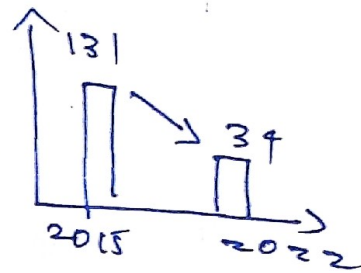


Discuss the efforts taken by Govt to deal with the ↑ in train accidents

In June 2023, the train accident in Odisha was the deadliest - in the last two decades. Since then, the rail safety has been a priority.

Train accidents in India



Train accidents have reduced over the years, yet annually rail accidents cost ₹1000 crore to the exchequer. In order to reverse this trend many efforts have been made.

To reduce accidents

Safety measures such as conversion of normal ICF coaches into LHB-type Hoffman Busch coaches with better braking and suspension.

Fog pan devices have been installed for clear signal visibility during foggy

conditions.

Electronic interlocking systems for signals for tampering free signalling.

Infrastructure measures such as deploying the Kallach system. It has been deployed on 1465 km route on 139 locos.

Sete Bharam project eliminated the no-man level crossings and using Flash Belt welding instead of ~~thinner~~ aluminum thermic welding.

Funding is taken care by Rashtriya Rail Sanbath trust with ₹1 lakh core corpus for safety has been extended for five years.

Concerns - Though safety measures are on the rise, there are 1.7 lakh accidents in the rail safety jobs and the commission of Rail safety is under Civil Aviation ministry.

Future - The recommendation of Anil Kulkarni committee of establishing Rail safety authority as statutory body cannot further improve rail safety.