Mediation Act must be fully operationalised through clear rules on confidentiality, limited judicial review and speedy enforcement. Courts should institutionalise early case triage, directing suitable disputes to mediation, while reserving full adjudication for criminal, constitutional and public interest cases. Capacity building, public awareness and professional standards are essential. Technology, especially online dispute resolution, can further expand access, provided it safeguards due process and inclusion.

Moving ADR from the margins to the mainstream will not only unclog courts but also bring the justice system closer to the constitutional promise of accessible, affordable and timely justice for millions.

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Jaipur Traffic Master Plan

Metro Expansion and New Bus Routes in Roadmap for 2055

Jaipur's Traffic Master Plan 2055 charts a long-term mobility roadmap, prioritising metro expansion, 245 km of new bus routes, parking reforms and non-motorised transport to curb congestion and create a sustainable, well-connected urban transport system for the coming decades.



Jaipur, one of India's fastest-growing urban centres, is preparing for the future with an ambitious Traffic Master Plan extending up to the year 2055. A long-term, integrated roadmap has been drawn up to reshape Jaipur's transport system over the next three decades.

The draft Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP), recently presented at the JDA, lays strong emphasis on significantly increasing the share of public transport. The plan assesses projected population growth, vehicle ownership trends and travel demand up to 2055, and proposes a multi-modal transport strategy to meet these needs sustainably.

A central pillar of the CMP is the expansion of the Jaipur Metro network. The draft proposes the development of Phase-2 (Praladpura to Todi Mod), along with new Phase-3 and Phase-4 corridors, eventually creating a 129.55-kilometre metro network by 2055. This expansion aims to connect major residential, commercial and industrial hubs, reducing dependence on private vehicles and easing pressure on arterial roads.

Complementing the metro is a major overhaul of the city's bus

transport system. The plan proposes a new bus route network spanning 245 kilometres, designed to improve last-mile connectivity and expand coverage to underserved areas. To support this, the number of public transport buses is proposed to be increased to 4,050. Additionally, a 214-kilometre feeder route network is planned to seamlessly link metro stations with surrounding neighbourhoods and major corridors, making public transport more accessible and convenient.

Traffic management and parking reforms form another key component of the roadmap. The CMP suggests declaring No Parking Zones and introducing on-street paid parking in the walled city and major commercial markets to discourage congestion caused by indiscriminate parking. To offset this, multi-level parking facilities, including one near the railway station, have been proposed.

Institutional reform is also highlighted as critical for effective implementation. The plan recommends upgrading the existing Traffic Control Board into a Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority. This body would coordinate planning, execution and monitoring among multiple agencies involved in

transport, ensuring cohesive decision-making and reducing overlaps.

To tackle bottlenecks at major intersections, the CMP proposes grade separators at 25 locations. Key proposals include an elevated road from OTS Circle to Jawahar Circle, as well as infrastructure at Todi Mod and Vijay Dwar. The plan also recommends constructing 10 new Road Over and Under Bridges at railway crossings to minimise delays and improve safety.

Importantly, the roadmap promotes non-motorised transport as part of a balanced mobility ecosystem. Proposals include an expanded footpath network, dedicated cycle tracks, and a public e-bike sharing system, particularly around metro stations, to encourage short-distance, eco-friendly travel.

The final CMP report will be presented before Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma. If implemented effectively, the Jaipur Traffic Master Plan 2055 could redefine urban mobility, making the city more connected, sustainable and liveable for future generations.

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