

Over 6 lakh die in mishaps in a year

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NEW DELHI, March 7. EIGHT persons get severely injured every minute in India. About one-sixth succumb to their injuries.

The injuries occur everyday due to vehicular accidents, assaults, burns, falls, poisoning and natural calamities.

More than six lakh die every year. If the current trend continues, the number could cross one million mark by the turn of the century.

These are the findings of a study carried out by Dr A. Indrayan, professor of biostatistics in the University College of Medical Sciences and Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi.

Dr Indrayan also observed that males outnumber females by a ratio of three to two trauma deaths. In vehicular accidents and homicides the number of males killed is three times more. In the case of burns, the number of females who die is three times more.

The trend observed was that the age group from 15 to 34 was increasingly getting the onslaught. This is disturbing as it the most productive phase of life.

The average rate of growth in deaths due to vehicular accidents is 6.71 per cent every year. Nearly three-fourths of them are on the

road. The study suggested that all hospitals should have a specialised trauma care centre to handle severe injuries at short notice.