

'UP expressways are safer than nat'l and state highways'

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Lucknow: Of the total number of accidents in Uttar Pradesh, only 1.5% have taken place on the expressways, making them the safest for commuters in comparison to national highways and state highways where 40% and 30% of accidents took place respectively.

The fact was highlighted in the road safety report at the review meeting on Thursday.

At the meeting, chief secretary DS Mishra directed all the district magistrates to hold district road safety committee meetings without fail every month and upload the minutes of the meeting on the centralised website being maintained by the ministry of road transport and highways.

The transport and police department in tandem flag the stretches on the busy roads and highways which witness fatal accidents regularly as a black spot and recommend better road engineering or manual interventions required to bring down the fatalities.

While going through the

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crash reports prepared by various government agencies for the period between January 1, 2023 and May 31, 2023, Mishra found out that number of accidents have gone up by more than 5% compared to the corresponding period in the previous year and the number of fatal accidents leading to deaths were also up by 4.2%.

Over speeding emerged as the primary reason for the accidents.