# Enhancing Road Safety with Real-Time Helmet Detection and E-Challan Issuance using YOLO and OCR

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Abstract— This study proposes an integrated system combining Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and YOLO (You Only Look Once) for enforcing helmet laws and improving traffic safety. A user-friendly PyQT GUI facilitates vehicle registration, creating an organized CSV database for future reference. YOLOv5, an advanced object detection algorithm, identifies key elements like motorcycles, helmets, and number plates from input images. The primary objective is detecting motorcyclists without helmets, followed by OCR extraction of text from license plates. The extracted text is compared with registered bike information in the CSV file, generating echallans and fines for matches. Automatic email notifications ensure timely communication and compliance with traffic regulations. The system's implementation not only aids helmet enforcement but also acts as a deterrent for future violations, fostering a safer driving environment. With scalability and practicality, this approach can integrate seamlessly into existing traffic control systems, leveraging AI technologies like YOLOv5 and OCR for effective problem-solving and enhanced road

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Road safety is still a major global concern, and the rising number of incidents emphasizes the need for creative solutions to reduce risks and improve adherence to traffic laws. In order to ensure that motorcycle riders wear helmets, a comprehensive method is introduced in this study that addresses a particular issue of road safety [4]. The solution creates a sophisticated framework for helmet usage enforcement by combining state-of-the-art technologies such as optical character recognition (OCR) with the extraction of

text and YOLO (You Only Look Once) for immediate-time object recognition. The project starts with an easy-to-use PyQT GUI that offers a simple interface for vehicle owners to register their vehicles. A CSV file contains the registered owner's details, which are necessary for later identification and to create an organized database.

The system's core functionality is its real-time image analysis using the cutting-edge object detection algorithm YOLOv5 [6]. This allows the system to recognize number plates, helmets, and motorcycles with remarkably high accuracy.

One of the main goals of the program is to identify situations in which motorcyclists fail to wear helmets. In these situations, OCR is used to retrieve text from a cropped license plate, giving the bike a distinctive identity [12]. Next, the retrieved text is cross-referenced with the CSV file's registered bike details. When a match is discovered, an electronic traffic ticket, or e-challan, along with the associated fine, is automatically generated. Effective communication between the system and the violators is one of its unique features. Penalties are immediately emailed to the registered e-mail addresses of the individual bike owners, expediting the notice procedure and guaranteeing prompt awareness [10]. This not only makes it easier to police traffic laws quickly, but it also promotes compliance by using technology to subtly deliver consequences. This solution, which incorporates cutting-edge technologies, not only resolves the pressing issue of helmet compliance but also establishes a standard for the more widespread application of intelligent technology in traffic management. The scalability of the suggested method is promising, indicating the possibility of its incorporation into current traffic management systems for increased influence [1]. By using cutting-edge technologies to mandate the use of helmets, this project essentially seeks to support the overall objective of highway security by promoting a safer driving environment for everyone.

### II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Reference [1] presents a study on the application of machine learning techniques for helmet detection, specifically focusing on the use of neural networks and object detection algorithms to identify motorcycle riders not wearing helmets. The research explores the development of a cost-effective system for assisting personnel in enforcing helmet-wearing regulations, with a particular emphasis on the utilization of the YOLO algorithm and Transfer Learning technique. The study aims to provide a reliable method for detecting helmet violations and discusses the potential integration of this technology with autonomous systems for enhanced road safety measures. By incorporating these details into the literature review, researchers can provide a comprehensive overview of the study's scope, methodology, and key findings related to helmet detection using machine learning techniques.

The number of motorcycle accidents has increased dramatically over time in many different nations. A number of societal and economic variables are contributing to the rising popularity of this kind of vehicle. Despite being the primary piece of safety gear for motorcycle riders, many do not wear helmets. A motorcycle accident might be lethal if the rider is not wearing a helmet. This paper seeks to describe and provide illustrations for an automatic motorcycle detection and classification system on public highways, as well as a system for automatically identifying motorcycle riders who are not wearing helmets. To address this, a hybrid description for feature extraction is suggested, drawing inspiration from the Hough transform, local binary pattern, and histograms of oriented gradient descriptors. Camera-captured photographs of traffic were used. A classification accuracy rating of 0.9467 was the best outcome [2].

In order to protect motorcycle riders on the road, it is now required to identify those who wear helmets and those who do not. However, it becomes very difficult to identify them effectively because of many constraints like low video resolution, occlusion, light, and other variable characteristics. This paper offers a convolutional neural network (also known as CNN)-based method for automatic recognition of motorcyclists wearing and not wearing helmets. Over the last few years, significant progress has been made in deep learning models, which have significantly enhanced object detection performance. YOLOv2, which integrates object detection and classification into a single architecture, is one such model. Here, it employs YOLOv2 at two distinct stages in succession to increase the accuracy of helmet recognition. This model can identify every class in the COCO dataset because it was trained on it. To improve the reliability of helmet identification in an input image, the suggested method uses person-class detection rather than motorcycle detection. Using collection of helmeted photographs as training material, the second YOLOv2 stage receives the cropped pictures of the recognized individuals. OpenALPR is used to process the non-helmeted photos one more time in order to extract the license plate. It employs two distinct datasets, the COCO and helmet datasets, in the suggested methodology. This paper evaluated the effectiveness of the method using a variety of helmeted and non-helmeted photos. According to experimental results, the suggested solution outperforms other current methods with a helmet detection accuracy of 94.70% [31].

The Public Transportation Planning System represents a digital revolution in urban transportation services for medium-sized Colombian communities with populations ranging from 200,000 to 600,000. Many cities in Colombia have not begun to develop urban public transportation systems, which has led to an increase in illegal motorcycle taxis and an increase in traffic accidents. The primary means of regulating motorcycle taxis that operate illegally is to impose transit fines on their drivers. In medium-sized cities, transportation police have multiple control stations from which to issue such fines. In this post, it describes the development of a mobile application designed to identify three categories of transit violations commonly perpetrated by motorbike taxi drivers. This program is meant to serve as a tool for transit police officers to discourage the usage of motorcycle taxis. The smartphone application records the date, time, motorcycle plate number, and photo when it notices a potential infraction involving transportation. The application then produces a support document for the violations of the transit system that the transit policeman will issue. Using this smartphone application, conducted an experiment in Valledupar, Colombia. Forty potential transit violations were recorded by the smartphone application [4].

The government has made riding a motorcycle without a helmet illegal in the previous few years. The current method, which is based on video surveillance, works well, but it needs a lot of human intervention, which degrades with time and introduces bias. Therefore, automating this process is ideal. This study offers a real-time surveillance video technique to automate the detection of helmet-less motorcyclists. Using background subtraction, the suggested method first identifies the motorcycle using the surveillance footage. Next, it uses a neural network and first- and second-order derivative edge detection algorithms to classify objects as helmets or nonhelmets. Following detection, if riders are discovered to be helmet-less, the system will use optical character recognition (OCR) and neural networks to track down the riders' license plates. A copy of the challan will then be prepared and sent via SMS to the offending rider [5].

The need for road security measures has grown more apparent in response to the rising incidence of motorcycle accidents, especially in nations like India, where over 37 million people depend on two-wheelers. A bespoke object detection model that can effectively identify motorbike riders has been developed using a machine learning-based method in order to address this challenge. The device is intended to identify situations in which motorcyclists are not donning helmets automatically. The device additionally obtains the motorcycle's license plate information when it detects a rider who is not wearing a helmet. With the use of cameras or

CCTV cameras, this all-inclusive program can be easily put into use in real-time, offering a workable and effective way to improve road safety by encouraging motorcycle riders to wear helmets [6].

Reference [7] presents a method for automatic detection of helmet-wearing individuals using CCTV cameras. It may discuss the importance of helmet wearing for safety and law enforcement purposes, the challenges associated with manual enforcement, and the need for automated systems. The authors likely propose a computer vision-based approach for detecting individuals wearing helmets, utilizing techniques such as object detection and image processing. The methodology, experimental setup, results, and evaluation metrics used may also be described in detail.

Reference [8] presents a study aimed at developing a comprehensive system for enhancing road safety through the automatic detection of helmet compliance among motorcyclists and simultaneous recognition of license plates. Leveraging machine learning algorithms for helmet detection and image processing techniques for license plate recognition, the system is trained using annotated datasets comprising images of motorcyclists with and without helmets, as well as license plates. The results likely showcase the system's performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, demonstrating its effectiveness in real-world scenarios. The study highlights the potential of advanced technologies to promote helmet usage and facilitate license plate identification for law enforcement purposes, contributing to improved road safety.

Reference [9] details a study focused on developing an automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) system specifically targeting motorcyclists not wearing helmets. Employing image processing techniques and machine learning algorithms, the system aims to detect instances of helmet non-compliance in real-time while simultaneously recognizing license plates. Through the utilization of annotated datasets and rigorous evaluation metrics, the study assesses the system's performance, showcasing its potential effectiveness in enhancing road safety and enforcing traffic regulations. This research contributes to advancing ANPR technology tailored for specific applications, addressing the pressing need to promote helmet usage and bolster overall traffic safety measures.

Reference [10] presents a study focused on developing a realtime automatic helmet detection system for bike riders. Leveraging computer vision techniques and machine learning algorithms, the system aims to detect instances of bikers wearing helmets, thereby facilitating law enforcement efforts and enhancing road safety. The methodology involves the utilization of image processing techniques for helmet detection, coupled with machine learning algorithms for classification tasks, trained using annotated datasets. The results likely demonstrate the system's performance through metrics such as accuracy and processing speed, highlighting its potential for deployment in law enforcement and traffic management applications. The study concludes by emphasizing the system's contribution to promoting safer biking practices and reducing the risk of road accidents through effective helmet-wearing compliance monitoring.

Reference [11] focuses on developing an automatic detection system for bikers without helmets utilizing deep learning techniques. The study employs deep learning algorithms, convolutional neural networks (CNNs), automatically detect and classify bikers based on their helmetwearing status in real-time. The proposed system likely involves the collection of a large dataset of images containing bikers with and without helmets for training the deep learning model. Through rigorous experimentation and evaluation, the authors likely demonstrate the effectiveness and accuracy of the proposed system in identifying instances of helmet noncompliance among bikers. This research contributes to enhancing road safety measures by providing a robust and automated solution for monitoring helmet usage among bikers, thereby potentially reducing the incidence of head injuries and fatalities in motorcycle accidents.

Reference [12] introduces a methodology for helmet detection on motorcyclists utilizing image descriptors and classifiers. The study likely employs image processing techniques to extract relevant features from images containing motorcyclists, focusing specifically on regions corresponding to helmets. These extracted features are then used to train classifiers, such as support vector machines (SVMs) or decision trees, to distinguish between images with and without helmets. Through experimentation and evaluation, the authors likely demonstrate the efficacy of their approach in accurately detecting helmets on motorcyclists in various scenarios and lighting conditions. This research contributes to enhancing safety measures on roads by providing a reliable system for automated helmet detection, potentially aiding law enforcement agencies and traffic management authorities in enforcing helmet-wearing regulations and reducing the risk of head injuries among motorcyclists.

Reference [13] presents a novel approach for detecting non-helmet riders and extracting license plate numbers from images using YOLO v2 (You Only Look Once version 2) and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) techniques. The study likely utilizes the YOLO v2 object detection framework to identify motorcyclists without helmets in images captured from cameras or CCTV footage. Once non-helmet riders are detected, the OCR method is employed to extract license plate numbers from the corresponding images. By integrating these two techniques, the authors aim to develop a comprehensive system capable of identifying helmet non-compliance among motorcyclists and capturing their license plate information simultaneously.

# III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The proposed approach makes use of the complementary capabilities of Optical Character Recognition (OCR) for effective text extraction and YOLO (You Only Look One) for real-time object identification to provide a strong foundation for helmet enforcement and improved road safety. The first stage consists of an intuitive PyQT graphical user interface that makes it easier for bike owners to register their vehicles and stores relevant information in an organized CSV file.

YOLOv5, a cutting-edge object detection method, is used to instantly analyze photos and recognize motorcycles, helmets, and license plates.

One crucial feature of the technology is its capacity to identify situations in which riders fail to wear helmets. The method creates a unique vehicle identification by extracting text from the cropped license plate using optical character recognition (OCR) Next, the retrieved text is cross-referenced with the CSV file's registered bike details. When a match is found, an electronic challenge with a fine is created automatically. One notable aspect of the system is how easily violators are contacted and fines are sent to their registration email addresses. The overall objective of road safety is greatly advanced by this suggested approach, which not only solves current issues with helmet regulation but also shows promise for more extensive use of intelligent technology in traffic management.

# A. System Design and Architecture

The project started with the planning and architecture phase, during which the system's functional elements and interactions were developed. During this phase, special attention was paid to the PyQT GUI-based vehicle proprietor registration, the addition of YOLOv5 for recognizing objects, and the OCR for text extraction. The general architecture of the system was created with scalability, accuracy, and efficiency in mind.

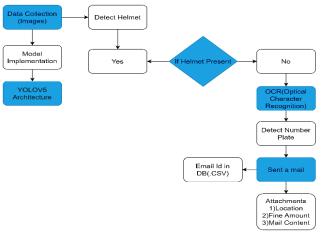


Fig. 1. Methodology

This Fig.1.outlines a helmet detection system. It captures visual data (images/videos) and utilizes YOLOv5, an advanced object detection model, to identify helmets. If a helmet is present, nothing happens. If not, the system extracts the license plate number using OCR. It then retrieves the email address (likely from a CSV database) and sends a violation notification with location and fine details.

# B. Data Collection and Preprocessing

To train and validate the YOLOv5 model, a collection of different photos representing real-world settings was gathered as a dataset. To test the OCR capabilities, a dataset containing information about the owners of vehicles was also produced. The model's robustness was increased by implementing preprocessing processes to clean and enhance the data.

# C. Model Training

In order to accurately detect motorcycles, helmets, and license plates in real-time photos, YOLOv5 was programmed using this annotated dataset. In order to attain the best results, training parameters were adjusted, taking into account variables like processing speed, recall, and precision.

# D. Integration and Testing

The developed parts—YOLOv5, OCR, and the PyQT GUI were combined into a unified system. The system's operation was rigorously tested to make sure it could reliably detect helmet usage, extract texts from number plates, and then send e-challans in accordance with predetermined standards.

# E. Validation and Benchmarking

The accuracy and efficiency of the system were compared with current techniques, and its performance was measured against predetermined parameters. In order to validate the system's accuracy in enforcing helmet laws and levying fines, real-world photos were used.

## F. Result Analysis and Discussion

Analyzing the outcomes and talking about the system's advantages, disadvantages, and possible areas for development comprised the last stage. The study offers a critical assessment of the results, stressing the benefits and consequences of the suggested approach for traffic safety.

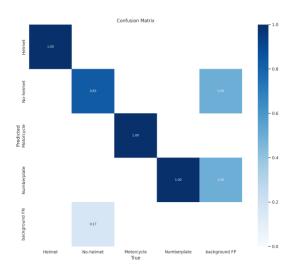


Fig. 2. Confusion Matrix

This Fig.2 represent the image's true category (e.g., helmet, motorcycle) and columns showcase the model's predictions. Each cell holds the count of images the model categorized in a specific way (e.g., predicted "helmet" for actual "motorcycle"). Ideally, all high values reside on the diagonal, indicating accurate classifications. In this instance, the model excels at identifying backgrounds and numberplates, but struggles with motorcycles and helmets (e.g., mistaking 90% of motorcycles for backgrounds). By analyzing confusion matrices, we pinpoint areas where the model thrives and areas requiring improvement, guiding us towards better training data or refining model settings.

### IV. RESULTS

The system's performance in automated e-challan issuing, OCR-based text extraction after number plates, and real-time helmet detection is demonstrated by the results obtained from its implementation. The usefulness of the YOLOv5 model for spontaneous object detection is demonstrated by its high accuracy in recognizing motorcycles, helmets, and license plates in a variety of dynamic image settings. With the help of the OCR component, which effectively extracts alphanumeric data from cropping number plates, individual vehicle identification is made reliable.

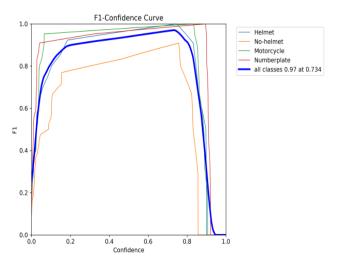


Fig. 3. F1-Score

Fig.3. given above shows that how accurate an object detection model is across different confidence levels. High F1 score (blue line) means good accuracy, and the peak around 0.7 confidence suggests that's when the model performs best. Different objects (red lines) vary in how confidently they're detected, with helmets doing best. Overall, the model works well when unsureness is below 30%.

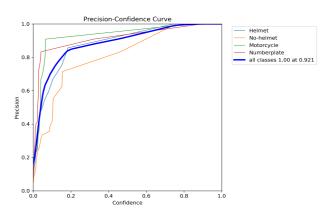


Fig. 4. Precision Curve

Fig.4. given above shows that the precision, similar to F1 score focusing on accuracy of detections. Like F1, high blue line shows good overall accuracy at a specific confidence

level (peak). Individual objects (red lines) vary in precise detection confidence, with helmets excelling.

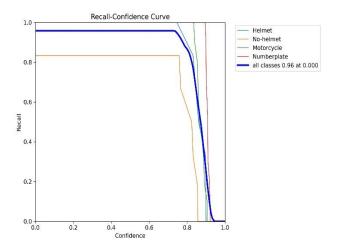


Fig. 5. Recall Curve

Fig. 5. curve shows a helmet detector's trade-off between confidence and accuracy. Confidence is on the X-axis, accuracy (recall) on the Y. High confidence means the model is sure, high accuracy means it finds most helmets. Ideally, we want both: a confident and accurate model.

The system has undergone extensive testing and validation using real-world photos. It is able to reliably identify instances of helmet non-compliance, match extracted license plate information precisely with licensed vehicle details, and quickly issue e-challans.

The system's efficiency in enforcing traffic laws is demonstrated by its performance measures, which include speed, precision, and recall. The system's ability to adjust to different climatic circumstances and its future scalability for inclusion in current traffic management frameworks are further highlighted by the results. In order to maintain a balance between the framework's enforcement powers and individual privacy rights, ethical issues have also been taken into account.

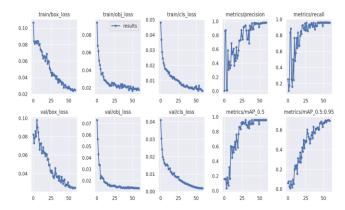


Fig. 6. Final Results Graph

This Fig. 6. curve depicts the model's performance as it learns from the training data. The horizontal axis (X-axis) typically represents the number of training iterations (epochs), while the vertical axis (Y-axis) represents the loss value. This loss value

indicates how well the model's predictions align with the actual data (ground truth)

Overall, the findings support the proposed system's technological viability as a promising means of improving road safety through automated e-challan issuing and real-time helmet identification. The conversation that follows explores the significance of these results, possible directions for development, and the system's overall effect on traffic safety precautions.

## V. DISCUSSION

Based on the outcomes of the established system, the discussion section explores the implications, constraints, and possible directions for improvement. The effective fusion of OCR and YOLOv5 technologies highlights the system's potential to greatly improve road safety by enforcing helmet laws in real-time. The robustness of the system is validated by the high accuracy of text extraction and object detection, as shown by recall and precision metrics. The automatic echallan issue expedites the enforcement procedure even more by offering a timely means of penalizing non-compliance. The system does, however, have several drawbacks that should be taken into account. Environmental elements that can affect object detection accuracy include bad weather and inadequate lighting. Furthermore, differences in the designs and types of license plates may present problems for the accuracy of OCR. Maintaining a delicate equilibrium for implementation is necessary to balance the ethical consideration of privacy concerns with the necessity for effective enforcement.

Future research could investigate sophisticated machine learning methods for even more precise object detection and OCR in terms of improvement. Furthermore, expanding the system's compatibility to include a wider variety of helmet styles and adding real-time video analysis could improve its efficacy even more. In order to solve legal and ethical issues, make sure the system complies with current traffic laws, and protect people's privacy, cooperation with pertinent authorities and stakeholders is crucial.

### VI. CONCLUSION

To sum up, this study introduced a strong and novel approach that uses automated e-challan issuance and real-time helmet identification to improve road safety. The combination of YOLOv5 object detection and OCR text extraction has proven to be successful in reliably detecting helmet-related infractions, retrieving relevant data from license plates, and generating e-challans on time. The system's successful deployment and validation demonstrate how much it can advance proactive traffic enforcement. Even though the system works rather well, there are certain things to be aware of, like how vulnerable it is to bad weather and how different number plate designs can be. Resolving these issues is essential to guaranteeing the system's dependability in a variety of real-world situations. Furthermore, further efforts are needed to strike a balance between the necessity of road safety and rights to privacy while navigating the ethical issues related to automated traffic enforcement.

In the future, increasing the accuracy and applicability of the system will require collaboration with pertinent stakeholders and additional improvements and developments in machine learning techniques. Because the technology can be integrated into current traffic management systems, there may be a bright future ahead for large-scale, comprehensive road safety projects.

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