

Legal Procedures and Victim Advocacy in Road Rage Cases in India

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Abstract

Road rage is a growing problem in India, made worse by heavy traffic, reckless driving, and ineffective traffic law enforcement. The strict legal system that governs the penalties for causing fatalities in traffic accidents places a strong emphasis on justice, accountability, and road safety. By guaranteeing that offenders get the proper legal repercussions, the laws seek to discourage careless and irresponsible driving. The severity of the accident's conditions, intent, and level of negligence all affect the consequences for similar instances.

The research paper will examine the legal framework governing road rage and reckless driving in India, focusing on relevant provisions under the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC) and the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. It will analyse laws addressing offenses such as reckless driving, assault, manslaughter, and homicide, assessing their effectiveness in deterring road rage incidents. Additionally, the study will evaluate the role of law enforcement in ensuring strict compliance with these regulations and the extent to which penalties—ranging from fines and imprisonment to license suspension—act as effective deterrents.

Beyond legal measures, the study will explore the rights of victims involved in road rage incidents, particularly concerning compensation, legal recourse, and victim support systems. It will assess how the Indian legal system upholds these rights, including avenues for justice through insurance claims and civil suits. Furthermore, the research will investigate the impact of public awareness campaigns, educational programs, and media in shaping societal attitudes toward road safety and curbing aggressive driving behaviours. By analysing these factors, the study aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the legal and social measures necessary to mitigate road rage and enhance road safety in India.

Keywords: Road rage, Indian Penal Code, Motor Vehicles Act, teenage driving, aggression, victims, penalties

Introduction

Despite being ranked second globally in terms of road infrastructure, India grapples with one of the highest rates of road-related violence. Aggressive driving behaviours such as reckless overtaking, verbal abuse, rude gestures, and physical altercations are becoming increasingly prevalent. These incidents not only endanger those directly involved but also threaten public safety, escalating traffic-related conflicts and, in many cases, resulting in severe injuries or fatalities.

Road rage is a complex and multifaceted issue rooted in various factors, including poor traffic management, inadequate law enforcement, cultural attitudes toward driving, and a general lack of awareness regarding the consequences of aggressive behaviour on the road. The absence of strict deterrents and widespread traffic congestion further exacerbate the problem, making it imperative to implement effective measures such as stricter regulations, driver education programs, and improved traffic enforcement to curb road-related violence and enhance overall safety.

Many roads' accidents stem from hazardous driving behaviours influenced by psychological factors such as sensation-seeking, driving-related anger, frustration, boredom, and stress. These emotions often lead to reckless actions that contribute to preventable crashes. Despite India having the second-largest road network in the world, it also records one of the highest rates of road accidents, injuries, and fatalities. The emergence of road rage, in which drivers act violently when they feel threatened, is one concerning problem. This hostility can take many different forms, such as verbal abuse, impolite gestures, careless driving, and even physical confrontations.

Beyond the individuals immediately impacted, road rage has an impact on society at large by raising accident rates and jeopardizing public safety. Road anger is a major contributing factor in many traffic accidents, according to research, which emphasizes how urgently intervention is needed. Depending on the seriousness of the offense, provisions under the Motor Vehicles Act and the Indian Penal Code (IPC) stipulate

penalties that can vary from fines and jail time to license suspension. These rules are also intended to protect people's rights and give victims' families justice, which includes making sure they receive fair compensation. Despite not specifically mentioning "road rage," the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) contains various sections that highlight instances of aggressive driving and associated violent conduct.

Offenders may face harsh legal consequences that further burden their lives, such as fines, license suspensions, and criminal accusations. Furthermore, long-term psychological trauma may affect both victims and aggressors, influencing their attitudes toward driving in the future and possibly resulting in persistent animosity or fear when driving. Strict law enforcement, public awareness initiatives, and the encouragement of responsible driving are all necessary to address these problems and make the roads safer for all.

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Road rage is a multifaceted issue driven by various factors, including poor traffic management, inadequate law enforcement, cultural attitudes toward driving, and a general lack of awareness regarding the consequences of aggressive behaviour. Additionally, widespread traffic congestion and the absence of strict deterrents further aggravate the problem. Addressing this growing concern requires a multi-pronged approach, including stricter traffic regulations, enhanced driver education programs, and more effective law enforcement. By implementing these measures, India can work toward reducing road-related violence and ensuring a safer driving environment for all.

Current Situation of Road Accidents in India

Road accidents in India pose a grave public safety concern, with the country recording over 150,000 fatalities annually, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). Despite accounting for just 1% of the world's vehicles, India is responsible for nearly 11% of global road accident-related deaths. Data from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) reveals that approximately 4.5 lakh accidents occur every year—an average of 1,250 accidents per day—leading to significant human and economic losses.

Research identifies key contributing factors to these accidents, including over-speeding, drunk driving, and non-compliance with traffic regulations. Additionally, the World Health Organization (WHO) ranks India's roads among the most hazardous globally, emphasizing the urgent need for robust road safety measures. Addressing this crisis requires a combination of stricter law enforcement, improved infrastructure, enhanced public awareness campaigns, and the promotion of responsible driving behaviour to reduce fatalities and make Indian roads safer.

Road accidents in India in 2022 showed a sharp increase in fatalities and injuries, according to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways' (MoRTH) Annual Report 2023-24. There were 461,312 accidents in all, with 168,491 fatalities and 443,366 injuries. Compared to the 94,968 deaths in 2005, this is a 177% increase in fatalities, which stands in stark contrast to the global trend of fewer people dying in traffic accidents.

According to the report, two-wheelers accounted for 44.5% of all road fatalities in 2022, making them the most afflicted. Pedestrians accounted for 19.5%, followed by buses (2.4%), autorickshaws (3.9%), bicycles (2.9%), heavy vehicles (6.3%), and light motor vehicles (12.5%). Other vehicle types made up 8%.³³

The MoRTH Annual Report 2023–24 raises important safety issues and offers important insights into the distribution and causes of traffic accidents in India. State roadways were responsible for 23.1% of accidents and 24.3% of fatalities, whilst national roads and expressways were responsible for 39.2% of accidents and 36.2% of

³³ <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/why-are-road-accidents-in-india-on-the-rise>

fatalities. 39.4% of fatalities and 43.9% of accidents occurred on other routes, such as city and rural streets. Uttar Pradesh had the largest number of fatalities, while Tamil Nadu recorded the most accidents. Over-speeding emerged as the leading cause, responsible for 72.3% of accidents and 71.2% of deaths, while wrong-side driving accounted for 5.4% of fatalities. Notably, 67% of accidents occurred on straight roads, whereas curved, steep, and potholed roads contributed to only 13.8% of incidents. The report also highlights that 66.5% of accident victims belonged to the 18-45 age group, with 83.4% of fatalities occurring among individuals aged 18-60, predominantly from the working-age population. These findings underscore the urgent need for targeted road safety interventions, including stricter enforcement of speed limits, improved infrastructure, and public awareness initiatives to mitigate fatalities and enhance road safety in India.

In a study on road rage in India, Jain and Mudgal (2021) emphasized the rising incidence of aggressive driving practices and their consequences for traffic safety. Inadequate infrastructure, bad driving habits, and traffic congestion are some of the main causes of drivers' growing annoyance, according to the study. Long commutes, badly maintained roads, and incompetent law enforcement are some of the factors that make the problem worse and encourage actions like tailgating, careless overtaking, arguments, and physical altercations. The study also looks at the psychological implications of road rage on victims and offenders, finding long-term impacts on driving attitudes and mental health. The results highlight the pressing need for all-encompassing measures to combat road rage and advance safer driving conditions in India, such as improved traffic control, more stringent law enforcement, public awareness programs, and infrastructure upgrades.³⁴

Legal Framework Governing Road Rage

This section delves into India's legal framework for addressing road rage, with a focus on key provisions within the Motor Vehicles Act of 1988, the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and other relevant laws. It examines how legal provisions

³⁴ Jain and Mudgal, A study of road rage in India European Psychiatry. 2021 Aug 13;64(Suppl 1): S711

related to assault, criminal intimidation, dangerous driving, and public mischief contribute to curbing road rage incidents. Additionally, the study critically assesses the practical effectiveness of these measures, identifying enforcement gaps and application challenges. By analysing the strengths and weaknesses of India's legal response, the discussion will explore potential amendments and policy recommendations to enhance road safety and deter aggressive driving behaviours.

Recognizing the rising threat of road rage, India has implemented a legal framework aimed at regulating traffic behaviour and ensuring accountability. The IPC addresses criminal offenses such as assault, threats, and public mischief arising from road rage incidents, while the Motor Vehicles Act focuses on traffic regulations and road safety compliance. Together, these legal instruments seek to penalize offenders, deter aggression on roads, and provide legal recourse for victims. However, effective enforcement remains a significant challenge.

The root causes of road rage are deeply ingrained in behavioural patterns, urban congestion, and traffic indiscipline, making it necessary to go beyond legal measures. Public awareness campaigns, improved driver education, and enhanced traffic management are crucial for complementing existing legal provisions. Furthermore, leveraging technological advancements—such as traffic surveillance cameras, digital evidence collection, and automated enforcement systems—can strengthen the ability to track, prevent, and penalize road rage incidents. By integrating legal, behavioural, and technological solutions, India can develop a more robust strategy to mitigate road rage and improve overall road safety.

Motor Vehicles Act, 1988-

The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, governs road safety in India by outlining civil and criminal liabilities, ensuring proper licensing, vehicle registration, and accident-related responsibilities. Section 3³⁵ prohibits driving without a valid license, while Section 4 sets the minimum driving age at 18 years. Owners must not permit unlicensed drivers

³⁵ Section 3, the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988

to operate vehicles. Sections 39-65 regulate vehicle registration, including exemptions for diplomats and government officers.

In case of an accident, Section 132 mandates that the driver must not flee and must wait for authorities. Section 134 requires taking the injured to the nearest hospital and informing the police. Failure to comply leads to penalties under Sections 177-210. Despite legal provisions, cases like the Hema Malini accident highlight enforcement challenges, where privileged individuals often evade accountability.

The Act provides three compensation mechanisms: "No-Fault Liability" grants ₹25,000 for disability and ₹50,000 for death without proving negligence. In hit-and-run cases, the government pays ₹25,000 for death and ₹12,500 for disability. Section 163A ensures compensation from the vehicle owner or insurer without requiring proof of rash driving.

Though comprehensive, weak enforcement and lack of awareness hinder the Act's effectiveness. Strengthening legal compliance, public awareness, and technology-driven monitoring can enhance accountability and road safety in India.

Indian Penal Code, 1860-

The Indian Penal Code (IPC) addresses road offenses, particularly reckless and negligent driving, through Sections 279, 304A, 336, 337, and 338:

- Section 279 penalizes rash or negligent driving that endangers life, with up to six months imprisonment or a fine.³⁶
- Section 304A punishes causing death by negligence with up to two years imprisonment or a fine.
- Sections 336-338 cover acts that endanger life, causing hurt (up to six months imprisonment) or grievous hurt (up to two years imprisonment).

Rash and negligent acts are key elements in road offenses. Rashness refers to reckless actions taken without due caution, while negligence involves failing to act with

³⁶ Mohan D, Tsimhoni O., Sivak M., Flannagan M.J., "Road Safety in India: Challenges and Opportunities", The University of Michigan, Transportation Research Institute, Michigan, U.S.A., January 2009, pp.1-57.

reasonable care. Culpable negligence occurs when someone disregards the consequences of their actions due to a lack of caution. Rashness implies breaking a duty, whereas negligence results from inaction where responsibility exists. Courts assess these based on recklessness, prudence, and due consideration in a given situation. Courts consider factors like time, place, traffic, and crowd to determine liability. The Supreme Court has ruled that wilfully driving into a crowd amount to culpable homicide³⁷, not just negligence. In *Dalbir Singh v. State of Haryana*³⁸, the Court stressed strict penalties for reckless drivers to deter rising road accidents.

- Section 323 of the Indian Penal Code – Punishment for Simple Hurt

Section 323 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) addresses the offense of "simple hurt," which involves causing minor injuries without using dangerous weapons. This section applies when harm is inflicted intentionally or recklessly, without severe consequences. The punishment includes imprisonment for up to one year, a fine, or both.

Simple hurt refers to any injury causing pain or discomfort but not leading to permanent damage or life-threatening conditions. The offense is considered less severe than grievous hurt but is still punishable under the law. It requires an intentional act that results in physical harm, though it does not necessarily involve premeditation.

Examples in Road Rage Incidents-

1. Physical Altercation: A driver slaps another during an argument.
 2. Pushing: An enraged driver shoves another person after a verbal dispute.
 3. Punching: A driver punches another, causing minor bruising.
 4. Throwing Objects: A motorist throws a bottle, causing a minor injury.
- Section 324 of the Indian Penal Code – Voluntarily Causing Hurt with a Weapon

³⁷ The Times of India, New Delhi, 14.11.2007

³⁸ (2000) 5 SCC 82

Section 324 applies when a person intentionally causes hurt using a weapon or dangerous instrument, such as knives, rods, or even vehicles. This offense carries a harsher punishment, including imprisonment for up to three years, a fine, or both.

Key Elements

1. The act must be voluntary and intentional.
2. A weapon or dangerous instrument must be involved.
3. The injury should not be life-threatening but still cause harm.

Examples in Road Rage Incidents

1. Use of a Knife: A driver stabs another in a scuffle.
 2. Attacking with a Rod: A driver strikes another with a metal rod.
 3. Running Over a Pedestrian: A vehicle is used deliberately to injure someone.
 4. Throwing Heavy Objects: A driver throws a brick or bottle, causing injury.
- Section 325 – Punishment for Grievous Hurt

Grievous hurt involves serious injuries, such as fractures or permanent damage. If road rage leads to such harm, the offender can face imprisonment for up to seven years and a fine.

- Section 326 – Voluntarily Causing Grievous Hurt by Dangerous Weapons or Means

This section deals with severe injuries inflicted using weapons or dangerous means. If road rage results in critical injuries, such as stabbing or intentional vehicular assault, the offender may face up to ten years of imprisonment and a fine.

- Section 307 – Attempt to Murder

If a road rage incident involves an attempt to kill, such as deliberately running over a pedestrian, it falls under Section 307. The punishment includes imprisonment, which may extend to life.

- Section 354 – Assault or Use of Criminal Force on a Woman

If a woman is assaulted or harassed during a road rage incident, the offender can be charged under Section 354, which deals with actions intending to outrage a woman's modesty.

- Section 506 – Criminal Intimidation

Threatening someone with harm, including brandishing a weapon or making verbal threats during a road rage incident, is punishable under Section 506.

- Section 427 – Mischief Causing Damage to Property

If road rage leads to damage to vehicles, traffic signals, or public property, the offender can face imprisonment for up to two years or a fine under Section 427.

- Section 302 – Punishment for Murder

If road rage escalates to the point where someone is deliberately killed, the offender can be charged with murder under Section 302, carrying a potential death penalty or life imprisonment.

These legal provisions emphasize accountability and serve as a deterrent against reckless and aggressive behaviour on the roads.

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023-

Anyone who operates a vehicle or rides on a public road in a reckless or careless manner, endangering human life or creating the potential for injury to others, may face legal consequences. The punishment for such offenses can include imprisonment for up to six months, a fine of up to one thousand rupees, or both.

- Section 281³⁹- This provision addresses reckless and careless driving on public roads, which poses a significant risk to public safety. Reckless driving refers to operating a vehicle without regard for the safety of others, often demonstrated through aggressive or dangerous manoeuvres. Careless driving

³⁹ BNS Section 281 <https://lawrato.com/bharatiya-nyaya-sanhita/bns-section-281>

involves a lack of necessary caution, such as distracted driving or negligent behaviour, which results in unsafe conditions on the road. The penalties for endangering others through reckless or careless driving include:

1. Imprisonment: A sentence of up to six months.
2. Fine: A monetary penalty up to one thousand rupees.
3. Both: Courts may impose both imprisonment and fines in severe cases.

This law applies to all vehicle operators, including drivers of cars, motorcycles, bicycles, and other modes of transport on public roads. Although reckless and negligent driving is dangerous, the penalties remain relatively moderate compared to more serious traffic violations. This reflects a preventive approach rather than a punitive one.

IPC versus BNS-

The Supreme Court has recommended revising sentencing provisions under Section 304-A of the IPC due to its perceived inadequacy in addressing reckless driving cases. In *Abdul Sharif vs. State*, the court urged stricter penalties for such offenses.⁴⁰

In response, the Government of India introduced Section 106(2) under the BNS, prescribing severe penalties, including up to 10 years of imprisonment if reckless driving results in death and the driver fails to report the incident. Section 106(1) imposes a maximum sentence of five years for deaths caused by reckless acts not amounting to culpable homicide.

Unlike Section 304-A of the IPC, which used "or" to describe reckless and negligent acts, Section 106(2) of BNS employs "and." This shift requires proving both elements, making prosecution more challenging but potentially strengthening deterrence.

New Motor Vehicles Bill, 2015

The Ministry of Road, Transport, and Highways has proposed a bill to reform and amend the existing Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. The proposed amendments focus on increasing fines for traffic violations and enforcing stricter punishments for offenders

⁴⁰ <https://www.barandbench.com/law-firms/view-point/rash-and-negligent-driving-dilemma-section-1062-bns>

to enhance road safety. Additionally, the bill seeks to introduce more stringent measures to curb reckless driving and ensure better compliance with traffic laws. However, one of the significant changes in the proposal is the reduction of powers granted to state governments, limiting their authority in certain aspects of traffic regulation and enforcement. This move has sparked debates on whether centralized control would be more effective or if states should retain greater autonomy in handling road safety measures.

Road Safety and Transport Bill, 2014

The draft Road Safety and Transport Bill, 2014, stresses on improving the system of catching an offender, streamlining issuance of driving licenses, penalty, and registration of vehicles and introduction of digital systems. To check speed limit, it proposes use of the intelligent speed adaptation, driver alert control and eye drowsiness detector, but these are to be managed and made functional by the states at their level. The proposed road safety bill is focused more technology solutions than urban design solutions. There is also no clarity on monitoring and compliance strategies and institutional arrangements. According to Sanjay Bandopdhyay, joint commissioner with MoRTH, “the Bill is in a draft stage and uploaded on MoRTH website for seeking feedback from general public and suggestions from stakeholders and will then be presented to Parliament in winter session”. The draft bill claims that it has been drafted in sync with the best practices of six advanced nations — US, Canada, Singapore, Japan, Germany and the UK⁴¹.

The main focus of the bill is on stronger punitive action and penalty. It aims to make the penalties more stringent, with an aim to curb traffic violations. It has proposed steep penalties of up to Rs 3 lakh, along with a minimum seven-year imprisonment for death of a child in certain circumstances, besides huge fines for driving violations.⁴²

⁴¹ <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/indias-draft-road-safety-bill-focuses-more-on-penalty-and-technology-47122>

⁴² Ruchita Bansal (2015), India’s draft road safety bill focuses more on penalty and technology, <https://www.downtoearth.org.in>

- It has set targets to reduce the number of fatal road accidents
- Strict penalties for offences involving children
- Unified vehicle registration system and registration to be linked with insurance, vehicle offences, and vehicle fitness
- vehicle fitness testing and worthiness road tests for all cars and two-wheelers every five years
- multi-modal integration of bus rapid transport and intra-city transport
- Provisions for NMT and pedestrian bicycle infrastructure
- Emphasis on safety of schoolchildren/women/persons with disability⁴³

Victims' Rights and Recourse

Road rage incidents have become a serious public safety concern, often resulting in physical injuries, emotional trauma, and legal disputes. This chapter explores the rights of victims and the legal recourse available to them. It reviews the process of filing complaints, seeking compensation, and the protections provided under existing laws. Furthermore, it examines the psychological and emotional impact of road rage, which can lead to long-term trauma. Challenges such as underreporting, delayed legal proceedings, and difficulties in accessing justice are also discussed.

Criminal Legal Recourse

A road rage incident involving physical assault allows the victim to press criminal charges under the IPC. Section 323 of the IPC deals with voluntarily causing hurt and covers cases where the aggressor physically harms the victim. The punishment under this section includes imprisonment of up to one year, a fine, or both. If the aggressor uses a weapon or any dangerous means to inflict harm, Section 324 IPC applies, extending the punishment to three years of imprisonment or a fine. In cases where reckless actions result in grievous injuries, offenders can be charged under Section 338

⁴³ Sanjay Kumar Singh, Road Traffic Accidents in India: Issues and Challenges, Transportation Research Procedia Volume 25, 2017, Pages 4708-4719

IPC, which prescribes up to two years of imprisonment, a fine, or both. If a road rage incident leads to the death of a person due to negligent driving or violence, Section 304A IPC is applicable, carrying a punishment of up to two years of imprisonment or a fine.

Victims of road rage who face threats or intimidation can seek legal protection under Section 506 IPC, which criminalizes acts that cause fear of harm or death. If found guilty, the offender can be imprisoned for up to two years or fined, or both. This provision ensures that victims of road rage incidents who are subjected to threats or verbal intimidation can take legal action against the aggressor.

The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, provides legal recourse for cases involving reckless driving and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Section 279 IPC penalizes rash driving on a public way, endangering the lives of others, and carries a punishment of up to six months of imprisonment, a fine, or both. Additionally, Section 185 of the Motor Vehicles Act specifically addresses driving under the influence, imposing penalties that include imprisonment of up to six months or a fine. If reckless driving leads to a fatal accident, the perpetrator may be charged under Section 304A IPC for causing death by negligence, leading to up to two years of imprisonment or a fine.

Victims of road rage should promptly report the incident to law enforcement authorities. Filing a First Information Report (FIR) with the police is a crucial step in seeking justice. The FIR must include detailed information about the incident, such as the nature of the attack, injuries sustained, and, if possible, details about the offender. Once the FIR is filed, the police initiate an investigation and take the necessary legal action against the perpetrator. Timely reporting helps ensure a thorough investigation and strengthens the victim's case in legal proceedings.

Civil Legal Recourses for Victims

In addition to criminal charges, victims of road rage can seek civil remedies for compensation under tort law, insurance policies, and the Motor Vehicles Act.

Victims who suffer injuries due to road rage incidents are entitled to claim compensation for medical expenses, pain and suffering, and loss of income. Under tort law, a victim can file a personal injury claim against the aggressor, seeking damages for hospital bills, rehabilitation costs, loss of earnings, and emotional distress caused by the incident. Additionally, if the offender's vehicle was insured, the victim may seek compensation through the offender's motor vehicle insurance for expenses related to medical treatment and vehicle repairs.

Victims can also file claims under the Motor Vehicles Act by approaching the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT). This legal avenue allows victims to seek compensation for medical treatment costs, vehicle repair expenses, lost income due to temporary or permanent disability, and pain and suffering endured because of the accident. The tribunal determines compensation based on the severity of injuries, the nature of the accident, and the extent of damages incurred.

Legal Protections for Victims

Victims of road rage have legal protections, including compensation schemes, protection from harassment, and access to legal aid.

Several state governments in India have introduced Victim Compensation Schemes aimed at providing financial assistance to victims of violent crimes, including road rage. If a victim suffers grievous injuries or loss of life, they can apply for compensation under this scheme, with the amount awarded based on the severity of the injury and the victim's economic condition.

In cases where victims continue to face harassment or threats from the perpetrator after the incident, they can seek legal protection. Under Section 12 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, female victims can obtain protection orders preventing the aggressor from approaching or threatening them. This provision offers crucial protection against repeated intimidation or harassment.

Victims who cannot afford legal representation are entitled to free legal aid under Article 39A of the Indian Constitution and the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. These legal provisions ensure that financially disadvantaged victims have access to legal support to pursue their claims and seek justice.

Conclusion

Road rage can result in fatalities, injuries, and trauma, posing major threats to public safety. In India, victims have a number of legal options, such as civil remedies through compensation claims and criminal charges under the Indian Penal Code. Victim protection measures also guarantee financial assistance and access to justice. However, preventing road rage by stricter law enforcement, improved infrastructure, and education is essential to lowering similar incidences in the future.

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