



# **INDIA'S ROAD ACCIDENTS**

## **2023-2024:**

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# THE GRIM NUMBERS: ROAD ACCIDENTS & FATALITIES IN INDIA

## 2023: Record High

4.80 lakh accidents, 1.73 lakh deaths (highest since 2005)

## 2024 (Provisional)

4.73 lakh accidents, 1.70 lakh deaths (West Bengal data pending)

## Surpassing 2023

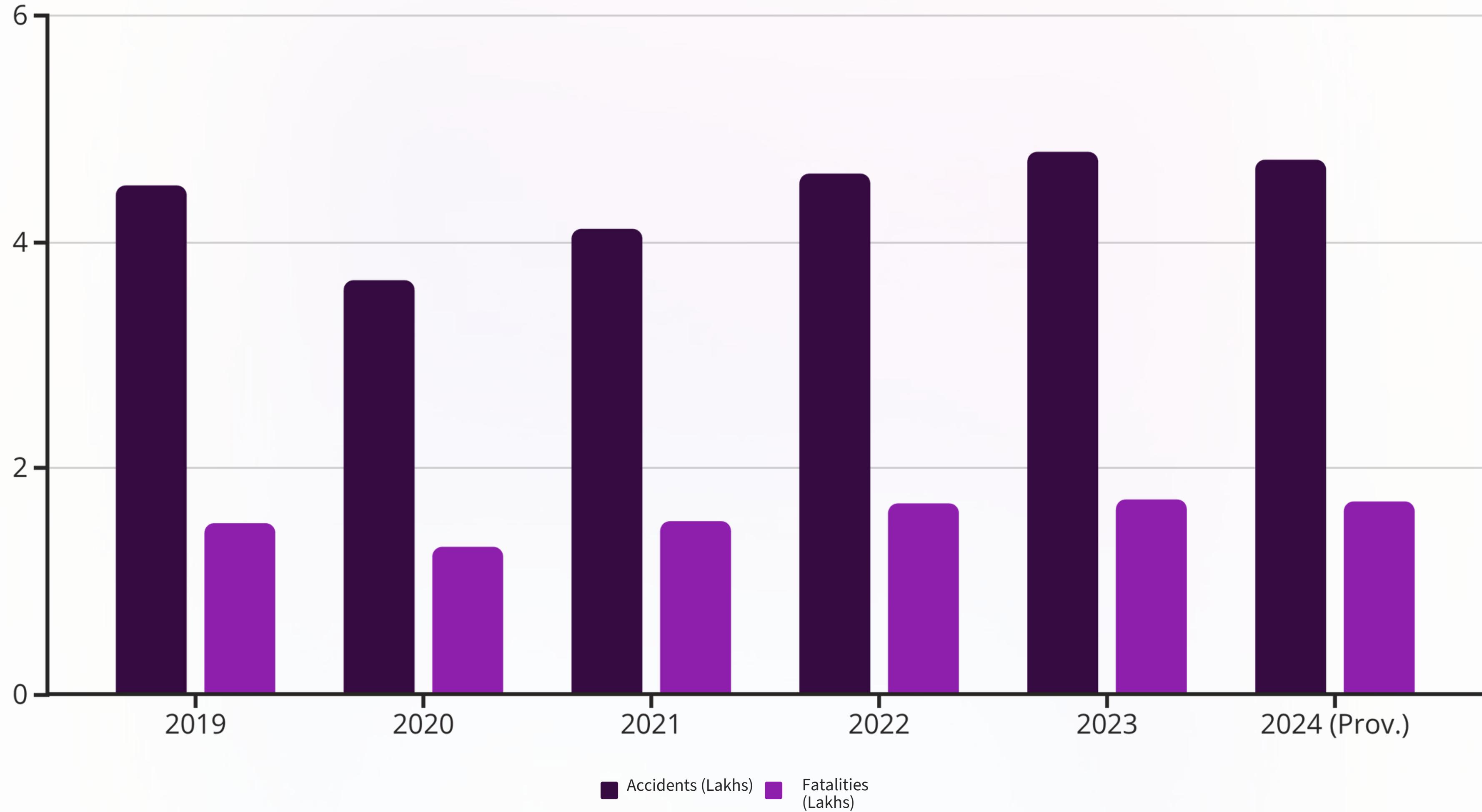
Including West Bengal, 2024 fatalities likely to exceed previous record

## Daily Toll

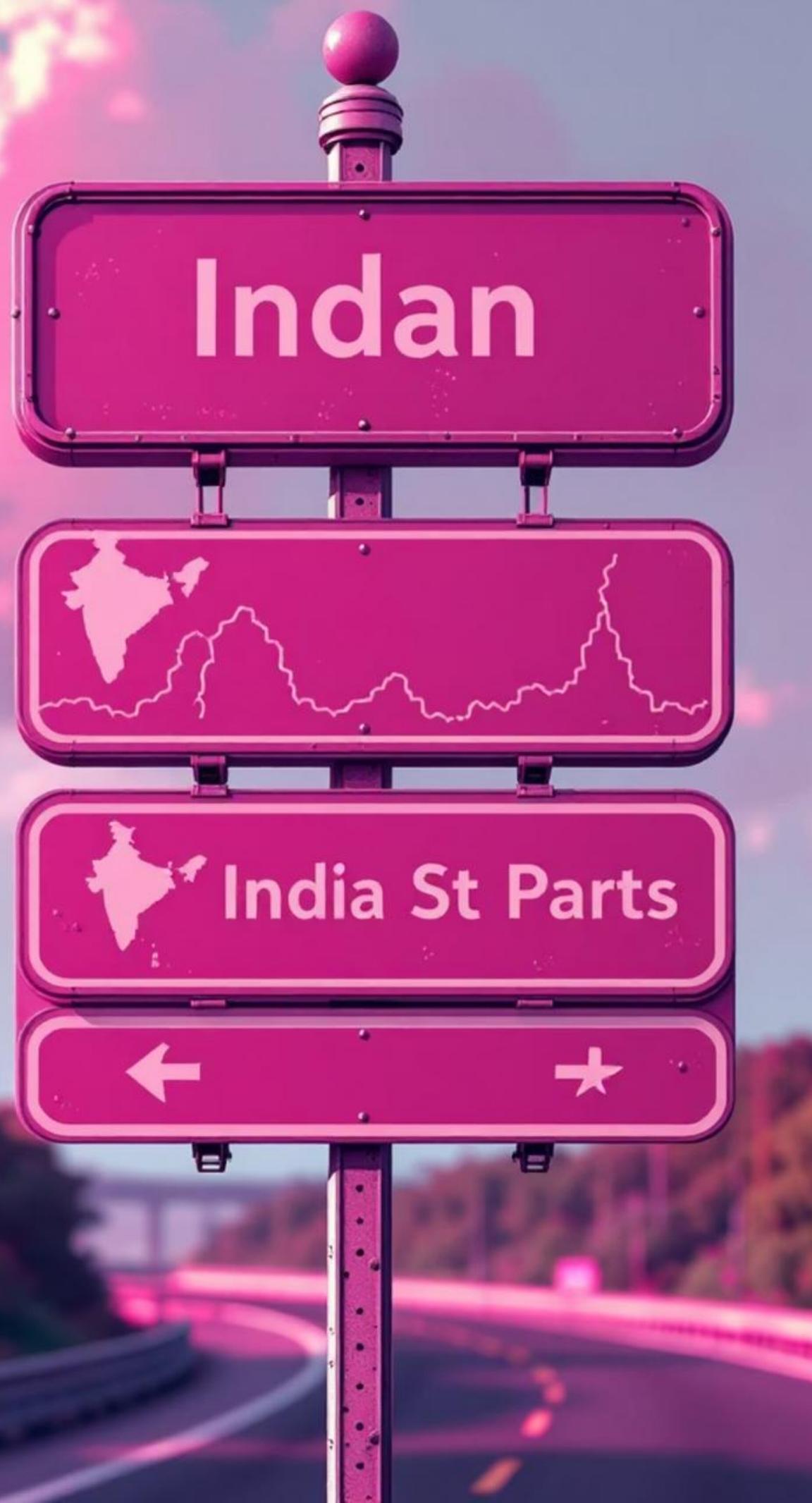
**~474 deaths daily** in 2023, one every three minutes



# YEARLY ROAD ACCIDENTS & FATALITIES IN INDIA (2019-2024)



■ Accidents (Lakhs) ■ Fatalities (Lakhs)

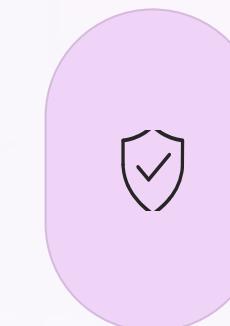


# STATE-LEVEL CONTRASTS: WINNERS AND LOSERS IN ROAD SAFETY



## Uttar Pradesh: Deadliest

24,118 deaths in 2024; 1 death every 2 crashes.



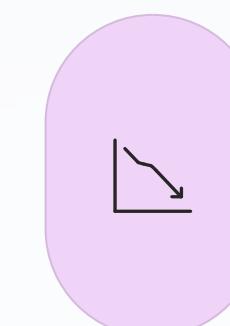
## Kerala: Lowest Severity

1 death per 13 accidents; fatalities reduced from 4,080 (2023) to 3,846 (2024).



## Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab

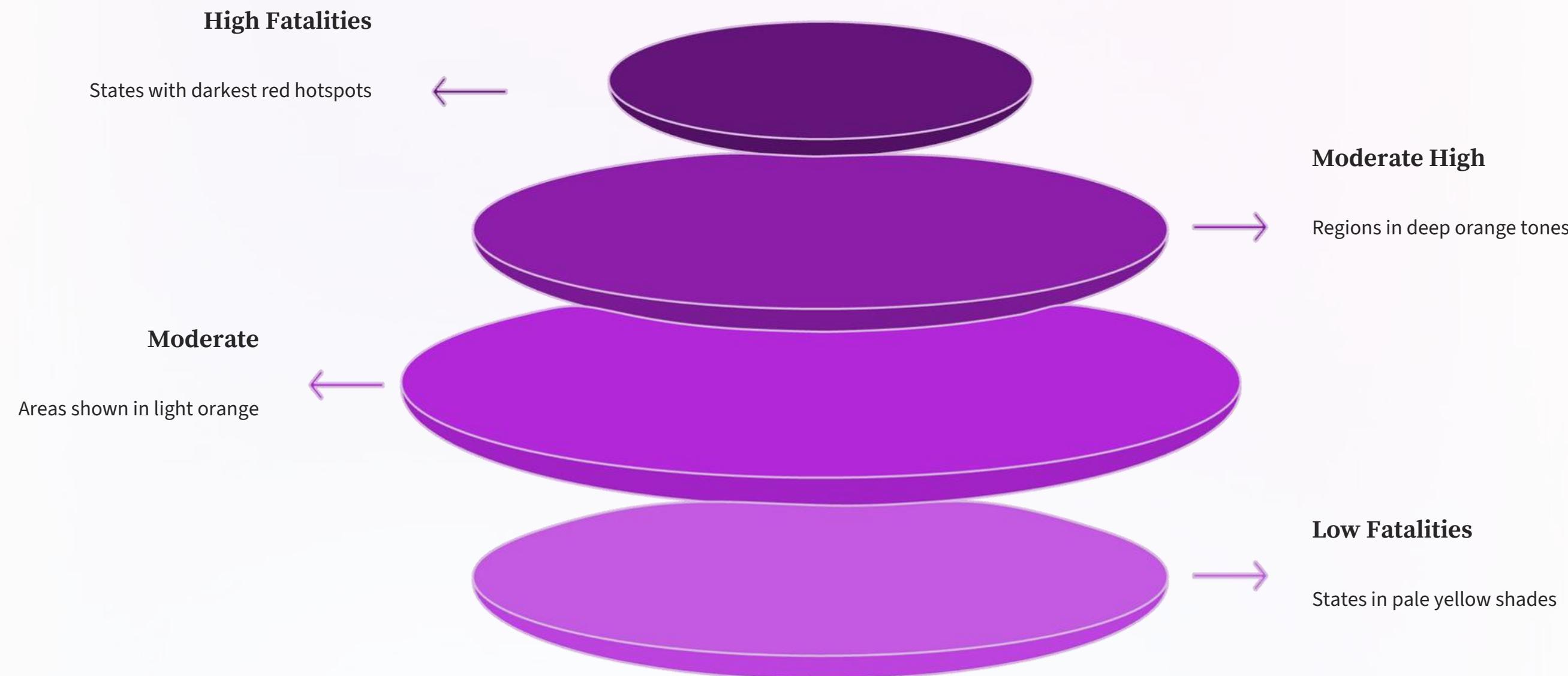
Decline in both accidents and fatalities in 2024.



## Nagaland: Dramatic Drop

Accidents decreased from 303 (2023) to 129 (2024).

# ROAD ACCIDENT FATALITIES BY STATE (2024 PROVISIONAL)



This map visually emphasizes regional disparities, highlighting states with high fatality rates in darker shades.

# THE HUMAN COST: WHO IS DYING AND WHY?

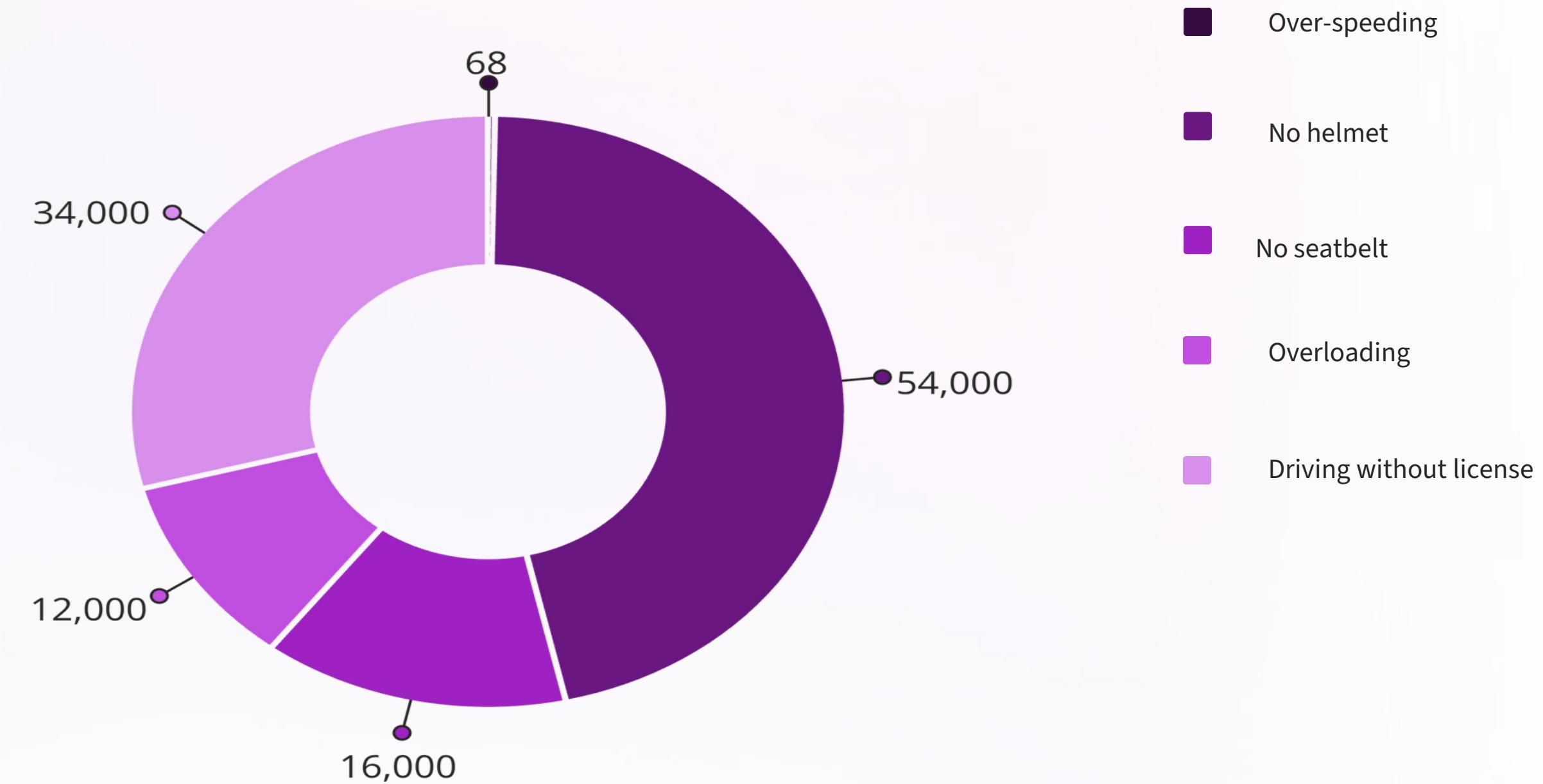


- 66% victims aged 18-45; 85% male
- Two-wheelers: 44.8% of deaths



- Pedestrians: ~35,000 deaths in 2023
- Children under 18: ~10,000 deaths annually

# CAUSES OF ROAD ACCIDENT DEATHS (2023)



Over-speeding remains the primary cause, contributing to a vast majority of road accident deaths.

# **INFRASTRUCTURE & ENFORCEMENT: THE UNDERLYING CRISIS**

## **Poor Road Engineering**

59 major deficiencies on national highways reported since 2019.

## **Unrectified Black Spots**

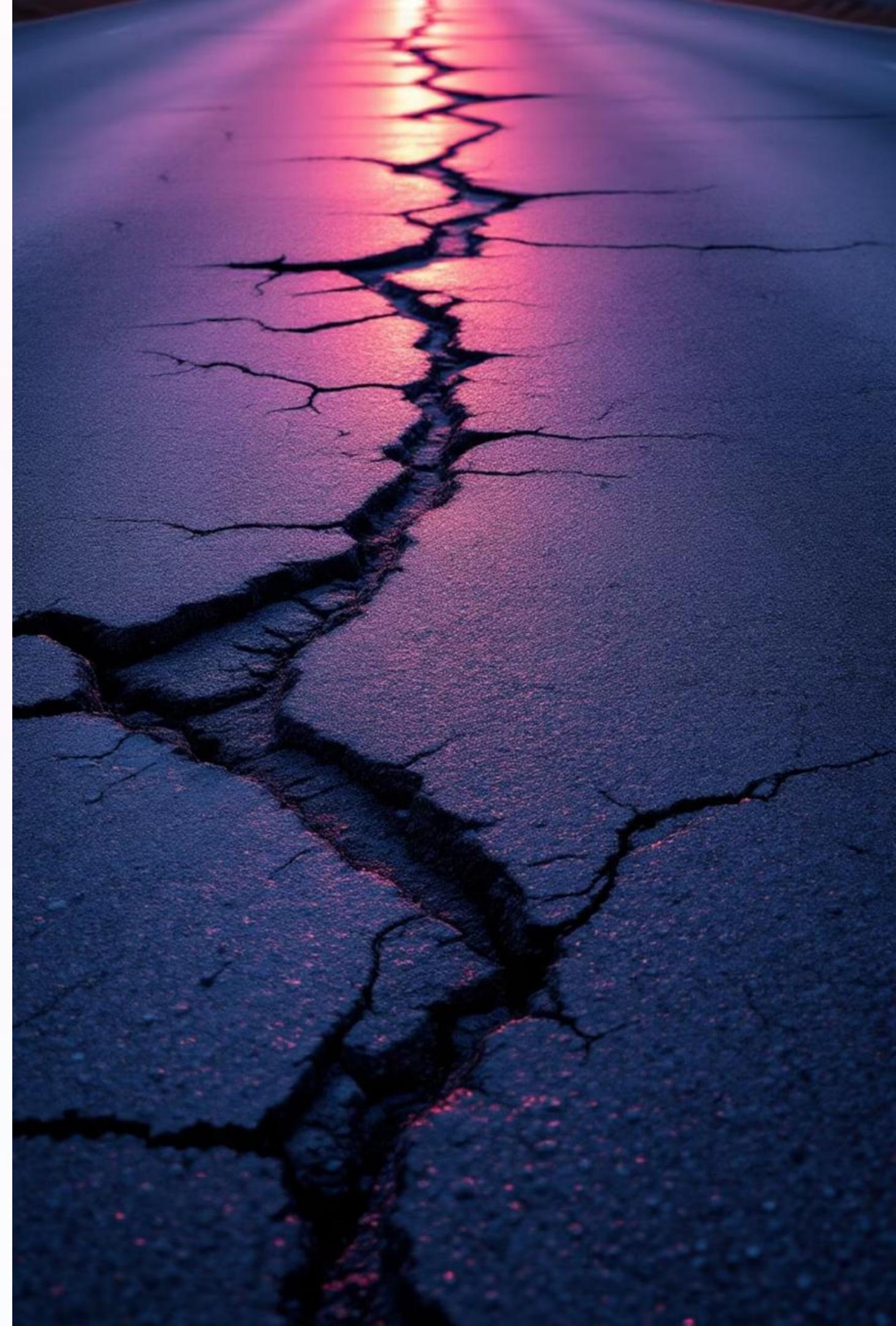
Only 5,036 of 13,795 identified black spots have been addressed.

## **Weak Enforcement**

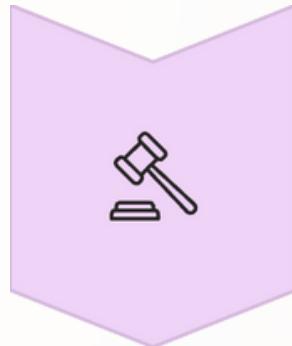
Human behavior and lax enforcement cited as major causes by Minister Nitin Gadkari.

## **Economic Cost**

Road crashes cost India approximately **3% of GDP annually**.



# THE ROAD AHEAD: URGENT ACTIONS FOR SAVING LIVES



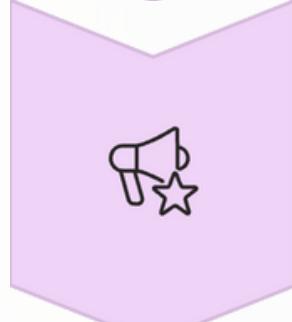
## Stricter Enforcement

Negative points system, tougher licensing norms.



## State Success Stories

Replicate focused efforts from successful states.



## Awareness & Upgrades

Public campaigns and crucial infrastructure improvements.



## Collective Responsibility

Aim to halve road deaths by 2030.

"Every minute counts: safer roads, safer lives for India's future"



# CONCLUSION

Every decision, every action, shapes the future of road safety in India. Let's build a path to zero fatalities.