

## WEBINAR SERIES

ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION & AWARENESS –
A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH



#### 3rd Webinar

Role of Stakeholders in Creating Awareness for Road Safety on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Decmber 2022 at 15:30 (hrs) IST

# Sensitizing Stakeholders for Safety of VRUs



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#### Who are VRUs?

- Pedestrian
- Bicycle
- Other non-motorised modes (Cycle Rickshaw, Animal Cart, etc)
- Auto Rickshaw
- E-Rickshaw
- Motorised Two-wheelers

They are vulnerable, because they do not have a steel or fibre-glass shield around them when they are using the road

## Why we need to be concerned about VRUs?

### A wide junction without channelization





#### Pedestrians required to cross wide roads



## Consequence of lack of concern for VRUs

## Road Fatality in India - 2019

**By Types of Road User** 

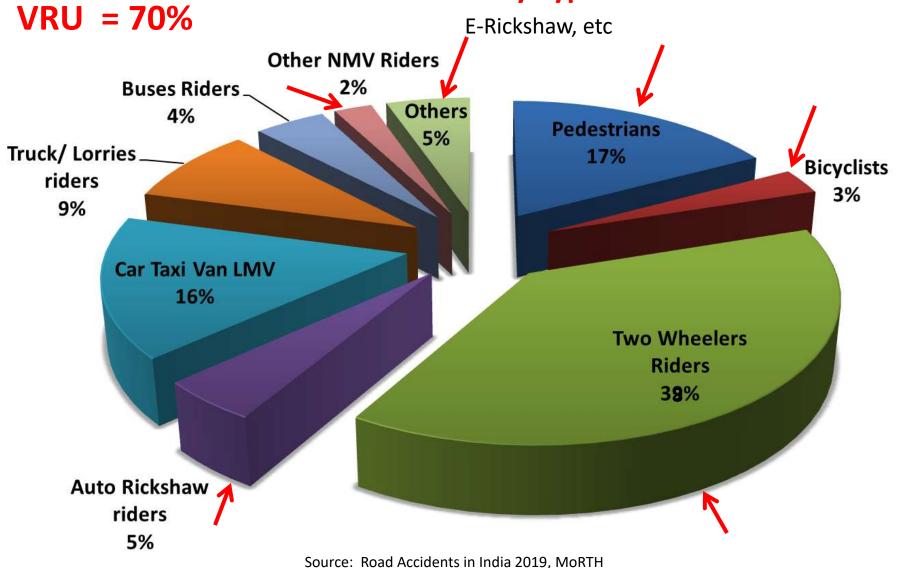


Table 1.6: Number of Accidents and Persons Killed Classified by the type of Impacting
Vehicles (Crime Vehicle)

Crime vehicles	2019		2020		% Change in 2020 over 2019	
	Accidents	Killed	Accidents	Killed	Accidents	Killed
Pedestrian	59,929	25,858	57,763	23,477	-3.6	-9.2
Bicycles	(13.3) 9,400 (2.1)	4,196	(15.8) 9,661 (2.6)	4,276	2.8	1.9
Two-wheelers*	167,184 (37.2)	56,136	158,964 (43.7)	56,873	-4.9	1.3
Auto-Rickshaws	25,714 (5.7)	6,655 (4.4)	17,475 (4.8)	5,034 (3.8)	-32.0	ming -24.4
Cars, Taxis, Vans & LMVs	92,196 (20.5)	23,900 (15.8)	60,986 (16.7)	17,873 Propo	rtion c	f VRI
Trucks/Lorries	37,078 (8.3)	13,532 (9.0)	275 1 511	4414	crease	
Buses	22,887 (5.1)	6,529 (4.3)	(2.7)	(2.3)	of redu	iced
Other Motor Vehicles (including e-rickshaw)	6,799 (1.5)	3,065 (2.0)		Numb Accide	-40.1	-23.0
Others (Animals drawn vehicle, cycle rickshaws, hand	27,815	11,242	20,529	8,869	-26.2	-21.1
carts, & other persons)	(6.2)	(7.4)	(5.6)	(6.7)	-18.5	-12.8

Figures in parentheses are the percentage shares in the total of respective columns

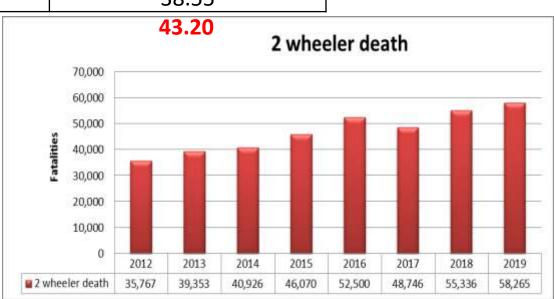
Source: Road Accidents in India 2020, MoRTH, Gol

<sup>\*</sup> Two wheelers include motor cycles, scooters, mopeds & scooty

#### Road Accident Deaths to Two-Wheeler Riders

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Year	2-Wh Road Deaths	% share of total road deaths			
2012	35,767	25.9			
2013	39,353	28.6			
2014	40,926	29.3			
2015	46,070	31.5			
2016	52,500	35.4			
2017	48,746	32.9			
2018	55,336	36.54			
2019	58,265	38.55			

2020 56,873



Source: Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, India, 2019

## Two-Wheelers forcibly take footpath



## Why Should Boys have All the FUN?







## **GLOBAL PLAN**

DECADE OF ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY 2021–2030

Calls for action on:



Multimodal transport & land-use planning



Safe road infrastructure



Safe vehicles



Safe road use



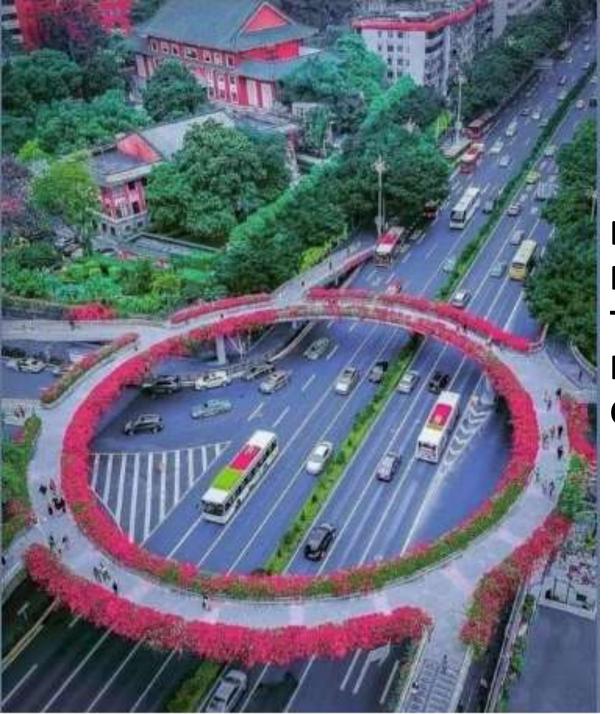
Post-crash response







**Elevated Non-Motorised Traffic Rotary in China** 



Elevated
Pedestrian
Traffic
Rotary in
China





## Tactile ground surface indicators













#### In Conclusion

- Who is to be sensitized?
- No doubt, the road users (VRUs) need to be sensitized – once, twice, ... again and again – But that alone will not solve the problem;
- There is an equally important task of sensitizing or actually building capacity in the planners, designers, policy makers for complete change in their planning/design skills in favour of VRUs;

#### In Conclusion

- The outlook of the Road Authorities and ULBs towards planning & design of road infrastructures must be changed;
- National standards for planning, design & implementation of facilities for VRUs be strictly followed; and new ones to be developed for enhancing safety of VRUs;
- Enforcement of road traffic rules be uniform for all modes including VRUs;
- Enforcement skills and capacity need to be enhanced using technologies.

## Everyone must be safe on road...



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