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India is making significant strides in road infrastructure. Since 2014, National Highway development has surged significantly, with the MoRTH's average annual budget increasing over 940% from 2009-14 to 2023-24. In 2020-21, we achieved a remarkable pace of 37 km of highway construction per day and set a record. As we aim for a Viksit Bharat by 2047, we plan to construct over 200,000 km of national highways by 2037, including a tenfold increase in high-speed roads. Linking Jhalawar (NH-12) and Baran (NH-27) via National Highway No. 90 is essential for enhancing connectivity and promoting equitable growth across the country. However, the rising fatalities from road accidents on national highways necessitate urgent and comprehensive road safety initiatives. The tragic loss of 168,000 lives in 2022 emphasises the critical need for Trauma Care Services along highways. Experts emphasise the significance of the "Golden Hour" for survival, making the establishment of such centres imperative. Further, in order to enhance trauma care on highways, it is also essential to implement Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) for medical staff, improving the skills of existing personnel. Hence, by establishing new Trauma Care Centres, we can significantly increase survival rates for victims of road accidents.

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