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### INTEGRATED ROAD ACCIDENT DATABASE LAUNCHED

**Shillong, October 12, 2021:** Aimed at enhancing road safety, IRAD (Integrated Road Accident Database), was launched today by the Meghalaya Chief Secretary, Smti. R V Suchiang in a function held at the Conference Hall, Main Secretariat, Shillong.



IRAD is a comprehensive web-based Information Technology (IT) solution which will enable various agencies such as the Police, Public Works Department (PWDs), Health, Highway etc. to enter details on a road accident from different perspectives such as investigation, road engineering, vehicle condition etc, with the aim of analyzing causes of crashes and in devising safety interventions to reduce such accidents.

A World Bank funded project, IRAD is executed under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Government of India and implemented by NICSI and IIT Madras.





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Speaking on the occasion, Smti. R V Suchiang stated that in view of the rising numbers of deaths due to road accidents across the country, the Supreme Court has issued specific directions to all state governments to bring down the rate of road accidents. Adding that the launch of IRAD will go a long way in addressing the issue of road safety, she stressed on the need for speedy rectification of identified problem areas which causes accidents. Reiterating the importance of adhering to road safety rules, she stressed on the importance of awareness campaigns and also urged drivers, particularly the youth to acquaint themselves with traffic rules and signs and also to follow rules.



Shri. H Nongpluh, Additional Director General of Police informed that the State registers accidents cases on a daily basis, which accounts for nearly 180 deaths annually. He expressed hope that with the launch of IRAD, the information collected from all stakeholders will help mitigate preventable accidents. Stressing on the important role played by the Police as first responders in cases of accidents, he urged upon them to perform their duty with responsibility.

SPs from all districts of the State participated in the programme via video conferencing.  
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