



Invited Talk

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Presentation Outline



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 - * Economic Benefit Assessment of Black Spot Improvements
- * Education, Awareness Campaign and Emergency Care
- * Overall Outcome of Project iRASTE



Preamble & Significance of the Study

- As per WHO, each year, 1.19 million global road fatalities result from road crashes, mainly affecting individuals aged between 5 to 29. Out of the above, 92 % occur in Low and Middle Income Countries (*LMIC*), despite the above countries have only 60 % of the world's vehicles.
- India has the dubious distinction of accounting for the maximum number of road fatalities *i.e.* 11 % road fatalities



Indian road crash statistics: 2016 to 22



https://www.who.int/teams/social-determinants-ofhealth/safety-and-mobility/decade-of-action-for-road-safety-

About Project iRASTE: A Pilot Study

Achievement of Global Plan is possible

Goal:

Implementation of a holistic Safe Systems Approach for **up to 50 % reduction in road crashes / fatalities** by leveraging AI.



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Vehicle Safety:

Improve safety of Buses through achieving

safe driving behaviors by deploying Advanced Driver

Assistance System (ADAS)



Deployment of AI-Powered Advanced Driver Assistance **IRASTE** System (ADAS) to tackle Road Safety

Camera focused

on read

Vehicle Safety

ADAS + Driver Trainings

Display unit

(audio 📩 visual alerts)

Research has shown that driver alerts provided up to **2 seconds prior** to a risky situation can be life-saving

ADAS^{*} Safety Alerts to Driver

Forward Collision Warning (FCW) Improves driver alertness to forward collision events

Headway Monitoring & Warning (HMW) Helps driver maintain <u>safe distance</u> from the vehicle ahead Pedestrian Collision Warning (PCW) Improves driver alertness to <u>vulnerable</u> road users

Lane Departure Warning (LDW) Promotes lane discipline (use turn indicator before changing lanes)





Infrastructure Safety Blackspots Improvement Plan



Social Awareness City Wide Campaigns



Vehicle Safety: Improve safety of Buses through achieving safe driving behaviors by deploying ADAS







Coverage of ADAS Bus Fleets in Nagpur city

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- **Project: iRASTE** is now India's largest and longest running study on ADAS for commercial vehicles.
- Additionally, operator risk score is tracked monthly and there has been a 31 % reduction in risk score since the start of the study. This represents a major upgrade in driver skilling.
- 1337 drivers of Nagpur Municipal Corporation *(NMC)* including school bus drivers were trained on Defensive Driving coupled with the features of ADAS.
- 207 safety champions were awarded for adherence to ADAS alerts.

Summary of Driver Safety Performance of **IRASTE** Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) Bus Fleets



Further, the incidence of road crashes in ADAS installed buses registered 41 % decline since its full-scale deployment in 2023 covering 200 ADAS buses as compared to 250 non-ADAS installed buses.
*ADAS: Driver display unit of ADAS safety device →



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Mobility Safety: Proactive identification of probable road crash prone locations *i.e. Greyspots*



Mobility Safety: Proactive identification of probable road crash prone locations, *i.e. termed as Greyspots*

GREYSPOTS:

Identification of locations on road network, which have a potential to become Blackspots in the foreseeable future, if no corrective road safety measures are taken at these locations to prevent road crashes

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Model for Greyspot Identification

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Infrastructure Safety:

Improvement of the Black Spots





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*** MoRT&H Protocol for Blackspot was followed as the study done in 2021

- Location wherein either 5 road crashes or 10 fatalities occurred within 500 m distance during the last 3 calendar years identified as a black spot.
- Using the above, Out of the 117 listed road crashes, top 38 Blackspots (8 midblock locations, 30 intersections) in the city identified for devising relevant engineering strategies.

Concerned authority	Count of Blackspots
NH PWD	18
NHAI	3
NMC	5
PWD (State division)	4
World Bank (PWD)	8



Source: FIR data collected from Nagpur Police

[as per Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRT&H) protocol***]





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Details of 38 Blackspots in Nagpur

S. No.	Blackspot location name	Latitude	Longitude	Road section type	
1	8th mile	21.14415	78.97213	Intersection	
2	Auto HUB to Toll Naka	21.15352	79.00419	Intersection	
3	Ayapa Mandir to Gorewada Square	21.18733	79.06241	Mid Block	
4	Campus Intersection (Nagpur University Campus)	21.14911	79.04082	Intersection	
5	Chattrapati Square	21.11083	79.07011	Intersection	
6	Chinchbhavan Square	21.0675	79.05833	intersection	
7	Chikli Square	21.1623	79.14106	Intersection	
8	Dattawadi Square	21.15075	78.99644	Mid Block	
9	Dongargaon	20.98047	79.02711	Mid Block	
10	Dongargaon to Bothali	21.05141	79.05312	Intersection	
11	Gittikhadan to Dinshaw	21.17656	79.05564	Mid Block	
12	Gorewada to Toll Naka	21.18361	79.03417	Intersection	
13	Jinga Bai takli to Zhanda Chowk	21.18761	79.07888	Intersection	
14	Juni Pardi Naka Chowk	21.15139	79.14889	Intersection	
15	Khandghav Turning	21.15621	79.00116	Intersection	
16	Kharbi Chowk	21.12425	79.13848	Intersection	
17	Mhalgi Nagar Square	21.10766	79.11961	Intersection	
18	Mahesh Dhaba	21.04082	79.052	Mid Block	
19	Manewada Square	21.10522	79.10247	Intersection	
20	Maruti Seva Square, Amravati Road	21.15271	79.02068	Intersection	

21	Maruti Seva Square, Kamptee Road	21.18391 79.1169		Intersection	
22	Mayo Square	21.15317	79.09403	Intersection	
23	NEERI Point	21.11933	79.0684	Intersection	
24	New Toll Naka to Toll Naka	21.1864	79.04997	Intersection	
25	Pagalkhana Square to Manakapur Square	21.17908	79.07912	Mid Block	
26	Police Talawe	21.17454	79.07071	Intersection	
27	Prakash High School	21.14944	79.16056	Mid Block	
28	Rajiv Nagar intersection	21.10365	78.99068	Intersection	
29	Ravi Nagar	21.14744	79.0562	Intersection	
30	Shitala Mata Square	21.12194	79.12111	Intersection	
31	Shivanghav Fata	21.08285	79.06251	Intersection	
32	Shrinagar Chowk	21.10771	79.07994	Intersection	
33	Telephone Exchange to C.A road	21.1487	79.12154	Mid Block	
34	Veerghav Square (Omkar Nagar)	21.10549	79.09442	Intersection	
35	Wadhamna	21.14072	78.95026	Intersection	
36	Wadi T point (Dhamna)	21.15287	79.00227	Intersection	
37	Wathoda Square	21.13361	79.14333	Intersection	
38	Zhansi Rani Square (2)	21.14124	79.08029	Intersection	



Improvement of the Blackspots

- Analyzed 117 listed spots from all sources & identified <u>38 Blackspots.</u>
- Detailed Project Report (DPRs) for all the 38 locations were prepared and submitted in September 2022 to the five stakeholders who are manning the Nagpur Metropolitan Region namely, NHAI, NMC, PWD -SR, PWD-NHAI, PWD-WB)
 - 8 Blackspots were identified on priority for implementation of some of the remedial measures.
 - 20 % to 40 % speed reduction were observed with the implementation of Transverse Bar Markings (TBMs) Wadhamna Intersection Blackspot.
- Economic Benefit Cost Assessment was done for 4 locations; Estimates show that 66 % reduction in road crashes & 40 % reduction in <u>fatalities</u> can be achieved if all the recommended measures are implemented.



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Focus Area for Blackspot Improvement & Awareness Programs

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Economic Benefit Assessment of Black Spot Improvements

Methodology:









Benefits of Black Spot Treatment

- The proposed countermeasures were found to be cost effective for the four blackspots conforming to IRC: SP-131 (2022).
- About 60 to 66 percent reduction in the overall road crashes coupled with 40 % reduction in fatalities if the countermeasures are implemented.
- Economic Internal Rate of Return *(EIRR)* was found to be ranging between 54 % 66 % through the analysis period of 5 years A significant return on investment *(ROI)*.
- Even the First Year Rate of Return *(FYRR)* was estimated to be ranging between 1.42 % 2.76 %, which shows that there is bound to be an immediate ROI.



01.0 Study Area: Chattrapathi Shivaji Square



Bird's Eye View



Ground View Before Implementation





01.0 Chattrapathi Shivaji Square (Contd...) A Glimpse of the Design



Ongoing construction Activities as per the Design





Infrastructure Safety (Contd...) 01.0 Chattrapathi Shivaji Square (Contd...)



Before:



- We have been able to reclaim the residual spaces and reducing the pedestrian crossing distance and larger channelizers for vehicles also elongated traffic islands for traffic control.
- Extended the dividers for easier traffic movement at the junction.
- We reclaimed the extra spaces on the sides of the road and turned them into organized parking, cycle track, wider footpaths and green spaces etc.
- Construction of Table top for safer movement of Pedestrians at the Free Left Turns are under progress.



02.0 Study Area: Ajni Square Bird's Eye View



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Ground View Before Implementation





02.0 Ajni Square (Contd...) Infrastructure Safety (Contd...)



Ongoing construction Activities as per the Design





02.0 Ajni Square (Contd...)



Improper traffic and pedestrian movements

- We have been able to reclaim the residual spaces and reducing the pedestrian crossing distance and larger channelizers for vehicles.
- Also Introducing traffic islands for traffic controls.
- We have introduced table top slip lanes for safer left turns. Introducing dividers for easier traffic movement at the junction.
- We reclaimed the extra spaces on the sides of the road and turned them into organized parking, cycle track, wider footpaths, green spaces and public sitting spaces with proper lightings.
- Construction of Table top for safer movement of Pedestrians at the Free Left Turns are under progress.

Infrastructure Safety (Contd..)

After:



03.0 Study Area: Jaiprakash Nagar Square Bird's Eye View



Infrastructure Safety (Contd..)



Ground View Before Implementation





03.0 Jaiprakash Nagar Square (Contd...) A Glimpse of the Design



Ongoing construction Activities as per the Design









03.0 Jaiprakash Nagar Square (Contd...)





Improper traffic and pedestrian movements

- Here too reclaiming the residual spaces and reducing the pedestrian crossing distance and larger channelizers for vehicles has been achieved.
- Re oriented the dividers for easier traffic movement at the junction.
- Provide speed calming premises and Road Signs and Road Markings.
- Reclaimed the extra spaces on the sides of the road and turned them into organized parking, cycle track, wider footpaths and green spaces etc.
- Provided minimum of 40 Lux of Street lighting illumination and recreate public spaces.
- Construction of Table top for safer movement of Pedestrians at the Free Left Turns are under progress.

After:





Nagpur-Amravati National Highway (NH 53): Safety Interventions

Near Wadhamna Intersection: 6 fatalities, 9 Injuries, and 18 Crashes during the last 4 years from 1.1.2019: Hence identified as a Blackspot



Wadhamna Intersection at NH-53, Amravati Rd: Listed as a Black Spot



Horizontal Curved section, 900 m away from the Wadhamna Intersection @ NH 53 @ Surabardi.



Hazard Markings At the Intersection Approach

POP Map Career Nagpur, Maharashtra, India awPJ-PVWP, Nagpur, Maharashtra 440023, India Lat 2113799°

² At the Horizontal Curved Section





Waddhamma Intersection



AWRD (Augmented Wet Reflective Dot Marking System) at the Curve of 270 m radius

Transverse Bar Marking (TBM) Specification

No. of Strips per set	Thickness	Location from Hazardous zone (intersection)
6	5 mm	180 m
6	10 mm	120 m
6	15 mm	80 m
6	20 mm	50 m
9	20 mm	25 m

04.3 Post pilot safety implementations: Reduction in speed with the corresponding TBM thickness



Speed in Kmph

Vahiela Turca	85 th %ile Speed (in Kmph) Pre-Scenario: Towards Amaravati direction		Speed in Kmph <i>(85th percentile)</i> Post Scenario -Towards Amaravati direction					
venicie Type	Near median opening	100 m away from median opening	5mm TBM	10 mm TBM	15 mm TBM	20 mm TBM (6 strips)	20 mm TBM (9 strips)	
2-Wheelers	58	55	45	37	33	38	27	
% reduction	-	-	<i>18.2</i>	32.7	<i>43.1</i>	34.5	<i>53.</i> 4	
Small Cars	67	66	61.0	56	47	50	39	
% reduction	-	-	7.6	15.2	<u>29.9</u>	25.4	41.8	
Big Cars	62	67	60	56	47	55	47	
% reduction	-	-	10.4	16.4	24.2	<i>11.3</i>	24.2	
3-Wheelers	47	40	35	34	26	34	29	
% reduction	-	-	<i>12.5</i>	15.0	44.7	27.7	38.3	
*LCV	53	49	46	42	34	36	22	
% reduction	-	-	6.1	14.3	35.8	32.1	38.5	
**HCV	49	48	47	41	33	33	30	
% reduction	-	-	2.1	14.6	32.7	32.7	38.8	
Bus	64	61	56	52	47	53	47	
% reduction	-	-	8.2	14.8	26.6	17.2	26.6	



04.8 Post pilot safety implementations: Noise Level Studies



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- Pre-pilot safety implementation: Ambient noise level [62-66 dB(A)]
- Post-pilot safety implementation: Noise level increases with increase in TBM thickness

TBM Thickness (mm) and Number of	Pre-pilo implem Ambier Level in	ot safety entation nt Noise (dB(A))	Post-pilot safety implementation Noise Level				e Level in (dB(A))
Rows	Morning	Evening	TW	SC	BC	LCV	HCV	BUS
5mm (6)	62.31	63.15	79	81.45	85.91	85.43	87.79	88.29
% increase	-	-	26.78	30.71	37.87	37.10	<mark>40.89</mark>	<mark>41.69</mark>
10mm(6)	62.31	65.40	83	82.7	85.9	86.41	86.48	88.5
% increase	-	-	33.20	32.72	37.85	38.67	<mark>38.78</mark>	<mark>42.03</mark>
15mm(6)	62.59	65.38	78	81.64	87.13	80.86	90.36	88.05
% increase	-	-	25.18	31.02	39.83	29.77	<mark>45.01</mark>	<mark>41.30</mark>
20 mm(6)	62.90	65.36	78	80.96	83.88	83.85	89.83	91.07
% increase	-	-	25.18	29.93	34.61	34.56	<mark>44.16</mark>	46.15
20mm(9)	62.90	66.20	78	80.22	83.55	83.69	89.12	91.43
% increase	-	-	21.97	27.13	30.87	29.49	<mark>38.21</mark>	<mark>46.73</mark>

IRASTE*The values in brackets i.e. () implies the number of rows / strips of TBMs deployed*

04.9 Post pilot safety implementations: Noise Studies (Contd...)



Speed reduction and the corresponding noise level

Noise levels of different vehicle categories across varying TBM thickness





Social Awareness

Avagat Kara: 30-day comprehensive public awareness program of 500 people in a locality assembled; Each participant took an oath to follow the traffic rules every day & to correct human errors. The program is expected to positive changes in terms of improving their driving behavior near Blackspot / Greyspot Locations.



First Aid Training: Traffic Police Station led community First Aid Training programs to train citizens in basic First Aid to assist accident victims.



Good Samaritan Event: Held successfully on 10th July 2023 with the participation of 2000 attendees from various segments of society. All of them were trained on first aid and took an oath to follow traffic rules.



7/5/2023		M.I.D.C POLICE STATION
20/5/2023		SONEGAON POLICE STATION
22/5/2023		MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA
24/5/2023		KAMTHI POLICE STATION
25/5/2023		AJNI POLICE STATION
25/5/2023		BALTARODI POLICE STATION
28/5/2023	31	JANKI NAGAR MAHILA MANDAL





Trystander Cells: Emergency Care

• Trystander Cells installed at 8 Blackspot Locations

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- Each Cell has a First Aid Box and list of Volunteers (10-15) who can be called for Emergency Care.
- All Volunteers trained on how to handle Emergency situation during Golden Hour Situations

Outcome of Trystander Cells

No of Good No of People No of people Samaritan DATE OF No of Accident Blackspot Location who attended Registered for who are Type of Help provided OPENING victims helped the Inaguration screening available t help 10 MAHESH DHABA 22-Jul-23 62 206 13 Major Accident provided First Aid & Admitted to Hospita 4 77 15 Major Accident provided First Aid & Admitted to Hospita CHINCHBHAVAN 10-Aug-23 152 CHATRAPATI SQUARE 28-Aug-23 55 272 17 7 Minor Accidents Provided First Aid Only. 3 Minor Accidents And 2 Major Accidents where 5 58 280 14 Admitted to Hospital SHRINAGAR SQUARE 28-Nov-23 73 230 15 OMKAR NAGAR 10-Nov-23 0 78 280 14 MANEWADA SQUARE 24-Nov-23 0 MAHALGII NAGAR SQUARE 82 250 17 10-Nov-23 Minor Accidents Provided First Aid . And One was 4 13 Admitted to Hospital WATHODA SQUARE 05-Nov-23 68 180 **Outcome of Trystander cells** 12 10 10 No. of people helped 8 6 4 2

MANEWADA Since Aug 2023, Trystander Cells in these 8 Blackspot Locations attended 31 road crash victims which happened in the vicinity of the identified Black Spots / Grey Spots of Nagpur roads. 33

OMKAR NAGAR

WATHODA

MALGI NAGAR

SOUARE

SHRINAGAR

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MAHESH DHABA CHINCHBHAVAN

Project: iRASTE Dashboard



https://inaix.iiit.ac.in/nagpur-iraste/dashboard

Blackspots

Blackspots are the locations whererin either 5 road crashes or 10 fatalities were occured within last 3 calendar years. Project iRASTE team utilized a three year period of road crash data extending from year 2018 to 2020 as per MoRT&H Protocol, 2015. and identified 38 blackspots that includes 28 intersection locations and 10 midblock locations. Hover on each of the locations and click links to know more details about the blackspots.

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Overall Summary of iRASTE: Nagpur and Way Forward



• Vehicle Safety:

- 250 vehicles equipped with CAS devices; 1340 drivers trained in Defensive driving & ADAS spread over 4 training programs
- ✓ **90**% of drivers in ADAS-enabled buses have shown sustained improvement in safe driving behavior.
- 41 % reduction in road crashes observed in the lead operator (Hansa Travels)

• Mobility Analysis:

- Identified <u>19 Greyspots</u> *i.e. Potential future blackspots* based on AI & data insights and given remedial measures
- Meeting with DCP Traffic sensitizing them for enhancement

Infrastructure Safety:

- ✓ All the 38 DPRs submitted in September, 2022 and round table chaired by Commissioner, NMC was held in June, 2023.
- ✓ Before and After Videos for 2 spots, Economic Impact Assessments for 4 spots for showcasing to stakeholders.
- Implementation of the remedial measures are in progress at 3 locations plus partial implementation at Waddhammna Intersection

Awareness:

- ✓ Eye camp & spectacle distribution conducted for 600 NMC drivers
- ✓ Completed Pilot awareness programs at Greyspot and Blackspot.
- ✓ Sustained Social Media Campaign

• iRASTE: Telangana

- ✓ 200 plus buses ADAS equipped + 10 buses DMS equipped: Final report submitted in May 2024
- ✓ Four driver training programs imparted
- ✓ Focus on insights for driving behaviour on highways & ADAS + Driver Monitoring System (DMS) based insights for "near miss road crashes"





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Project **BRASTE**

Intelligent Solutions for Road Safety through Technology & Engineering

> A Mission to Reimagine Road Safety with the Predictive Power of AI