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ROAD SAFETY IN INDIA

Over three decades, CUTS is committed to raise the profile of road safety and advocating for evidence-based interventions to save lives on the roads.

Introduction



- The World Bank reports that road accidents cost the Indian economy between three to five percent of its GDP (Gross Domestic Product) every year.
- According to the World Health Organisation's Global Status Report on Road Safety, in 2018, India is responsible for nearly 11 percent of all road crash deaths worldwide.

Projects



- With support from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, launched a project in 1999 in Jaipur to raise awareness about the importance of helmets for two-wheeler riders and advocate for compulsory helmet usage. Its success led the Rajasthan Government to enforce Section 129 of the then Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, making helmets mandatory for two-wheeler riders in Jaipur.
- Over the years, CUTS has been awarded <u>multiple</u> <u>projects</u> by the MoRTH for implementing road safety programmes in Jaipur. The focus was on Section 134 of the then Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, which is now called a 'Good Samaritan' law with a new Section 134A inserted in the new Act of 2019.
- In collaboration with the Global Road Safety Partnership, since 2016, CUTS is implementing Road Safety Advocacy.

Research



- CUTS study on road safety in 1990 became the basis for the National Road Safety Policy in 1993, seeking to reduce death from road accidents.
- In 1991, CUTS conducted research on the accident situation involving Maruti Vans, leading to the publication of the document 'How Safe Are Our Maruti Vans.' This publication compelled Maruti Udyog Ltd. to modify the van design, enhancing their safety on the roads.
- In 2015, CUTS was involved in a survey on 'Citizen Monitoring of PMGSY Roads', which was entrusted to Public Affairs Centre, Bangalore by the World Bank. https://blogs.worldbank.org/governance/engaging-community-monitoring-road-projects
- In 2017, CUTS with the support of WHO conducted an <u>Institutional and</u> <u>Legislative Assessment</u> of Road Safety at Central Government Level and in four states: Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and West Bengal and two Union Territories: Delhi (National Capital Region) and Puducherry.



Advocacy



CUTS submitted its recommendations to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture, the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha, and the Select Committee of Lok Sabha on the MVA Bill, 2019.

Campaign



CUTS organises <u>road safety week</u> every year by conducting road shows, street plays, poster fixing and conducting drawing and painting competitions for school children in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Partnerships



- Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- MoRTH, Government of India
- Department of Transport, Government of Rajasthan
- Regional Transport Office, Jaipur
- The World Bank Group
- WHO Country Office for India
- Global Road Safety Partnership
- Bloomberg Initiative for Global Road Safety
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and Lund University, Sweden

Nomination



- Nominated to the National Road Safety Council thrice (1993, 1997, 2010) set up by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India and to its High-Level Ministerial Committee to formulate the National Road Safety Policy.
- Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General
 of CUTS, served as the Chairman of a
 Working Group formed by the
 Council on Road Safety. CUTS
 prepared a synthesis report and a
 Comprehensive Plan of Action based
 on the findings of the four Working
 Groups, which was adopted by the
 National Road Safety Council.

Outreach



- ✓ CUTS Dossier on Road Safety
- ✓ Motor Vehicles (Amendment) 2016
- ✓ IEC Material on Road Safety

Future Plan

- Awareness campaign on Safe Auto Components
- Increased collaboration with government agencies to enhance road safety at a systemic level
- Increased focus on research and data analysis
- Continued advocacy and policy influence to promote adoption of best practices in road safety
- Increased partnerships with businesses and industries, particularly those with a significant transportation component
- Collaborate with international organisations to learn from global best practices, exchange knowledge and expertise, and contribute to the development of international road safety standards.

