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**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso of the Constitution of India, the Governor, Tripura is pleased to hereby notify the State Road Safety Policy (SRSP) to improve the road safety activities in the State.

By order of the Governor,



(Sriram Tarantikanti)

Principal Secretary to the  
Government of Tripura

**Copy to for kind information :**

1. Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor, Government of Tripura.
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8. Secretary, Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety, New Delhi.
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10. All Head of the Departments, Governemnt of Tripura.
11. Accountant General (Audit), Tripura.
12. The Joint Transport Commissioner, Tripura, Agartala.
13. All Members of State Road Safety Council .
14. The District Transport Officer, North/South/Gomati/Sepahijala/ Unokoti /Dhalai/ Khowai District.
15. All Members of State Road Safety Committee.
16. All Members of Lead Agency on Road Safety.

**Copy also to :** The Manager, Tripura Government Press with request for publicaiton in the next issue of State Gazette.

# **State Road Safety Policy**

## **Government of Tripura**

The Government of India, based on the recommendations of Sunder Committee, notified the National Road Safety Policy that outlines the policy initiatives to be framed/ taken by the Government of India to improve the road safety activities in the country.

This policy provides the basis for action to be taken jointly by the Government of Tripura and its non-governmental partners with consideration of the following issues:

- a. Raise awareness and create mutual understanding among one and all about issues relating to Road Safety
- b. Articulate principles that justify and guide action
- c. Generate a general consensus on the actions to be undertaken and provide a framework for action
- d. Define institutional responsibilities and mechanisms of coordination
- e. Secure or raise commitment from all stakeholders
- f. Monitor progress and effectiveness of strategies

The Committee on Road Safety (CoRS) Constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court advised that each State also formulate a State Road Safety Policy. Based on the recommendation of the State Road Safety Council (SRSC), which approved the formulation of State Road Safety Policy (SRSP) on the lines of National Road Safety Policy, the State Government hereby notifies the **State Road Safety Policy**.

### **I. Preamble:**

The Government of Tripura is deeply concerned about the number of road accidents, injuries and fatalities in recent years. It recognizes that road accidents have now become a major public health issue and the victims are mainly the poor and vulnerable road users. The topography of Tripura makes it that much challenging and requires closer monitoring among all stakeholders towards a common direction.

2. The Government of Tripura further recognizes that as road accidents involve roads, motor vehicles as also the human beings, road safety needs to be addressed

on a holistic basis. It also recognized that Road Safety is not the responsibility of just the Government but it is also the duty of every citizen in the State to improve the road safety through better driving habits, in rendering timely help to victims and good co-ordination among various stakeholders. Likewise, the Pre-eminent role of Government is no doubt recognized and the primary initiative falls on it. At the Government level, it is the responsibility of all departments, more particularly Transport, Police, PWD, Health and Education Departments.

3. In the light of this, the Government of Tripura, through this State Road Safety Policy, states its commitment to bring about a significant reduction in mortality and morbidity resulting from road accidents.

## **II. Policy Statement :**

In order to achieve a significant improvement in road safety, the Government of Tripura is committed to :

### **(i) Raise Awareness about Road Safety Issues :**

The Government would increase its efforts to promote awareness about the various aspects of road safety, the social and economic implications of road accidents and what needs to be done to curb the rising menace of road accidents. This would inter alia include adherence to various traffic laws in force on over speeding, seat belt wearing, helmet wearing, avoidance of drunken driving, usage of mobile phones while driving etc and also good practices such as appropriate parking, have discipline, care for pedestrians etc. This would enable and empower the different stakeholders to play a meaningful role in promoting road safety.

### **(ii) Establish a Road Safety Information Database :**

The Government will establish a system for data collection, transmission and analysis. A State Road Safety Information System will be established for providing continuity and policy guidelines to this activity. It will also put in place suitable applications that can be used at the field level, at the same time, ensuring seamless dataflow.

### **(iii) Ensure Safer Road Infrastructure :**

The Government will take measures to review standards

pertaining to safety in the design of rural and urban roads in the State. It would endeavour bring under a common framework matters relating to construction and maintenance of road infrastructure. It will leverage work done elsewhere in the National and International platform on different dimensions pertaining to Road infrastructure including establishment of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)

**(iv) Safer Vehicles :**

The Government will implement all measures that are prescribed to make vehicles safe and will take punitive action against those violating the same.

**(v) Safer Drivers :**

The Government will strengthen the system of driver licensing and training to improve the competence and capability of drivers. At the same time, it will take measures to punish erring driver through various provisions available under the act and rules.

To this effect, the Government will also take up study on the comparative effectiveness of driver education and training programmes. In recognizing that young drivers face collision risks, efforts will be taken to identify the best driver education, training and behavior-change interventions for learner and novice drivers.

**(vi) Safety of Vulnerable Road Users :**

The design and construction of all road facilities (rural and urban) will take into account the needs of non-motorized transport and the vulnerable and physically challenged in an appropriate manner. The Government will seek to disseminate 'best practices' in this regard to town planners, architects, and highway and traffic engineers.

**(vii) Road Traffic Safety Education and Training :**

Road safety knowledge and awareness will be created amongst the population through education, training and publicity campaigns. Road safety education will also focus on school children and college going students, while road safety publicity campaigns will be used to propagate good road safety practices among the community. It would also utilize

the services of the existing formal and informal set ups such as schools, collages, training institutes, motor driving schools, motor stands, NGOs and bodies such as various trade and worker association.

The Government will encourage all professionals associated with road design, road construction, road network management, traffic management and law enforcement to attain adequate knowledge of road safety issues.

**(viii) Enforcement of Safety Laws :**

The Government will take appropriate measures to strengthen and improve the quality of enforcement in order to ensure effective and uniform implementation of safety laws. The Government will establish and strengthen highway Patrolling on National and State Highways with appropriate mechanism of monitories using technology.

**ix) Emergency Medical Services for Road Accidents :**

The Government will strive to ensure that all persons involved in road accidents benefit from speedy and effective trauma care and management. The essential functions of such a service would include the provision of rescue operation and administration of first aid at the site of an accident and the transport of the victim from accident site to nearby hospital. Hospitals alongside the National Highways and State Highways would be adequately equipped to provide for trauma care and rehabilitation. A common helpline will be established which will facilitate information flow that will speed up such rescue operations.

**(x) HRD & Research for Road Safety :**

The Government will encourage increased activity in programmes of road safety research by identifying priority areas, support projects in those areas and leverage works done by various centers of excellence and academic institutions in the area of Road Safety. The Government will facilitate dissemination of the results of these works and identified examples of good practices through publication, training, conferences, workshops and websites. It will coordinate with National and State level academic institutes as well as professional bodies engaged in Road Transport and Road Safety.

**(xi) Strengthening Enabling Legal, Institutional and Financial Environment for Road Safety :**

The Government will take appropriate measures to ensure that the required legal, institutional and financial environment for road safety are further strengthened and a mechanism for effective coordination of various stakeholders is put in place. Apart from providing suitable support through the activities of the Stakeholders departments, a road safety fund will be established that would augment of initiatives in this direction.

**III. Implementation Strategy :**

The Government will implement Road Safety activities through a Lead Agency constituted for this purpose. A State Committee will be constituted to oversee the work of the Lead Agency and will evolve effective strategies for implementation of the Road Safety Policy. The State Road Safety Council shall guide and suggest policy measures to be taken up in the area of Road Safety.



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