



Road Safety in Bhutan



Bhutan

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Location of Bhutan





Introduction

- ✓ Location: China and India
- ✓ Government: Constitutional Monarchy
- ✓ Population : 786,676
- ✓ Area: 38,394 km²
- ✓ Forest cover: 90% bio-diversity hot spot
- ✓ Altitude: 90m -7000m asl
- ✓ Main engine of growth: Hydro power/tourism
- ✓ Bhutan recommended to graduate LDCs in 2021 United Nations Committee for Development Policy (CPD)



Roads in Bhutan

- ✓ Road Length: 175 km (1961) to 11,200 km (2017) *source: DoR, MoWHS*
- ✓ Today's road network: 11,177 km (express way-6.2) NH-2,560 km, District roads 1,504 km, Farm roads-5,351 km, access roads - 1,359 km and urban roads -403 km)
- ✓ Priority is connectivity



Motor vehicle

- ✓ Total number of motor vehicle: 92,719
- ✓ Number of D/License: 120,923
- ✓ Number of vehicle accident: 747 in a year
- ✓ Number of deaths: 86 in a year
- ✓ Number of injuries: 326 in a year



Challenges

- ✓ Steady growth in number of motorist/road users
- ✓ Growing number of motorist coming in conflict with law
- ✓ Stuck in old ways and drivers inconsiderate to other road users
- ✓ Inadequate budget allocated for road users education
- ✓ Polluting (transport sector is highest green house gas emitter)
- ✓ Congestion (a green traffic jam is still a traffic jam)
- ✓ Uneven distribution of public transport services (Rural-Urban)
- ✓ Road Engineering (Design/improving of existing roads/vision/
placing of adequate/relevant traffic signs and symbols)
- ✓ No capacity to conduct road safety auditing



Road Safety & Transport Authority (RSTA)

Objective/mandate

To provide and develop safe, reliable, efficient, cost effective, inclusive and environment friendly transport services in support of strategies for socio economic development of the country.

- ❖ RSTA was established in 1997
- ❖ RST-Act/regulation 1999 (under review)



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Thank you