



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

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2022-23



**COMMERCE & TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT
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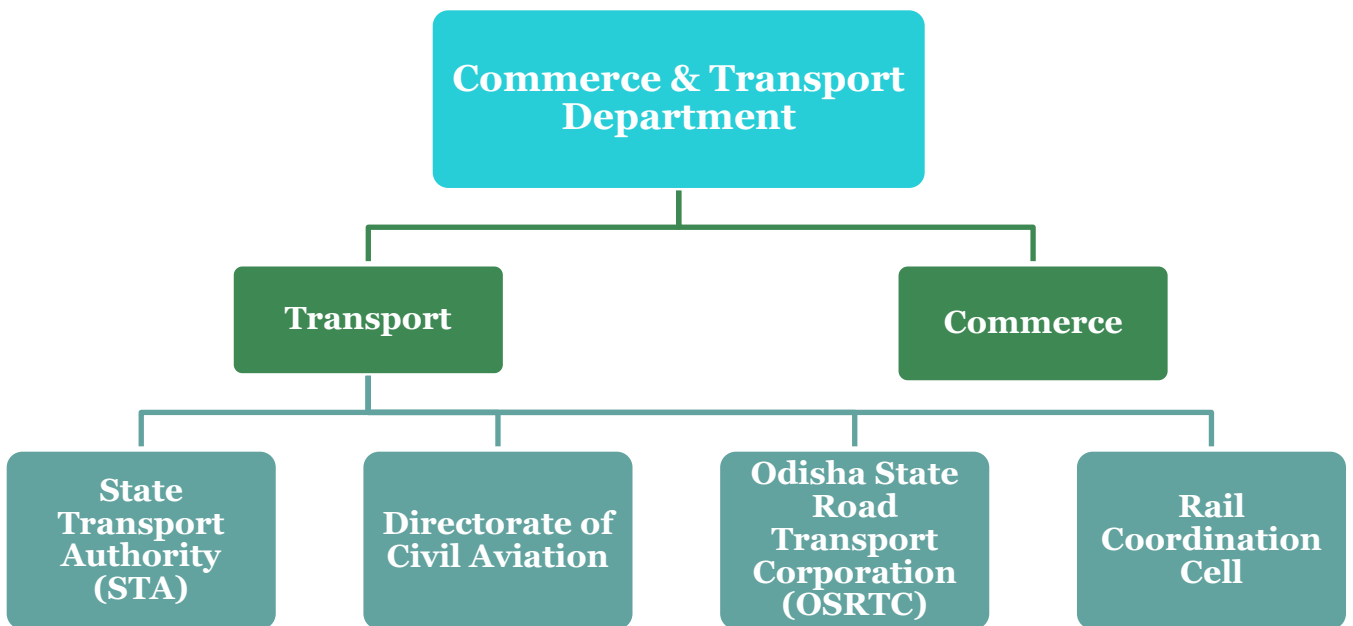
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1. About the Department

The Transport Department is entrusted with the matters relating to Road Transport. The Department administers the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1975 and Rules made there under. The Department also supervises, regulates the working and functioning of the various bodies under the Department. These bodies are the State Transport Authority, Regional Transport Offices and Directorate of Civil Aviation. There is also a corporation namely “**Odisha State Road Transport Corporation**” functioning under the Transport Department. Besides, there are Tribunals namely State Transport Appellate Tribunal (STAT), Cuttack, 2nd Motor Accident Claim Tribunal (MACT) at Cuttack, Sambalpur and Berhampur which mainly looks after finalization of motor accident claim cases. The following activities are undertaken by the Department during 2022-23.

Organogram



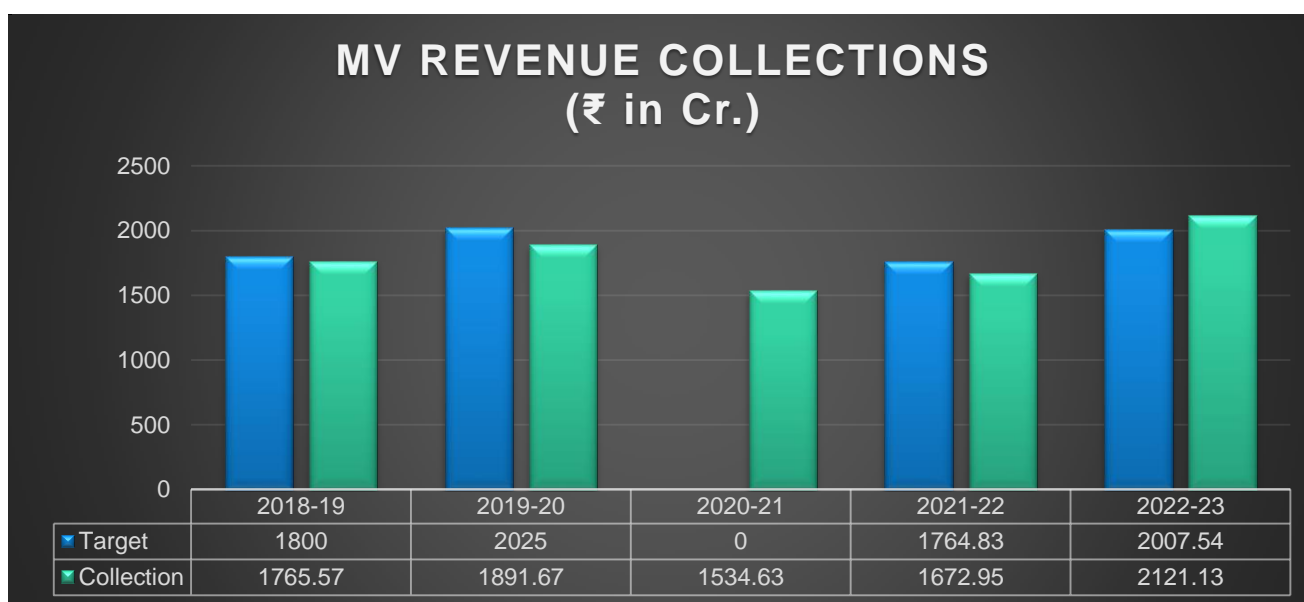
2. Activities of the Department

2.1. Collection of Motor Vehicle Revenue (Tax & Fees)

As per the provisions of Odisha Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1975, and the Odisha Motor Vehicles Taxation Rules, 1976; MV tax are levied on each motor vehicle used or kept for use within the State of Odisha, as per the rate specified in the Schedules. Collection of MV Revenue for last five years (taxes and fees) is listed below. In comparison to the previous fiscal year, there has been an increase of **26.79%** in revenue collection this year.

Table-1: Revenue earned (Tax and Fees) for last five years (₹ in Cr.)

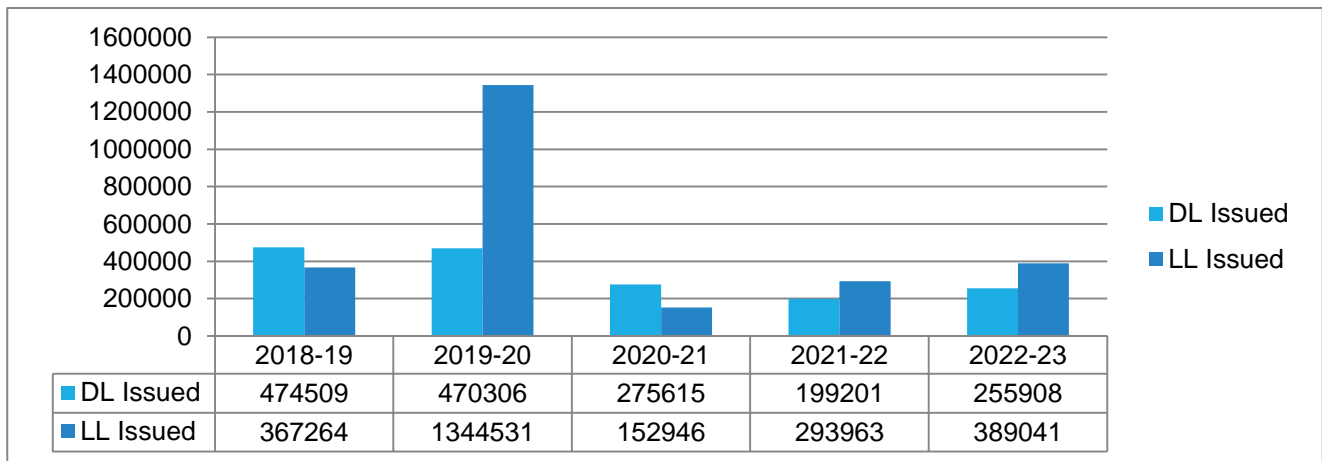
Year	Target	Collection	Collection (%)	Growth Rate
2018-19	1,800.00	1,765.57	98.09	14.32
2019-20	2,025.00	1,891.67	93.42	7.14
2020-21	No target fixed due to CoVID-19	1534.63	-	-18.87
2021-22	1,764.83	1,672.95	99.95	9.01
2022-23	2,007.54	2,121.13	105.66	26.79



2.2. Licensing of Individuals

All the process relating to issue of Learner’s License (LL) and Driving License (DL) have been made on-line. Applicant can book slot, pay fees and download the LL on-line. Even now the LL service has been made visit-less. Any person can appear the LL test at any CSC or any location having security features stipulated by the Department, without going to the RTO office. Issue of smart card based DL has also been dispensed with. The applicant can download the approved DL at his own convenience. A detail of DL and LL issued during last 5 years is indicated below:

Number of DLs and LLs issued during 2022-23 and previous 4 years



2.3. Enforcement Activities

The RTAs and STA have their independent Enforcement Wings. The primary responsibilities of the Enforcement Wings are to check vehicles that are disobeying/ breaching various MV Acts and Rules and to issue Vehicle Check Reports in response of these breaches.



Drunken driving



Triple riding on 2 wheeler



Driving without helmet

Table-2: Amount of Compounding Fees (CF) collected in last five years

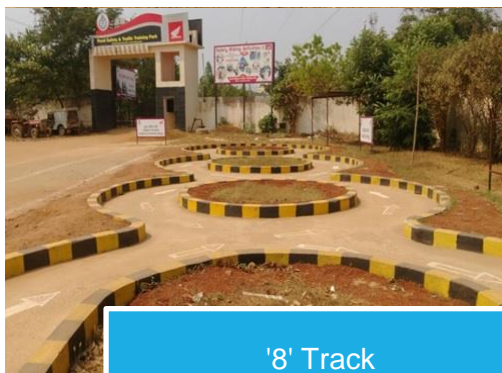
Year	CF Collected (₹ In Cr.)
2018-19	100.55
2019-20	85.31
2020-21	36.61
2021-22	55.14
2022-23	69.01

- Total 5,66,974 numbers of e-challans were issued against the MV Act offenders.
- As per the provisions of MV Act and direction of the Supreme Court Committee on Road safety, 69,603 numbers of Driving Licenses were suspended this year to discourage violation of MV Acts and Rules.

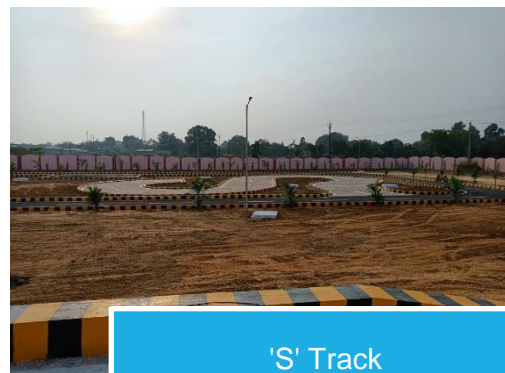
2.4. Modernisation Initiatives

2.4.1. Automated Driving Testing Systems (ADTS)

To minimize human intervention in the process of driving skill test, the Department has decided to introduce Automated Driving Testing System (ADTS) in all RTOs of the State. Work order has been issued in favour of M/s Akshara Nipun JV for setting up of ADTS at 19 locations in the first phase. Civil construction has been completed.



'8' Track



'S' Track

2.4.2. Automated Testing Stations (ATS)

To automate the vehicular fitness inspection & certification, ATS at six locations namely, Angul, Bhubaneswar, Brahmapur (Ganjam), Keonjhar, Rourkela (Sundargarh) & Sambalpur are being planned. Presently, one model I&C Centre sponsored by MoRTH; Govt. of India is operational at Cuttack from 01.10.2021 for scientific inspection of fitness of Transport vehicles. The said I&C Centre is being transformed into an ATS.



Test Lane at ATS



Passenger vehicle at Test Lane



Goods Carriage at Test Lane

2.4.3. Issuance of Permits to Transport Vehicles

- The RTAs are empowered to grant all types of permits for operation of Motor Vehicles within their respective regions and STA is empowered to grant National Permits, All India Tourist permits & permits for both Inter-Region and Inter-State routes. In case of Goods Carriage/Taxicabs, RTAs are also authorized to grant permits which remain valid throughout the state.
- Route Rationalization – To avoid unhealthy competition among operators and maintain equal time gap between Stage Carriages, STA has taken steps for rationalization of timing of buses. Already the timing has been rationalized in 32 different routes.

Table-3: Permanent and Temporary Permits issued

Year	Permanent permits	Temporary permits
2018-19	76,255	16,782
2019-20	83,248	54,712
2020-21	40,895	18,053
2021-22	45,937	18,078
2022-23	72,715	39,793



2.4.4. Online Citizen Centric Solutions

State Transport Authority rolled out nine citizen centric services *viz.* Hassle-Free Vehicle Registration, Auto Approval of Goods and Contract Carriage Permits, Special Permits for Buses, Online Application of International Driving Permit, Renewal of Registration and Transfer of Ownership in any RTO of the state, Learner's license through Mobile App during the year 2020-21. Besides, five new such services have been introduced during the year 2021-22. Four more services are in pipeline which will be available to the citizens soon. The details of these services are indicated below.

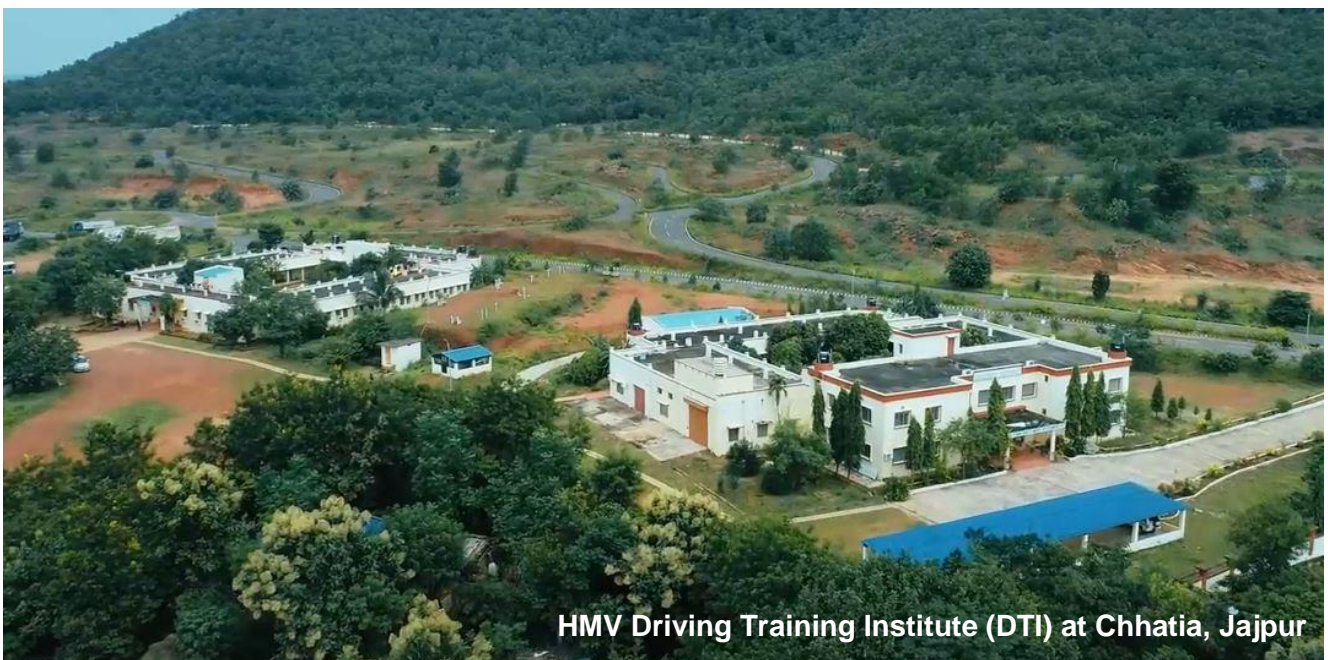
Table-4: Online citizen centric services offered by RTOs

#	Initiative/s	Progress
1.	Automated and Hassle-free Vehicle Registration	Whenever the citizen buys a vehicle, the dealer applies for registration online, scans the required documents, and uploads the documents through his digital signature. As soon as the tax is paid, the system auto assigns the registration number instantly. No physical paper is submitted, and no one is required to visit the RTO. Once RTO approves the registration online, the vehicle is released to the customer. The buyer has the option to register the vehicle in any RTO of the state without any physical visit to any RTO
2.	Auto approval of Contract Carriage Permit	This is an online provision for owners/operators to apply for permit for Contract Carriages and pay tax. The system approves the permit instantly after payment of tax. The system checks rest documents like insurance, fitness, and VCR through the VAHAN Portal. Then the applicant is able to download permit at his/her end immediately. Hence, no need to visit to RTO office anymore
3.	Auto approval of Goods Carriage Permit	The vehicle owners are able to apply for permits online, pay the tax online and the system approves the permit. The applicant can download the permit at his end instantly
4.	Auto approval of Inter State Special Permit for Buses	The bus owners are able to apply for Inter State permit online, pay the tax online and the system approves the permit. The applicant can download the permit at his end instantly. The back-office processing is done digitally by verification through VAHAN Portal
5.	Auto approval of Inter Region Special Permit for Buses	The bus owners are able to apply for Inter Region Special Permit online, pay the tax online and the system approves the permit. The applicant can download the permit at his end instantly. The back-office processing is done digitally by verification through VAHAN Portal.
6.	Learner's License in UMANG Mobile App	The applicants for new Learner's License are able to apply through the new mobile APP in UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance), pay the fees and book the slot for test. Odisha is the first state in the country to roll out LL application in mobile APP UMANG
7.	Renewal of Registration in any	The vehicle owner can apply online to any RTO of the state at his convenience for renewal of registration of his/her vehicle and produce the

#	Initiative/s	Progress
	RTO	vehicle for inspection in that RTO.
8.	Transfer of Ownership in any RTO	Transfer of ownership of non-transport also can be done in any RTO of the State
9.	Issue of Certified copy of Permit issued in VAHAN	Application and issue of certified copy of permit online issued in VAHAN has been introduced under the 5T policy of the Government of Odisha to improve the ease of getting the certified copy of permit under ORTPS Act to have better user experience
10.	Auto Approval of Renewal of Inter Region & Intra Region Stage Carriage Permit	The bus owners are able to apply for Renewal of Inter Region & Intra Region Stage Carriage Permit online, pay the permit fee online and the system approves the permit. The applicant can download the permit at his end instantly
11.	Fitness Anywhere	Now, the vehicle owners can file online application in VAHAN for renewal of Fitness Certificate and produce the vehicle for inspection before any Registering Authority in the state of Odisha as per their convenience irrespective of the place where the vehicle is originally registered except RTO, Cuttack
12.	BH Series	Implementation of BH-series in Odisha in which the application along with the specified fee and taxes shall be made in electronic form through portal on the website of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways i.e., https://parivahan.gov.in . Till March, 2023, 5115 numbers of vehicles are registered
13.	Odisha Public Transport & Integrated Computer System (OPTICS)	The Odisha Public Transport & Integrated Computer System (OPTICS) is the modified advanced version of Odisha Permit Management System (OPMS), which includes advanced online services like inter-state permit issue, route time modification, ownership transfer, finding off road vacancy position, searching / tracking buses by the passengers and bus owners. This software is also available in mobile application, through which lot of people are being benefited
14.	Card less DL/RC	Issuance of DL & RC through smart cards has been dispensed with in the State and are being issued electronically in the prescribed format
15.	Vehicle Location Tracking System	M/s BSNL has been engaged as the Implementation Agency for Development, deployment and management of state wise vehicle location tracking backend system including the Command-and-Control Centre as per AIS 140 standards for Odisha. The MoU has been signed; the Work Order has been issued. The CCC Site will be ready by 31-12-2022. The VAHAN Suraksha Backend Application has been developed and hosted on BSNL Cloud.
16.	All India Tourist Base	Application and issue of tourist vehicle permit / authorization through auto

#	Initiative/s	Progress
	Permit (AITP)	approval system has been introduced under the 5T policy of the Government of Odisha to improve the ease of getting the permit and authorization for Odisha based to tourist vehicle owners and to have better user experience
17.	Slot Booking Facility in VAHAN for Different Services	Slot booking facility implemented soon for different services under VAHAN

2.4.5. Driving Training



There is one Government Driving Training School functioning at Bhubaneswar and one Heavy Motor Vehicle Driving Training Institute (HMV-DTI) functioning at Chhatia in Jajpur district. The HMV-DTI is being operated by the State Government in collaboration with M/s Ashok Leyland in self-finance mode. They impart driving training to the unemployed youth. Besides, there are 150 Private Driving Training Institutes in the state which are approved by the STA to impart driving training in both Heavy Vehicle category as well as Light Vehicle category under various self-employment schemes and state budget funding. The details for the year 2022-23 are follows.

Table-5: Driving Training for employability among youths 2022-23

#	Program /Scheme	Target	Qualified	In Training	Total
1.	LMV Driving Training through Govt. DTS, Bhubaneswar under STA Funding	480	280	31 (Apr'23) 44 (May'23)	355

2.	Residential LMV Driving Training at HMV DTI, Chhatia under OSDA Funding	400	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	LMV Driving Training through Empaneled Pvt. LMV DTI under OSDA Funding	7,500	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Residential HMV Driving Training at HMV DTI, Chhatia under STA Funding	1,800	1,605	126 (Apr'23) 33 (May'23)	1,764
5.	HMV Driving Training through Empaneled Pvt. HMV DTI under OSDA Funding	1,500	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	Residential HMV Driving Training at HMV DTI, Chhatia under OSDA Funding	100	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total		11,780	1,885	234	2,119



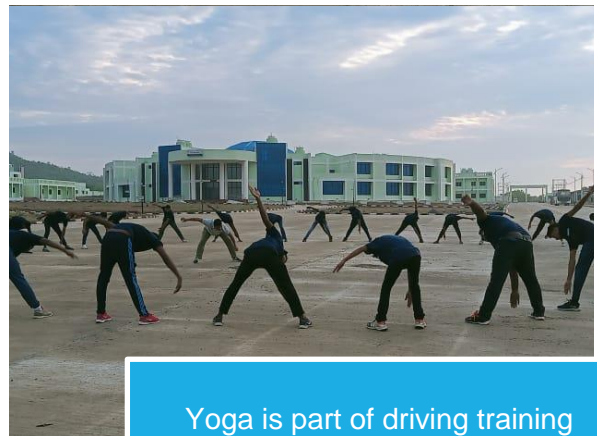
HMV driving training at Chhatia



Training on HMV Simulator



Classroom teaching to HMV trainee drivers



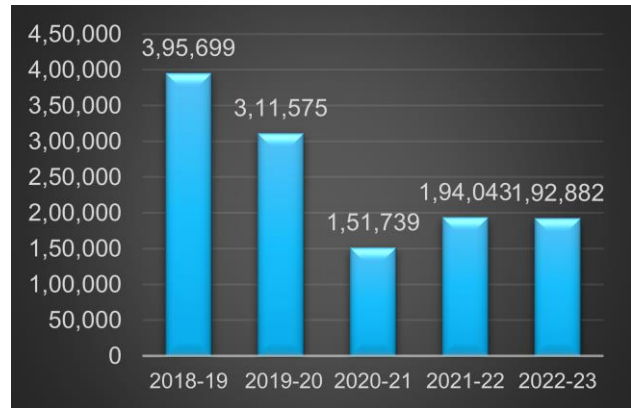
Yoga is part of driving training

• Issuance of Fitness Certificates

As per Section 56 of MV Act- 1988 each transport vehicle must obtain a certificate of fitness from competent authority, otherwise its registration will not be valid. As per the orders of Hon'ble High Court, Orissa, the bus which are more than 10 years old are jointly inspected by the Deputy Commissioner Transport and concerned MVI before grant of fitness. The following data will indicate the number of fitness certificates issued in last five (05) years:

Table-6: Fitness of Motor Vehicles

Year	No. of fitness issued
2018-19	3,95,699
2019-20	3,11,575
2020-21	1,51,739
2021-22	1,94,043
2022-23	1,92,882

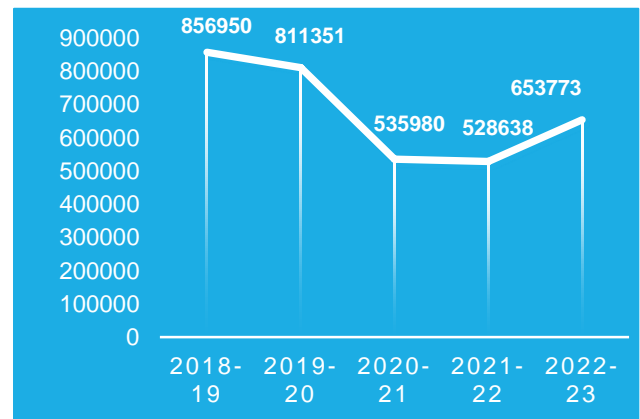


• Registration of vehicles

Every motor vehicle is to be registered under the provisions of M.V. Act, 1988. The following data indicate the no. of vehicles registered during 2018-19 to 2022-23:

Table-7: Registration of Motor Vehicles

Year	No. of vehicles registered
2018-19	8,56,950
2019-20	8,11,351
2020-21	5,35,980
2021-22	5,28,638
2022-23	6,53,773



• Road Safety

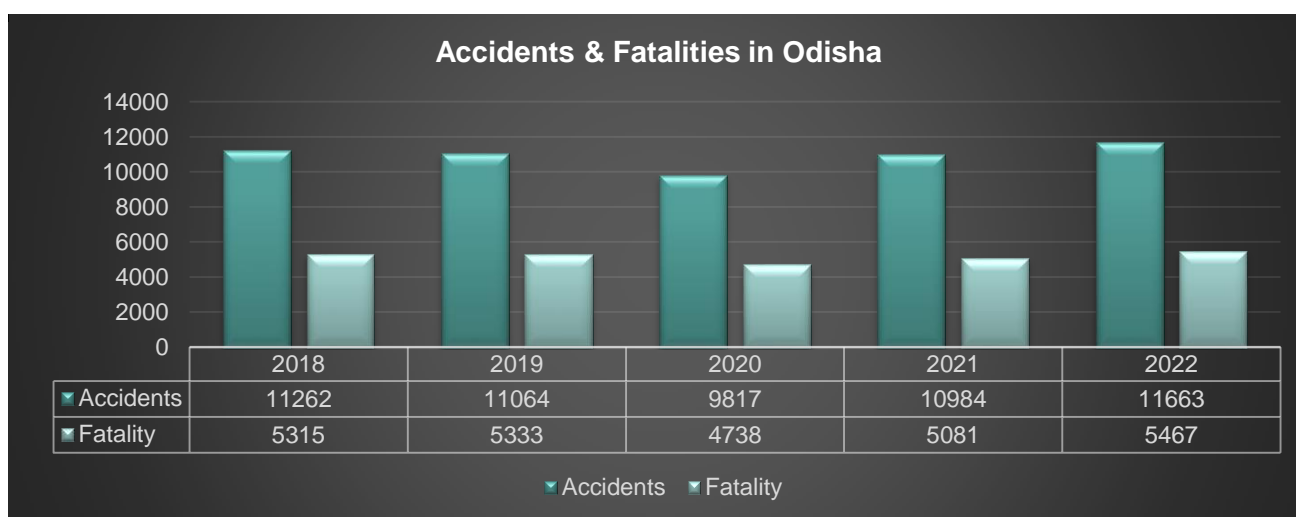
Road Safety is a global concern. To reduce road accidents casualties in Odisha, a thorough "Road Safety Action Plan" incorporating all stakeholder Departments has been prepared. The State Road Safety Council is chaired by the Hon'ble Minister, Commerce and Transport wherein the Chief Secretary is the Vice Chairperson. The Council has Secretaries of several Departments as members. The Council strategises plans to implement initiatives related to road safety. To coordinate with several Departments for the execution of road safety initiatives; a Lead Agency has been established under the Chairpersonship of the Transport Commissioner. The Lead Agency acts as the "Central Processing Unit". The Lead Agency schedules council

meetings, publishes minutes, and keeps track of advancements made by the respective departments against the action items set by the Council.

The status of road accidents in the State for the last five years is indicated below:

Table-8: Road Accidents and Deaths in Odisha during last five years

Year	No. of Accidents	% Change over previous year	People Killed	%Change over previous year
2018	11,262	3.75	5,315	10.96
2019	11,064	-1.76	5,333	0.34
2020	9,817	-11.27	4,738	-11.16
2021	10,984	11.88	5,081	7.24
2022	11,663	6.19	5,467	7.60



Considering the severity of road accidents, Hon’ble Supreme Court has constituted a Committee on Road Safety under the Chairmanship of Retd. Justice of Supreme Court to monitor implementation of road safety activities by different States. A number of Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Emergency Care initiatives have been taken up by the State to check the road accidents. Some of the important initiatives taken are indicated below:

2.4.6. Formulating State Road Safety Policy

The Road Safety Policy of the State has been formulated in 2016, which works as a guide for implementation of various road safety initiatives.

2.4.7. Road Safety Action Plan



Observance of Annual Road Safety Week with felicitation of Good Samaritans who reached out to accident spots to rescue the victims

The Road Safety Action Plan of the State has been developed and notified involving various Departments like Health & Family Welfare, Home (Police), Excise, Works, NHAI, Housing & Urban Development, School & Mass Education etc.

2.4.7.1. Activating State Road Safety Council

The State Road Safety Council has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Commerce & Transport. Chief Secretary is the Vice Chairman and Secretaries of different Departments are the member. The Council prepares plans for implementation of road safety activities.

2.4.7.2. Constituting a Lead Agency

A Lead Agency has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Transport Commissioner, to co-ordinate among different Departments for implementation of road safety activities. The Lead Agency acts as the "Central Processing Unit" of the State Road Safety Council. The Agency mainly analyses the cause of various accidents and sends recommendations for necessary rectification by the respective stakeholders. Currently, this Lead Agency is engaged in developing application software for analysing accidents from joint inspection report.

2.4.7.3. Exclusive Fund for Road Safety

The Road Safety Fund Rules have been notified wherein it is resolved that 20% of the fines collected for various M.V. offences are placed as fund for road safety by the Finance Department in the State Budget itself.

2.4.7.4. School Bus Policy

For safe transportation of school children, "Policy on Transport of School Children-2016" has been formulated and actions are being taken for strict enforcement of the relevant safety laws in respect of auto rickshaws and other vehicles transporting school children.

2.4.7.5. Good Samaritan Policy

To protect the Good Samaritans from harassment on the actions being taken by them to save the road accident victims at Hospitals or by the police without any reasonable cause, Good Samaritan Policy has been formulated. There is provision of cash award to the Good Samaritans.

2.4.7.6. Solatium Fund

Solatium fund has been created to compensate the victims of 'Hit & Run' cases of motor accidents. ₹2lakh being paid in case of death and ₹50,000/- to the individuals sustaining grievous injury. ₹12.46 Cr. has been paid to 615 persons for death and ₹53 lakh to 107 persons for grievous injury for Hit & Run accident cases till 31.03.2023.

2.4.7.7. Student Traffic Volunteer Scholarship

Student Traffic volunteer scholarship was initially implemented in the Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Police Commissionerate. The same has been extended to ten (10) other police districts namely Angul, Balasore, Berhampur, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar, Khurda, Koraput, Puri, Sambalpur and Rourkela.

2.4.7.8. Expansion of e-Challan

The RTOs have been supplied with 243 no of e-Challan Point of Service (POS) devices for enforcement activities. With delegation of enforcement powers to the police, the Transport Department has supplied 700 numbers of e-Challan (POS) devices to the Police to go for digital challans completely. Issue of manual challans by Odisha motor vehicles department has been stopped completely.

2.4.7.9. Suspension of DL

As per direction of the Supreme Court Committee, DLs of drivers for certain offence are being suspended. During Apr'22 to Mar'23 about 55,333 DLs have been suspended.

2.4.7.10. Drunken Driving

12,555 drunken drivers were detected by RTOs during Apr'22 to Mar'23.

2.4.7.11. Detection of over speeding

2,14,502 over speed cases have been detected by RTOs during Apr'22 to Mar'23.

2.4.7.12. Helmet Law Violation

1,89,941 helmet law violations have been detected by RTOs during Apr'22 to Mar'23.

2.4.7.13. Road Safety Equipment

38 Interceptor vehicles have been deployed at vulnerable locations for detection of over speeding through Speed Laser Guns. Also, about 500 Breathe Analysers supplied to field officials for detection of drunken driving.

2.4.7.14. Road Safety Audit

Odisha has 4,616 KM of NH, 6,755 KM of SHs & MDRs and 18,831 KM of ODRs Road Safety Audit of the entire stretch of SHs and MDRs completed. Audit of 5177.16 KM of ODRs completed. Out of total 4,616 KM of NH, safety audit of 2,043.97 KM of road, under the jurisdiction of State PWD and 1,867 KM under the jurisdiction of NHAI completed. The short-term audit recommendations are immediately taken up. Long term compliances will be completed by end of 2023.

Table-9: Road stretches audited & recommendations implemented

Road owning Agency	Total stretch	Audit completed	Audit recommendations implemented	Pending for implementation
NHAI	1,867 KM	1,867 KM	1,225 KM (65.61%)	642 KM
CE, NH	2,749 KM	2,043.97 KM	1,096.22 KM (53.63%)	947.74 KM
CE, DPI & Roads- SH	4,124 KM	4,124 KM	4,124 KM (100%)	-
MDR	2,631 KM	2,631 KM	2,631 KM (100%)	-
ODR	1,8831 KM	5,177.16 KM	2,800 KM (54.08%)	2,377 KM

2.4.7.15. Junction Treatment

8,281 junctions where, arterial roads merge with Highways have been identified in the State. Traffic calming measures at 6,475 locations completed.

Table-10: Treatment of road junctions

Road owning Agency	Total nos. of Junctions	Junction treatment completed	No. of junctions pending for treatment
NHAI	1,661	1,304 (78.50%)	357 (21.50%)
CE, NH	2,819	1,370 – Completed (48.60%) 210 – under progress (7.45%)	1,239 (43.95%)
CE, DPI & Roads	3,801	3,801 (100%)	NA

2.4.7.16. Vulnerable Road Stretches

In addition to the Black Spots, 193 vulnerable locations have been identified by the District Road Safety Committee. Short Term Traffic calming measures at all locations completed.

2.4.7.17. Field visit of repeated black spots

It was observed that 16 Black Spots have been repeated in last 5 years (2015 – 2019) and 86 numbers of Black spots have been repeated in last 3 years (2017 – 2019). The expert’s team has been visited the repeated Black Spots to analyse the cause of repetition and recommendation suggested by the expert team has been sent with the concerned road owing agencies for taking the required corrective measures for reduction of road accident on the spots.

Table-11: Audit of repeated blackspots

Road owning Agency	Total repeated Black spots audited	Recommendations implemented
NHAI	74	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 12 locations suggestive measures are implemented At 36 Locations suggestive measures are under progress
CE, DPI & Roads	14	Recommendations implemented at all 14 Black Spots



Inspection of a Black Spot



Team in action for post crash investigation

2.4.7.18. Road Signage Audit

Third Party Audit of Road Signages is being conducted to ensure placement of accurate road signage & markings on major roads. Audit for 2,259 KM has been completed by the concerned Agency and submitted the audit report to Lead Agency on Road Safety. The reports have been shared with NHAI, Works Department and concerned District Administration for implementation. Tender evaluation process for additional 5,000 KM of road signage audit is completed and LOI issued.

2.4.7.19. Education

- a) Hoardings on Road Safety created on sides of NH.
- b) Road Safety related awareness videos are displayed through social media.
- c) Road Safety related creation have been posted through various social media handlings.
- d) Hoardings on toll free no. of STA has been displayed on various languages near inter- state check gates. Stickers on toll free no. all enforcement vehicles of Transport department.
- e) Road Safety jingles are broadcasted in various FM channels and Road Safety fillers are screened in various cinema Halls of the State.
- f) In an attempt to sensitize people on road safety, State Transport Authority, Odisha organised National Road Safety Short Film Festival, 2022 a first-of-its-kind event in the country. There was an overwhelming response for the festival. A total of 230 entries were received in 6

languages from 8 states. The 42 shortlisted films were screened at a local multiplex in Rourkela and Town Hall in Puri.

2.4.7.20. Emergency care

- a) In Odisha, the road accident fatality rate is 48% i.e., no. of deaths per 100 accidents whereas the national accident fatality rate is 36%. It can be reduced if adequate and timely treatment is given to the accident victims in the Golden Hour i.e. within one hour of accidents.
- b) Detailed Gap analysis report prepared by Lead Agency of STA has been shared with Govt. for enhancing the TCC.
- c) Subsequently, Health & Family Welfare Department has approved for establishment of 55 Trauma Care Facilities (Level III) in the existing health facilities along the NH passing through the state.
- d) All Govt. Ambulances are mapped with TCCs and under 108.
- e) Mapping of all Private Ambulances in the state with 108 in consultation with M/s Ziquitza Health Care Private Limited. Till date, 481 private ambulances are mapped with 108 services.
- f) Integration of all Emergency services under 112.
- g) To provide medical assistance to the road accident victims during golden hours, a sum of ₹6 Cr. has been provisioned in the first phase and ₹2 Cr. in the second phase. The funds have been utilized in reimbursement of treatment cost of road accident victims across selected private hospitals of the State. Such victims were provided with free treatment for initial 48 hrs.

2.4.7.21. Initiatives for reduction of Road accidents and fatalities

Multiple initiatives have been taken up by this department to reduce the number of road accidents and fatality rate.

- **First Responders Training – Project “Rakshak:**

First Responders Training Programme – ‘Rakshak’ is a road safety initiative to save precious lives. This capacity building programme has been organized by this Department in partnership with Indian Red Cross Society, Odisha State branch.





It is first of its kind state level programme in the country where in 30,000 volunteers staying or working at the eateries and different business establishments and police personnel will be trained as First Responders to road accident victims. The programme will be conducted in two phases. In the first phase 300 Master Trainers have been trained in Training of Trainers (TOTs) by experts. Master Trainers include volunteers from Indian Red Cross Society, Odisha State Branch and NGOs across the state. The TOTs have been conducted at 10 places across the state i.e., Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Sambalpur, Balasore, Koraput, Phulbani, Sundargarh, Keonjhar and Bhawanipatna. After the TOT, in the second phase these 300 Master Trainers will go to accident prone areas in all the 30 districts to train and empower people to render help to the road accident victims. They will be equipped to administer first aid and pre-hospital trauma care to accident victims within the golden hour.

In the "Golden Hour," they can save lives by offering first aid treatment. Till date, 11,389 first responders have completed training. 30,000 more first responders will be trained across 30 districts.

- **Zero Fatality Corridors with Save Life Foundation (SLF):**

Save life Foundation (SLF) is a volunteer organization working in the field of road safety. This organization has been able to reduce the road accident fatalities in the Mumbai-Pune Expressway by 52% with the concept of Zero Fatality Corridors (ZFC). An MoU has been signed with the SLF by this Department for creating ZFCs in 100 important Black Spots all over the State. The SLF team will visit all the identified Black Spots, scientifically analyze the reasons for continuous accidents and recommend required rectification measures for implementation. SLF had audited five black spots of Cuttack district under the jurisdiction of NHAI and 15 black spots under Cuttack, Sundargarh, Sambalpur & Jharsuguda districts on State Highways.

- **Refresher training for HMV drivers - Project "Vahak"**

Most road accidents caused by heavy motor vehicles are due to the fatigue of the drivers on long drive, lack of knowledge about defensive driving skills and modern technologies incorporated in the vehicles. Most of the commercial drivers graduate from a role of a helper to driver without any formal training for heavy vehicles. Unlike LMV there is no system of test for issuing driving license for HMV. Renewals of License happens without any test or refresher training. STA has initiated three days residential training programme 'Vahak' for heavy vehicle drivers at HMV Driver Training Institute, Chhatia. Subjects covered are driving skills, fuel efficiency, basic first aid, road safety and road signage. One thousand HMV drivers of Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) will be trained in the first phase. Till now 236 HMV Drivers of OMC have successfully completed the Refresher Training.



As of now, 1632 HMV drivers have received training. The target is to educate 1 lakh HMV drivers across the State. The sponsorship of the HMV drivers' three days of refresher training at IDTRs has been requested from various industries and mining enterprises.

The federation of bus and truck owners has been asked to provide sponsorship for their drivers to undergo the refresher training. It is suggested from ST/SC Department to train about 1000 SC/ST HMV drivers during 2023. JCT cum Principal, Govt. DTS, Bhubaneswar has submitted a proposal for impacting training to 1000 HMV Drivers from different Education Institution and OSRTC.

- **Institute of Driving Training and Research (IDTR)**

The Odisha government built an HMV Driver Training Institute at Chhatia, Jajpur to enhance road safety and driver training programmes in the heavy motor vehicle (HMV) industry. The institute jointly formed in 2011 by the governments of Odisha and Ashok Leyland with the goals of developing the skills of local youth in HMV driving and providing them with high-quality driver training to satisfy the needs of the transportation business. At this point, the institute has trained 61,620 drivers.

Construction of three more IDTRs has been completed in Berhampur, Keonjhar and Bonai, particularly in the mining belt of the state where the requirement of skilled drivers is more. One IDTR at Deuliapatana under Khurda district is also under process.

- **State Level Crash Investigation Training program**

With an objective to offer a scientific understanding of the accident investigation processes and its relevance, State Level Crash Investigation Training programme was organised for officials from Police & Transport department. It is first of its kind state level programme in Odisha where officers from Police & Transport department are being trained how to provide authentic data of an accident which in turn facilitate the designing



of policy-level interventions for the reduction of road traffic accidents. 642 officials from Police and Transport department are trained. The training will be conducted at all the police range headquarters across Odisha.

- **Capacity Building & Road Safety Training for Road Engineers**

In yet another bid to improve the road safety scenario in the State, the State Transport Authority has initiated a capacity building and training programme for road engineers of Odisha. About 200 engineers from Works Dept. & NHAI took part in the two-day long training programme between July 29 and August 6. Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT), Pune was the knowledge partner for the event. The experts from the institute shared insight into road safety, road safety audit, basic principles like Haddon's Matrix Safety System approach, Vision Zero, emerging technologies in road designs and construction.



- **State Level Road Safety & First Aid Training programme for home guards and constables**

To improve the road safety scenario in Odisha, the State Transport Authority has initiated a State Level Road Safety & First Aid Training programme for home guards and constables. It was inaugurated on 19th August 2022 in Kalahandi. It is first of its kind training programme in the state where home guards and constables engaged in traffic duty will attend the capacity building programme on emergency preparedness and response.

In case of road accidents, often traffic personnel are the first responders. Such training is essential for traffic personnel to attend emergency situation and save precious lives during golden hour. The training aims at equipping participants to attend a panic-stricken accident victim and save his/her life. In the first phase 483 Constables and Home guards are trained.

2.4.7.22. Disposal of Motor Accidents Claim Cases

During the year, 2022-23 the following Motor accident claim cases have been disposed by the STAT-cum- 2nd MACT Cuttack, 2nd MACT Sambalpur and 2nd MACT, Berhampur.

Table-12: Motor Accidents Claims Tribunals (MACT)

Name of the Claim Tribunal	No. of Pending cases	No. of cases filed / received	Total (Pending + Received)	No. of cases disposed of	Amount of compensation awarded
STAT-cum-2 nd MACT, Cuttack	1,123	156	1,279	278	₹2,33,14,025
2 nd MACT, North Division, Sambalpur	426	86	512	221	₹17,79,43,646
2 nd MACT, South Division, Berhampur	464	418	882	218	₹12,70,83,062
Total	2,013	660	2,673	717	₹32,83,40,733

N.B. STAT-cum-2nd MACT, Cuttack disposed of 278 MAC cases, 6 cases by way of transfer to other courts and 1 by vacating.

2.5. Workshop on Transport Policies & Implementation



Communication is critical to success of any programme involving large-scale implementation followed by monitoring. The Deputy Commissioners of Transport (DCTs), RTOs / ARTOs, field level officials of OSRTC among others were made part of the full day Workshop on Transport Policies & Implementation held on 08.02.2023. The agenda of the workshop was to inculcate the right attitude among all stakeholders in framing & implementing various policies that would make the departmental services more reachable to the citizens. The workshop was chaired by the Hon'ble Minister, Commerce & Transport.

3. Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC)

3.1. About the Corporation

- The aim and objective of the Corporation is to provide safe and dependable transport facilities to the public.
- In 1948, the State Government took over operation of bus services run by erstwhile princely states under State Transport Services of Transport Department with a staff strength of 4089 and fleet strength of 523.
- In 1950, the Central Act, RTC Act was enacted (Act No.64 of 1950) which required creation of Road Transport Corporation under respective State Govt. The OSRTC Rules were passed in 1967.
- The assets and employees of State Transport services were turned over to the OSRTC which became functional w.e.f. 15.05.1974.
- The ORT Company, operating mostly in the southern parts of the state merged with the OSRTC w.e.f. 16.08.1990 along with all its assets, liability and employees.
- The Corporation started functioning with share capital contribution from the State Government and the Central Govt. in the ratio of 2:1. The Central Government has stopped share capital contribution since 1990-91.
- The Corporation safeguards Govt. interest during market strikes and band calls given by private operators. It is the sole operator providing service to the people of inaccessible and naxal-prone hilly areas.
- It acts as a regulator during demand for excess fare hikes. It provides travel concessions to the physically challenged persons, students as per the Government decision. It also provides transport facilities to police personnel based on bus warrants.

Table-13: Status of various assets of OSRTC

Sl. No.	Activities	Number
1.	No. of Zone/Units	23
2.	Vehicle Position	
(i)	On road	443
(ii)	Off road	195
	Total	638
3.	Staff Position	
(i)	Regular	146
(ii)	Contractual	1,044
(iii)	Out-Sourcing	564
	Total	1,754
4.	Total no. routes	324

Sl. No.	Activities	Number
5.	No. of Routes in operation	245
6.	No. of services passing through Malkangiri	25
7.	No. of Inter-state services (Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar)	41
8.	Total Operational KM.	2,01,7481/Day
(i)	Average KMPL	4.49
9.	No. of prepaid Franchisees	72

3.2. Key Activities

- OSRTC is operating in 245 routes by utilizing 638 buses in both Intra-State and Inter-State routes. Out of which 41 routes are operating through neighbouring States like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar & Chhattisgarh.
- During FY 2021-22, OSRTC has procured 180 new buses including 10 Ultra-Luxurious Volvo buses to provide better transport facilities to the passengers.
- Recently in FY 2022-23, OSRTC has procured 40 New A/C Buses with the support of the Department for the FIH Hockey World Cup 2023. After the event, these Buses will be operationalised after obtaining new permits on new routes.
- Two OSRTC buses are under operation between Jantapai to Malkangiri (DHH) and Motu to Malkangiri (DHH) to carry patients and their attendants free of cost.
- OSRTC has been developing 55 New Bus Stands across the State under the 5T initiative with a total project cost of ₹272 Cr. of the 55 no's bus stands, 02 nos. bus stands have been inaugurated by Hon'ble CM of Odisha on dt.05.03.2023 and operated, 09 nos. bus stand work has been constructed and further 44 nos. bus stand works almost 80% completed.
- Steps have already been taken to construct block-level bus stands in Phase-2. For the construction, the Land selection process in different blocks has already been completed and 63 nos. of places in different blocks have been identified for the construction of the Bus stand in phase-2 under the "Ama Bus Stand" scheme.
- The Construction work of the Aska, Athagarh, Balangir, and Motu Bus stands is already completed.
- Similarly, many other initiatives such as ITMS, Command & Control Centre, GIS-based Asset Management, Insurance of Buses etc. have been taken up by OSRTC for which budget provision has been proposed by OSRTC to the Dept. in the budget.
- OSRTC in association with M/s Fresh Rooms has developed Smart Toilet-cum-Integrated Commercial Facilities to provide passengers with a high-end public amenity at a very affordable price point.
- Measures have been taken to maximize non-traffic revenue through land monetization, advertisement, tickets, and other physical assets development. OSRTC has taken up a specialized study to work out the monetization of its assets and for more productive usages like setting up bus stations, parking spaces, and Petrol Pumps.

- For operational and technical support, OSRTC is engaging minimum required resources such as Drivers/Conductors, Technical Persons & Office Assistants through a manpower agency and taking various initiatives toward capacity-building programs.
- Currently, IIIT-D is developing the AFCS module. The core objective of implementing AFCS is to create an integrated fare collection mechanism using interoperable standards. ETM solutions, Kiosk Solutions (for OSRTC Counters and Pre-paid Franchisee Counters), M-ticketing solutions, and Online reservation system modules have been developed under the AFCS.
- Recently, the LAccMI scheme was announced by the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Govt. of Odisha with a vision to provide the people reliable transport facilities for their livelihood in which OSRTC is playing as State Level Aggregator in Rural Perceived Passenger Transport
- The Corporation is imparting training to all the drivers through PCRA and other staff through MoRTH-sponsored training programs for improving necessary skills.
- Another emerging avenue for the Corporation is to stress upon inter-state services and to reduce short-distance trips with inter and intra-city operations. In this segment, the Corporation is working to emerge as a viable competitor.

3.3. Additional Information

- Citizens and passenger grievances addressed through social media, Toll-Free call service. A grievance cell has been created at Corporate Office with Toll-Free Number.
- Introduction of Passenger Feedback on our official web portal of OSRTC (www.osrtc.in) for better interaction with passengers regarding the operation of bus services.
- Mobile Android App for the online booking of bus tickets has been implemented for the convenience of the travelling public. E-booking through OSRTC portal (www.osrtc.in), www.abhibus.in, www.paytm.com and www.busindia.com.
- Provision of SMS alert to booking passengers on the reservation, and cancellation of tickets.
- Provision of OSRTC bus ticket booking facility by CSCs through www.odishaone.gov.in
- Implementation of Cashless transactions through Petro Card for procurement of HSD.
- Regular updating of Digital Payment Data on DigiDhan Dashboard of Govt. of India.
- Initiation of a digital payment system through QR code for booking of tickets at Bus stands and in buses to facilitate the general public.
- Web-enabled Depot Management and MIS implemented across 23 depots to enhance our operational, technical, and financial efficiency.
- Deployment of PoS Machines at Baramunda (Bhubaneswar) Badambadi (Cuttack) and Malatipatpur (Puri) bus stands of OSRTC for collection of parking fees and Entry fees from mobile vendors.
- Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMs) are being used in all routes of OSRTC for ticketing which helps to check leakage of revenue.
- Implementation of FAS Tag in all buses for Payment of Toll fees at different toll plazas.
- Implementation of a Litigation Management System (LMS) and E-Office at the corporate office of OSRTC with SMS alerts to users.
- Provision of Bulk SMS facility for Shop Allotters of OSRTC.

3.4. Initiatives of OSRTC

I. Skill Mapping for the next four (04) years

- a) In the upcoming 2023-2024 period, OSRTC has planned to provide skill development training programs for its drivers and conductors. These training programs will be carried out in phases and will be facilitated by DTI Chhatia.
- b) The technical personnel such as Asst. Managers, Jr. Professionals (Technician) engaged through Service Provider have been imparted with Skill Development Training in Training Institute, APSRTC for the year 2022-2023 & offer an indication of fresh technical personnel in 2023-24 such as Mechanics, Fitters, etc. are also to be trained in the coming year 2023-24/ 2024-25.

II. Recruitment Plan

OSRTC is currently engaging personnel of different categories through service providers at present. After procuring new buses, the following categories of employees have been engaged through the service provider.

- i. Asst. Manager (Operations)
- ii. Asst. Manager (Civil)
- iii. Asst. Manager (Depot)
- iv. Accounts Asst.
- v. Jr. Professional (Technical)
- vi. Office Asst.
- vii. Office Asst. (Finance)

III. Announcement of Hon'ble CM relating to C&T Dept. and present status

Previously a scheme namely "Biju Gaon Gadi Yojana" (BGGY) was introduced to operate its buses across the LWE areas in the year 2014 for a period of 4 years. The scheme started with 95 LCV buses.

- a) In the year 2019-20, the Rajdhani Express scheme was introduced by OSRTC to connect different district headquarters to the state capital.
- b) At Present, there are two schemes have been announced relating to OSRTC i.e., "Ama Bus-Stand" & "LAccMI" schemes as OSRTC is concerned. The Preparation of its DPR/ Framework is in progress.

IV. Blueprint of major activities for the next 14 months

- a) OSRTC is going to start implementing the ITMS Project this year 2023-24. In connection with this, Funds from the Govt. have already been received.
- b) 67 more Bus-Stands (Phase II) at different places in Odisha are to be constructed this year 2023-24. Alienation of lands is under process.

4. Civil Aviation

I. Mukhya Mantri Bayu Swastha Seva

Under this Scheme of the Health & Family Welfare Department, hired Aircrafts/Helicopters were used to transport the Specialist Doctors' Teams to serve the people of undivided Koraput and Kalahandi Districts as and when required by them. Unutilised flying hours of the State hired Aircraft is being spared for use under this Scheme.

II. Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN)

- a) Jeypore Airport in Koraput District got Aerodrome License from DGCA, New Delhi on 20.10.2022 for 2B category with day VFR operation and regular scheduled flight are commencing to Bhubaneswar and Vishakapatnam since 31.10.2022.
- b) Documents for aerodrome licensing of Utkela Airport have been submitted to DGCA. India One Air has been selected by MoCA for commercial flying in these air routes, connecting State Headquarter to the remote district of the State under RCS-UDAN.

III. Rangeilunda Airport

State Govt. has started Non-Scheduled Flight Operation at Rangeilunda Airport w.e.f. 05.03.2023 by M/s IndiaOne Air.

IV. Amarda Road Airstrip

Working permission has been granted by the Ministry of Defence, Government of India to State Government for use of Amarda Road Airstrip (Mayurbhanj) on defence land measuring 160.35 acres for development of airstrip.

V. Rourkela Airport

Rourkela Airport got Aerodrome License from DGCA, New Delhi for 2C category with day VFR operation and regular scheduled flights was commenced to Bhubaneswar from **07.01.2023** by M/s Alliance Air Aviation Limited. This has been supportive for the seamless & smooth transportation of players and officials of Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 at Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. Several school-going children including special children were transported to watch live matches and most of them were First Time Flyers.

VI. Malkangiri Airstrip

Administrative approval has been accorded for construction of an Airstrip at Malkangiri and tender has been awarded. Construction work of the Airport is in progress.

VII. Sri Jagannath International Airport at Puri

State Government has engaged IDCO as a single window agency for processing all necessary statutory studies, approvals etc. and to finalise the Operator for the proposed Greenfield International Airport at Puri. Applications to Steering Committee and the related Ministries (Ministry of Defence & Ministry of Home Affairs) for Site & Statutory Clearance respectively have been submitted as per Green Field Aviation Policy.

VIII. Shifting of Dakota Aircraft

The Dakota Aircraft was seamlessly transported and shifted from NSCBI Airport, Kolkata to Bhubaneswar on 18.01.2023. The display exhibit of Dakota DC3 (VT-AUI) Aircraft was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 05.03.2023 in front of Terminal 1 Building, AAI, BPI Airport.

IX. Development of Biju Patnaik Aviation Centre at Birasal (Dhenkanal)

In-principle approval has been obtained for land acquisition/alienation of Ac. 188.77 (161.62 Acres of Government land and 27.15 Acres of private land) for up-gradation of Birasal Airstrip into a World Class Aerospace Centre. An amount of ₹275 Cr. has been earmarked for the project. IDCO has been assigned with further deliberation.

X. Odisha Civil Aviation Policy-2022

For the first time, this Policy has been formulated and approved by the Cabinet on 29.11.2022 during the 52nd session with an objective to augment the aviation infrastructure in the state with an investor friendly ecosystem to improve regional air connectivity, create sectoral skilled resource pool and maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities.

XI. Exemption of VAT on ATF

Hon'ble State Cabinet has approved full exemption of VAT on ATF sold to RCS fixed wing flights or Helicopters or Aircrafts or Sea Planes at any Airport or Heliport or Helipad or Water Aerodromes within Odisha. The decision was notified by this Department on 06.03.2023.

XII. International Flight operation

Tender for international routes was floated. Cabinet approval has been obtained in this matter. Agreement executed between Government of Odisha and M/s Interglobe Aviation Limited for operating direct international flight service to international destinations like Dubai, Singapore and Bangkok.

5. Railways

The Railway Section of Transport Department is directly dealing with Land Acquisition for 15 numbers of Railway projects as below.

Table-14: List of ongoing railway projects

#	Name of the projects
1.	Angul-Duburi-Sukinda Road NBG Rail Link Project
2.	Haridaspur-Paradeep NBG Rail Link Project
3.	Khurda Road-Balangir NBG Rail Link Project
4.	Talcher-Bimlagarh NBG Rail Link Project
5.	Daitari-Bansapani Rail Link Project
6.	Talcher-Sambalpur Doubling
7.	Doubling Sambalpur-Titlagarh
8.	Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh NBG Rail Link Project
9.	Cuttack-Paradeep Doubling
10.	Jeypore-Nabarangpur NBG Rail Link Project
11.	Jeypore-Malkangiri NBG Rail Link Project
12.	Bhadrak-Nirgundi 3rd line
13.	Salegaon-Budhapank-Jarapada 3rd & 4th line
14.	Koraput Singapore Road Doubling Project
15.	Establishment of Electro Loco POH at Narla in Kalahandi District

- i. Two Railway Projects through SPV mode i.e., Haridaspur-Paradeep Railway Company Limited (HPRCL) for Haridaspur-Paradeep NBG Rail Link Project and Angul-Sukinda Railway Limited (ASRL) for Angul-Duburi-Sukinda Road NBG Rail Link Project are ongoing for development of Odisha's mineral belts and also for better communication in backward areas where there was no Railway network. Odisha Government therefore stepped in to contribute to those companies' equity up to the extent of 26% each in both these SPV projects to make them viable. Accordingly, as on date, ₹237.79 Cr. has been contributed for Haridaspur-Paradeep Project and ₹177.60 Cr. for Angul-Sukinda Project only by Government of Odisha. Haridaspur-Paradeep rail link was commissioned w.e.f. 01.10.2020. Now Goods train are plying in this route. GoO has repeatedly been requesting to Railway Board to Start Passenger train service in Haridaspur-Paradeep route.
- ii. A Joint Venture Company named Odisha Rail Infrastructure Development Limited (ORIDL) has been formed between Ministry of Railways and Government of Odisha for further development of Railway infrastructure in the State, for which agreement was signed with Ministry of Railways on 14.06.2016 with a funding ratio 49:51. As on date, ₹26.78 Cr. has been deposited with this new JV Company towards 51% equity participation of Government of Odisha as per MoU. ORIDL has received In Principle approval for 05 projects i.e., Gopalpur-Jagannathpur-Rairakhol, Naraj Marthapur-Kaipadar road, Banspani-Barbil, Bargarh-NuapadaViaPadampur&Buramara-Chakulia.
 - a. The DPR of Jagannathpur to Rairakhol new BG electrified Rail line project and the DPR of Barbil-Banspani electrified railway line project along with 100% equity contributions by the State Government have been approved by the Project Approval Committee (PAC) held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Odisha on 01.10.2022. It has subsequently been processed for Govt of India approval through ORIDL.
 - b. Railway Board has requested SER to submit DPR of Buramara-Chakulia Road New Line expeditiously for further consideration.
- iii. Government of Odisha is involved in 03 Railway projects on cost sharing basis as cited below.
 - a. Khurda Road-Balangir (289 KM) New BG Rail Link Project: Government of Odisha is contributing 50% of the construction cost and all land free between 112-289 Km for the stretch between Dasapalla-Balangir as per MOU signed between GoO and Railway. Government of Odisha has already provided ₹982.99 Cr. to East Coast Railway towards 50% construction cost and ₹432.05 Cr. to Special L.A.O. towards land acquisition cost. Connectivity to Nuagaon Road of Nayagarh District (90.4 KM) has been commissioned on 30.6.2022 and from the other end i.e., Balangir to Bhainsapali (14.9 KM) on 15th January 2019 in the Khurda Road- Balangir Project. Construction work is in good pace in the balance alignment of this Project.
 - b. Jeypore-Malkangiri (130 Km.): Government has signed MoUs on 10.10.2016 with Ministry of Railways for new project Jeypore-Malkangiri (130 Km.) to bring Rail connectivity to Malkangiri district for the first time. Similarly, State Government will bear 25% share of the entire project cost of Jeypore- Malkangiri Railway project (130Km). Till date, ₹28.00 Cr. has been deposited with ECoR towards construction cost.

- c. Jeypore- Nabarangpur (38 Km.): Government has signed MoUs on 10.10.2016 with Ministry of Railways for new project Jeypore - Nabarangpur (38 Km.) to bring Rail connectivity to Nabarangpur districts for the first time. State Government will provide free land and bear 50% share of construction cost of Nabarangpur - Jeypore Railway projects (38.00 KM). Till date, ₹34.99 Cr. has been deposited with the Special LAO, Nabarangpur - Jeypore New BG Rail Link Project, Jeypore for land acquisition purpose.
- iv. Government of Odisha has also given consent to provide all land free for establishment of Electric Loco POH workshop near Narla of Kalahandi district. As per the requirement of land by Railway measuring Ac.328.350, processing of land acquisition has already been initiated and involved Government Non-Forest land has been alienated by the R & DM Department in favour of Railway. For forest diversion, ₹44,97,020/- has been deposited with the Railways for compensatory afforestation C.A. Till date, ₹3.44 Cr. has been released to ECoR towards direct purchase of required land.
- v. For a new railway line from Puri to Konark, Government of Odisha has offered to share 50% of land cost as well as 50% of the construction cost. Though Hon'ble Chief Minister has given this offer to Minister for Railways on 24.8.2017, confirmation is yet to be received from Railways.
- vi. Recently, Government of Odisha has offered to provide all land free to make the project, Gunupur-Therubali extended rail link project for 79.15 KM viable. This project has been sanctioned in 2017-18 Budget of Government of India and awaits CCEA approval. As advised by Railway Board, Traffic Study and Financial Appraisal for the new line project from Gunupur to Therubali was conducted by the state Joint Venture Company, ORIDL. ORIDL has observed that, the financial viability of this project primarily depends on the projected traffic from the future Bhavanapadu Port and at present the timeline for commissioning of the Bhavanapadu port is uncertain. But after development of Bhavanapadu port, this project will be viable financially. As such, ORIDL has recommended that Railways should start construction initially with budgetary resources. At an appropriate time, when greater clarity emerges about timeline of the Bhavanapadu port development, and also greater clarity of traffic, it can switch to appropriate PPP model.
- vii. Railway projects are monitored by high level authorities such as the PMO, Cabinet Secretary, Chief Minister's Office, Odisha through Pragati, CCI (PMG), E-SamikSha, and Coordination Committees respectively.
- viii. Establishment Matter: All establishment works relating to field functionaries of all 08 establishments under the Rail coordination Directorate are dealt in Railway Section. Rail Coordination Directorate is managing employees in 14 no. of ongoing Railway Projects by deploying the available employees of the sanctioned 08 Railway Projects.

In addition to the above, close monitoring in coordination with line Departments like Revenue & D.M., Forest & Environment, Energy, Water Resources, Law, Finance, Home, IDCO and Collectors are being done for smooth implementation of Railway Projects in the State.

6. EV Policy

The primary aim of the Odisha Electric Vehicle Policy, 2021 is to accelerate the pace of adoption of electric vehicles in the vehicle segments especially in the category of two wheelers, three wheelers and LMVs. The policy shall focus to drive rapid adoption of Battery Electric Vehicles to contribute a substantial percentage of all new vehicles in the years to come and bring about improvement in the air quality in all major cities and across Odisha.

6.1. Objectives

- a. Promote use of Electric Vehicles across vehicle segments among public in the State by facilitating appropriate ecosystem. The aim is to achieve adoption of 20% Battery Electric Vehicles in all vehicle registrations by 2025. Promote manufacture of Electric Vehicles & its components including Battery in the State.
- b. Promote Innovation, prototyping, venture formation and facilitate Research & Development in the areas relating to Electric Vehicles & Battery.
- c. Put in measures to support the creation of jobs in driving, selling, financing, servicing, manufacturing and charging of Electric Vehicles.

6.2. Highlights

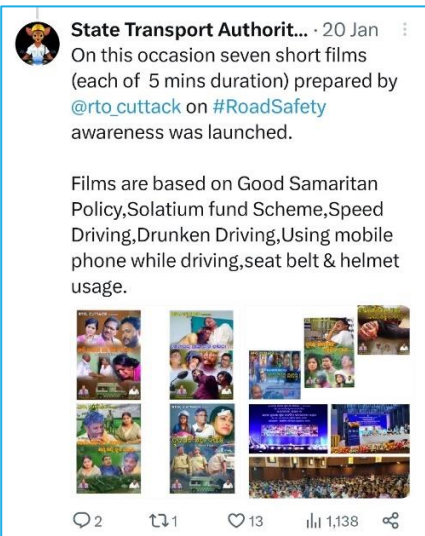
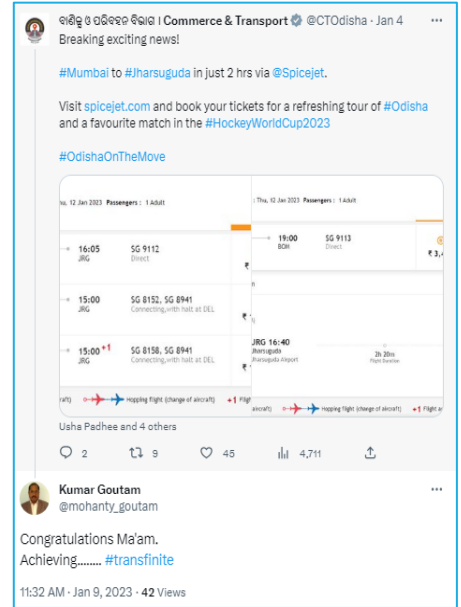
- a. Institutional Mechanism for administration of policy through a State Level Task Force and a Steering Committee apart from establishing an EV Cell and developing a public outreach program focused on creating awareness about benefits of EVs and key element of the policy.
- b. Financial Incentives: - Purchase incentives, Scrapping incentives, Interest subvention in loans.
- c. Waiver of Road tax & Registration fees
- d. Establishment of a wide network of Charging Stations and swappable battery stations.
- e. Setting of Skill Centres with provision for training related to jobs in EV eco-system.
- f. Setting up of Recycling ecosystem for Batteries
- g. All the incentives available for manufacturing industries under IPR, 2015; MSME Policy, 2016 and Odisha Start-up Policy, 2016 shall be made available to EV manufacturers.
- h. Creation of an Umbrella non-lapsable “State EV Fund” to be funded through additional taxes, cess, fees etc. on polluting vehicles.

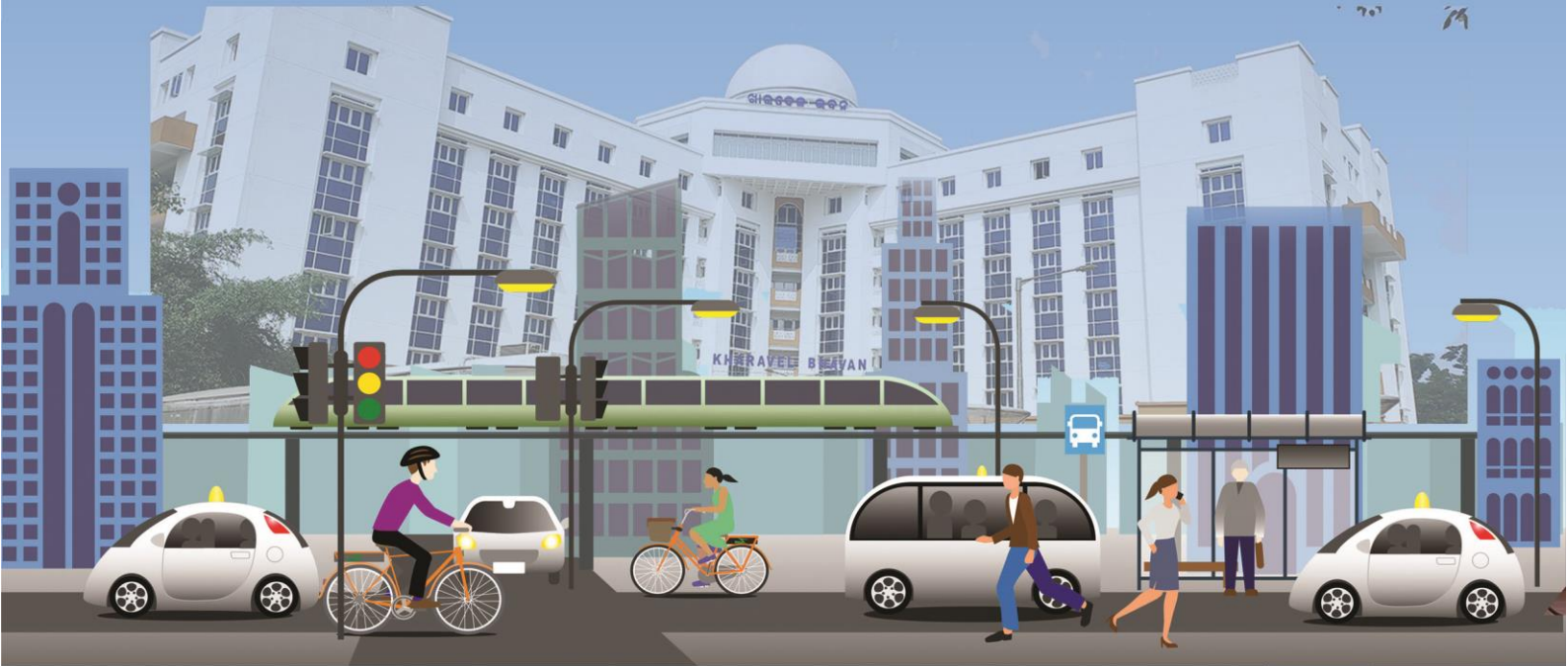
6.3. Impact of the Policy

EVs registered in pre-policy years i.e., 2019 & 2020 were mere 0.14% (1,159 nos. against total registrations: 8,25,672 nos.) and 0.15% (904 nos. against total registrations: 6,01,238 nos.). During 2021 it rose to 1.05% of total vehicle registrations in a span of a quarter's time (Oct'21 – Dec'21). EV registrations in 2022 reached 4.49% (28,444 nos. against total registrations: 6,33,454 nos.).

7. Media Corner







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