



Rah-Veer (Good Samaritan) Scheme

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- **Objective:** The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) aims to reduce road accident fatalities by encouraging bystanders (Rah-Veers) to help victims during the "**Golden Hour**" (the first 60 minutes after a trauma).
- **Legal Protections:** Under **Section 134A of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019**, a Good Samaritan is protected from civil or criminal liability. They cannot be forced to reveal their identity, be detained at hospitals, or be compelled to attend police stations.
- **Incentive Structure:**
- **Cash Award:** A reward of **?5,000** (recently proposed/updated in some states to **?25,000**) per incident for saving a life.
- **Recognition:** A Certificate of Appreciation is provided, and the best 10 "Rah-Veers" annually receive a national-level award of **?1,00,000**.
- **Significance:** India has one of the highest road accident rates globally. This scheme addresses the "bystander effect" where people hesitate to help due to fear of legal harassment.