

Panel Discussion on Reducing Road Traffic Injuries in India

Friday, 15th December 2017 | 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Road crashes are the ninth leading cause of death globally with over 13 lakh people dying on the roads each year across the globe. In 2015, 1.46 lakh people died on Indian roads, according to the World Health Organisation.

The pending [Motor Vehicles \(Amendment\) Bill](#), if passed, will bring India up to WHO recommended best policy practice for helmets and child restraints. However, it does not prescribe a national urban speed limit, or differentiate between blood alcohol levels for young, novice drivers and the general population, which means that the legislative framework will still not match up to the best global road safety standards. Further, some gaps remain in terms of legislation and enforcement, or for user inclusiveness for public transportation and design as recommended in the WHO Save LIVES technical package.

If India were to take a multi-pronged approach to address these gaps and improve safety standards, it could see a significant drop in its road injury and deaths, contributing to the [Sustainable Development Goal](#), target 3.6 of reducing road traffic injury deaths by 50% by 2020.

Agenda

9.30 am - 10.00 am	Registrations
10.00 am - 10.15 am	Welcome & Introduction - Prof. Vivekanand Jha , Executive Director, The George Institute for Global Health India & Prof. Rebecca Ivers , Director Injury Division, The George Institute for Global Health
10.15 am – 10.35 am	Address by Chief Guest - Shri Rajendra Gupta , Advisor to Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare
10.35 am – 10.50 am	Road Safety targets : Status and the Way Forward - Dr Fikru Tullu , WHO India
10.50 am – 11.00 am	Global perspective for the Care of the Injured and next steps to achieve WHO targets for reducing RTI deaths - Dr Manjul Joshipura , Director of the Academy of Traumatology in India
11.00 am – 11.15 am	Tea Break
11.15 am – 11.25 am	Improving Road Injury Data - Dr Jagnoor Jagnoor , Head of India Injury Program, The George Institute for Global Health
11.25 am – 11.35 am	Cost of Trauma Care - Dr Shankar Prinja , School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh
11.35 am – 11.45 am	Effectiveness of legislation and enforcement - Prof. Rebecca Ivers , Director Injury Division, The George Institute for Global Health

11.45 am – 12.45 pm	<p>Panel discussion – Consensus building on next steps, achieving the performance targets for road safety in India - Moderated by Dr Margie Peden, Head of UK Injury Program, The George Institute for Global Health</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. G. Gururaj, Head of Dept. of Epidemiology, NIMHANS - Prof. Robyn Norton, Principal Director, The George Institute for Global Health - Mr. Piyush Tewari, Founder, Save Life Foundation - Dr Rohit Baluja, President, Institute of Road Traffic education - Assoc. Prof. Vinayak V Dixit, Deputy Director, Research Centre for Integrated Transport Innovation, UNSW Sydney - Dr Nobhjit Roy, Advisor-Public Health Planning, National Health Systems Resource Centre, MoHFW - Additional Prof. Amith Gupta, Department of Surgical Disciplines, JPN Apex Trauma Centre, AIIMS - Mr. Deepak Kumar, Chairman, National Highways Authority of India
12.45 pm – 1.00 pm	Open Floor & Closing Remarks