

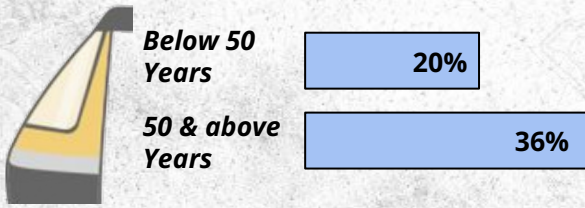


Wheels & Health

Health Study of Auto Drivers in Kolkata

A Health Camp was organized on 19th June, 2022 at Jadavpur, Kolkata with support of medical practitioners & volunteers from SAMSA, CIPLA and in partnership with INTTUC, under the guidance of Dr Arup Halder, Pulmonologist, Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital. The event registered participation of around 75 auto-rickshaw drivers who talked about their personal experience around health ailments.

Shortness of Breath Among Auto Drivers



36%

Auto drivers, age 50 & above are suffering from Shortness of Breath. As compared to 20% below the age of 50 years



The Probability of an auto driver suffering from Shortness of Breath is higher in 50 & above age group.

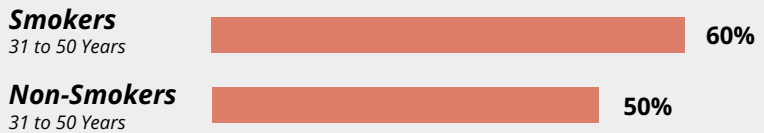
Chronic Health Problems experienced by Auto Drivers

Chest Discomfort



1/3 of the respondents admitted to have chest Discomfort

Heart Problems



100% of the drivers **above 50 years of age** admitted to have **heart problems** regardless of smoking habits

Eye irritation

88% of the respondents admitted to have eye irritation



Way Forward



Engage with auto unions and **sensitize them on health impacts of air pollution and precautions to be kept.**



Organizing regular health camps ensuring healthy lungs for vulnerable segment.



Increase habits of using masks to avoid direct contact with polluted air.



Adopting zero emission policy by introducing Electronic Vehicles