

Reduce vehicles, introduce Efficient Public Transport

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PUNE, like most of the growing cities in the country, is grappling with the ever-increasing problem of road-congestion, pollution, accidents and a steady deterioration in quality of life.

To deal with the problems of traffic, the city has been in the last two decades on a road building and road widening spree, besides erecting flyovers. But the traffic problem has only got worse. We now have the rush hour stretching to three hours in the mornings and another three to four hours in the evenings. Journeys that took less than 20 minutes in the past now take almost an hour and the delays are not surprising when you consider that over 650 new vehicles (cars and two-wheelers) are registered at the RTO every day - this means an annual increase of 2.5 lakh in the number of personal vehicles in the city.

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