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World Road Congress

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Why is in news? Shri Nitin Gadkari addresses the Ministerial Session at the 27th World Road Congress in Prague, Czech Republic focusing on Road Safety

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari addressed the Ministerial Session at the 27th World Road Congress in Prague, Czech Republic, **focusing on Road Safety**.

He emphasized **adopting a holistic approach to minimize road crashes and fatalities** by stakeholders at all levels. He reiterated **Bharat's special focus on spreading awareness to effect behavioural change** and ensuring flawless enforcement of rules.

The Minister further apprised the gathering of the strides India has been taking in the field of automobile safety with flagship programs such as BHARAT NCAP and reiterated our commitment to achieving the **global road safety targets set in the Stockholm Declaration**.

About:

PIARC (World Road Association) is an international forum for the discussion of **all aspects of roads and road networks**.

Though established principally for professionals in its **122 member countries** round the world, it also provides an overview of the policies and trends that affect all road users.

The Association was **founded in 1908**, following the first international road congress held in Paris when it was the called the Association Internationale Permanente des Congrès de la Route (AIPCR), or in English, the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses (PIARC).

In 2019, it formally adopted the name PIARC.

Its head office is located in Paris where its origins began in 1908.

PIARC (World Road Association) **organises every four years** in a member country a World Road Congress with the aim to **share techniques and experiences worldwide** in the field of road infrastructures and road transport.

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