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To
Dr. R. Selvaraj, I.A.S.,
Secretary to the Government,
Highways and Minor Ports Department
Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600 009.

Dear Sir,

SUB: Nomination of District Engineering Officials for a Training on Human Factors Based Road Safety Audit in Tamil Nadu

1. The Centre of Excellence for Road Safety (CoERS), IIT Madras, functioning as a think tank under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), extends its support for the road safety initiatives undertaken by the Government of India.
2. Tamil Nadu continues to face a severe and escalating road safety crisis. According to the MoRTH 2023 report, the state recorded 67,213 road accidents, resulting in 18,347 deaths, an average of 50 fatalities per day.
3. In response, MoRTH launched the Data-Driven Hyperlocal Interventions (DDHI) programme in May 2025. In this context, CoERS has conducted a detailed analysis using iRAD/ eDAR data to identify 100 priority districts across the country that require focused road safety strategies. Among these, 12 districts from Tamil Nadu are attached in **Annexure A**.
4. Our team has developed the Road Safety Survey & Audit (RSSA) Application, a digital platform that streamlines and digitises the entire road safety audit process. We would like to organise a training programme on Human Factor Based Road Safety Audit and explore opportunities to utilise this digital platform for conducting audits.
5. The programme is intended to build capacity among engineers in identifying road safety risks and conducting effective road safety audits, drawing on practical insights from field experience.
6. The training programme is tentatively scheduled for **June 19th, 2026**. In this regard, we kindly request the **nomination of a nodal person and suitable engineers from the districts listed in Annexure A** to participate in the programme. The exact venue details and programme schedule will be communicated shortly.
7. For any details or clarifications, please contact us at vboffice@rbg.iitm.ac.in or +91 8925915089. We look forward to the participation of PWD engineers in this important capacity-building initiative.

Sincere Regards,

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Enclosed as above:

1. Annexure A – List of Tamil Nadu DDHI Districts

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Annexure A

List of Tamil Nadu DDHI Districts

No	Districts
1	Chengalpattu
2	Chennai
3	Coimbatore
4	Dindigul
5	Erode
6	Kallakurichi
7	Karur
8	Ramanathapuram
9	Theni
10	Thoothukudi
11	Tiruvallur
12	Tiruppur

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