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Pedestrians account for one-third road fatalities

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HYDERABAD: Over 600 accidents were recorded in the Hyderabad police commissionerate limits alone till March this year, according to data provided by the Hyderabad traffic police.

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At least, 63 people died in 614 road accidents, while 632 people suffered injuries. Sixty-one cases have been booked against motorists for causing death by rash and negligent driving between January and March, while 42 were booked for causing grievous injuries. Till Marchend, 511cases have also been booked for causing hurt.

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Analysis of the data shows pedestrians account for nearly one-third, 20 of 63, of the fatalities. In the past five years, 666 pedestrians have lost their lives in fatal mishaps in Hyderabad police commissionerate limits alone.

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Data provided by the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) reveals that 176 licences have been cancelled by authorities for accident cases, where fatalities were recorded, between January 2017 and February 2018. At least 47 licences have been cancelled in the first two months of this year alone for rash driving.

Road safety experts point to lack of proper enforcement as the prime reason for the high number of accidents in the city.

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“There was no significant dip in the number of road accidents in the city over the past three years. One major point of concern is the huge number of vehicles plying without undergoing fitness checks, which check the condition of the vehicle’s brakes, tyres, headlights and mirrors. Fitness certificates must be renewed regularly,” Vinod K Kanumala, CEO of the Indian Federation of Road Safety, said.

The latest CAG report also pointed out that over 20,163 vehicles were currently plying without valid fitness certificates across the state and pose a serious threat to 'public safety'. "Vehicles were plying without fitness certificates (FCs) due to lack of alerts in the system and failure of the department to ensure renewal of FCs," it added.