

Speeding motorists end up dead

In 2009, 348,707 vehicles were added to city roads and 55,189 cases of speeding booked by traffic police

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Bangalore: Now we know exactly why numbing gridlocks are crippling the city — 3.5 lakh new vehicles have poured onto the roads in 365 days. The fallout? Cases booked for speeding have almost doubled and drunken driving is on a rise. These are but a few startling statistics in a report released by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-

NIMHANS STUDY Sciences in association with Bangalore Traffic Police, BBMP and BMTC.

In 2009, 348,707 vehicles were added to the city roads. These include 233,699 two wheelers and 122,910 cars, buses, trucks and others. BMTC

added 571 buses as well, resulting in a 2% increase in number of people using public transportation.

The shocking news doesn't end

here. The number of cases booked by the traffic police for speeding was 55,189 compared to 30,000 in 2008. Unsurprisingly, traffic accidents were

one of the major causes of death of the majority of youths in the city.

According to the report, the number of deaths due to accidents wa

OTHER CAUSES OF DEATH

<p>SUICIDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported — 2,374 • Attempted — 25,000 • 78% of attempted cases in 15-39 years age group <p>VICTIMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students — 15.9% • Housewives, manual labourers, business employees and professional groups form 15.9%, 4.9%, 30%, 10% and 12% respectively. • Number almost the same as in previous years 	<p>ANIMAL BITES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases — 16,584 • Stray dogs in city — 180,000 • Pet dogs — 1,40,000 • Increase from last year — 16,584 	<p>BURNS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths — 500 • Serious injuries — 5000 • Majority were reported as stove bursts and accidental burns inside the house 	<p>POISONING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths — 500 • Serious injuries — 10,000
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