

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

The Government of Tamil Nadu has taken various preventive steps for reduction of road accidents and consequent deaths. As a result of these efforts undertaken by the Government of Tamil Nadu and responsible behaviour of road users, 4657 road accidents and 450 deaths have been reduced from January 2017 to September 2017 comparing to the same period during the year 2016. The Transport Department has also suspended 31189 driving licences during the month of September 2017 for violation of various traffic rules.

It is further informed that due to rash and negligent driving during Deepawali days, the road accidents remain on increase. For example during the last year (2016) Deepawali, 818 road accidents happened causing 190 deaths. Happy Deepawali for these 818 families became a tragic Deepawali. To avoid this tragic situation, all the road users in the State are requested to observe all the traffic rules on this Deepawali and make it "**Road Accidents Free Deepawali**" during this year.

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