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A STUDY OF CURRENT METHOD FOR LOGGING OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS' DATA, FURTHER TREND ANALYSIS AND PROPOSAL ON THE USE OF DIGITAL MEDIUM FOR REAL-TIME MONITORING OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN GUJARAT, INDIA

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Abstract

Gujarat is a highly industrialized state of India. More than 50 different kinds of industries are listed in the state, which amounts to humongous workforce involved in variety of hazardous activities as part of daily routine. Since, hazard is inherent part of such industry, obviously industrial accidents are also frequent. Indian government has formed a body called Director Industrial Safety and Health (DISH), under Labour and Employment department, which collects, maintains and analyze industrial accident data in each state. The district offices of this body interface directly with the industry and are primary source of data collection. This paper highlights the extant method of data collection, record and publication by these offices. Moreover, it also highlights various gaps in this entire process. It is found that for variety of reasons there have been anomalies in reporting, collecting, and publishing accident-related information. Hence, the paper has also proposed a method which addresses these gaps and can provide a reliable means for data logging and trend analysis.

The paper also reflects upon the trend in the industrial accidents leading to injuries and fatalities between 2012 to 2021. The analysis is focused on data from top 5-7 industry types with highest number of accident occurences and causes responsible for accidents. The analysis also highlights frequency of accidents by particular industry segment and particular cause in between year 2012 and 2021.

Keywords: Industrial accidents, Inconsistance data collection, Data discrepancy, Trend analysis of historical accident data, Digital reporting method

1. Introduction

Gujarat is amongst the most industrialized state in the country. The bulk of state's industries are related to chemical processing units and energy sector. By virtue of the hazardous processes involved in these sectors, industrial accidents have been commonplace. However, apart from these types of industries, there are substantial amount of non-energy industrial units which also contributes to industrial hazardous events. About 1/3rd of the factories registered in the state are involved in hazardous work processes FAS report sent to DGFASLI in 2021[1]. Theoretically, the recording of industrial accidents in non-energy industries is quite structured and organized through government body, Director Industrial Safety and Health (DISH) and monitored by Directorate General Factory Advise Service & Labor Institute (DGFASLI), Ministry of labor and employment. There are a total 19 district DISH offices in the Gujarat divided into the four regions: Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Vadodara, and Surat [1]. The DISH Head office of Gujarat state is in Khanpur, Ahmedabad.

The arrangement is shown in Table 1[1].



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Table 1: Structure of DISH offices in Gujarat

Serial. no.	Regional DISH	District DISH offices
	offices	
1	Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad
	_	Gandhinagar
	_	Mehsana
2	Baroda	Baroda
	_	Kheda (Nadiad)
	_	Anand
	_	Godhra
3	Rajkot	Rajkot
	_	Adipur-Kutch
	_	Junagadh
	_	Bhavnagar
	_	Jamnagar
	_	Alang
	_	Surendra Nagar
	_	Morbi
4	Surat	Surat
	_	Bharuch
	_	Navsari
		Valsad

1.1 Process of data collection:

District DISH Office

Surendranagar | Adipur – Kutch Navsari | Godhra | Valsad | Surat Bharuch | Anand | Nadiad | Vadodara Morbi | Alang | Bhavnagar | Jamnagar Junagadh | Gandhinagar | Mahesana Rajkot | Ahmedabad

Head office

Director, Industrial Safety and Health Khanpur, Ahmedabad

DGFASLI



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Figure 1 shows flow of data from district to the central authority. The information flow is quite straightforward as explained by DISH [5]. The industrial unit have to inform about the accident by filling a form available with the district DISH office. Thereby, verification is performed by the DISH officer and once satisfied, then the information is sent to the DISH head office. The state head office of DISH assimilates data from all district and publish a yearly record of accidents on its website by 31st August. Parallelly, same information is made available to central authority DGFASLI.

Data is classified for total of 51 different types of industry and, a total of 15 types of causes by district offices. However, the DISH head office summarizes the data from all districts and publishes an annual consolidated report to DGFASLI. Various industries and different causes of accidents throughout the year are listed in these published data along with the total number of accidents that took place in that year.

Since, the data logging is entirely manual, as part of the study, RTIs were sent to each of the district office to get the raw data. Besides, consolidated data from the DISH head office website was used to compare the received data from the district offices.

1.2 **Findings**

In Gujarat the whole process of industrial data collection and data entry is offline and manual. So that there is always a chance for human error in data entry [5]. Upon comparison of raw data with the actual published data in the website, following were the discrepancies that emerged:

- Non availability of accident data at 12 district DISH office [Table 2 & Table 3]. a)
- Data mismatch between industry wise and cause wise data at district level [Table 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, b) 91.
- The basis of data consolidation of entire state by head office of Gujarat even if some district c) DISH offices doesn't have record of accident data.

2. Study Methodology

Following steps were followed to analyze the existing accident reporting system for industries:

- RTIs were sent to all district DISH offices and head office at Ahmedabad to gather the raw data from the industries for previous 10 years i.e., 2012 to 2021.
- Segregate data, district-wise and industry-wise.
- 3. Identify discrepancy in the collected data.
- 4. Select top five industry and causes based on accident frequency.
- 5. Represent the data graphically for trend analysis
- Analyze findings and propose method for improvement. 6.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1 Results and discussion for data discrepancy

The findings of the analysis are shown in below tables. The data reflects following

- Highlights offices that were unable to provide the data during the time period. 1.
- 2. District-wise number of incidents
- 3. District-wise number of injuries
- 4. District-wise number of fatalities

Table 2 & Table 3 below highlights DISH offices that were not able to provide the data.

Table 2: Data Received by District DISH offices (2012-2017) (RTI, DISH Offices, 2012 to 2017) [2]

Sr	DISH	201	2012		L 3	201	L 4	201	.5	2016		2017	
No.	Office	Industry Wise	Cause Wise										
1.	Ahmedabad	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	æ	*	x



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Sr	DISH	201	.2	201	13	201	L4	201	15	20:	16	201	.7
No.	Office	Industry Wise	Cause Wise										
2.	Gandhinagar	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	æ	×
3.	Mehsana	*	×	×	×	×	x	×	x	*	×	x	×
4.	Vadodara	*	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5.	Nadiad	*	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6.	Godhra	*	✓	×	✓	×	✓	×	✓)X	✓	×	✓
7.	Anand	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8.	Rajkot	*	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
9.	Adipur-Kutch	*	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
10.	Junagadh	*	✓	×	✓	×	✓	×	✓	×	✓	×	✓
11.	Bhavnagar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12.	Alang	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13.	Jamnagar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√
14.	Surendra Nagar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓
15.	Morbi	*	×	×	×	*	×	✓	×	✓	×	×	×
16.	Surat	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17.	Bharuch	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18.	Navsari	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19.	Valsad	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

^{✓ -} indicates data received from DISH office

As shown in Table 2, a total of 10 DISH offices i.e. Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Mehsana, Vadodara, Nadiad, Godhra, Rajkot, Adipur, Junagadh, and Morbi were not able to provide data for multiple years Table 3: Data Received by District DISH offices (2018-2021) (RTI, DISH Offices, 2018 to 2021) [3]

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Sr	DISH	201	8	201	19	20	20	2021	
No.	Office	Industry	Cause	Industry	Cause	Industry	Cause	Industry	Cause
		Wise	Wise	Wise	Wise	Wise	Wise	Wise	Wise
1	Ahmedabad	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	✓

⁻ indicates data not received from DISH office



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Sr	DISH	20	18	20	19	20	20	2021		
No.	Office	Industry Wise	Cause Wise	Industry Wise	Cause Wise	Industry Wise	Cause Wise	Industry Wise	Cause Wise	
2	Gandhinagar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Mehsana	✓	√	✓	√	√	✓	√	✓	
4	Vadodara	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Nadiad	✓	✓	✓	√	√	✓	✓	✓	
6	Godhra	✓	✓	✓	√	√	✓	✓	✓	
7	Anand	✓	✓	✓	√	√	✓	✓	✓	
8	Rajkot	√	√	✓	√	✓	✓	√	✓	
9	Adipur-Kutch	√	√	✓	√	√	✓	✓	✓	
10	Junagadh	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
11	Bhavnagar	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	
12	Alang	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	
13	Jamnagar	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	
14	Surendra Nagar	✓	√	✓	√	✓	√	√	√	
15	Morbi	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
16	Surat	√	√	✓	√	√	✓	✓	✓	
17	Bharuch	æ	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
18	Navsari	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
19	Valsad	*	*)sc	×	×	*	*	×	

^{✓ -} indicates data received from DISH office

As shown in Table 3, Valsad and Bharuch offices were not able to provide complete data for multiple years.

District DISH office classify the raw data of accidents, industry-wise and cause-wise [see Figure 2 & 3].

x - indicates data not received from DISH office



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	: Gujara			-	014
Sr. No.	Code No. (As per NIC 1998)	Industry	No.of Dangerous Occurrence with / without injuries	No.of Fatal Injuries	No.of non- Fatal Injurie
1	1	Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Services	H		
2	1	Mining of coal and lignite extraction of peat	-		
3		Mfg. Of Food Products and Beverages	-		1
	-	Mfg. Of Tobacco Products	-		
4		Mfg. Of Textile	-		1
5		Mfg. Of Wood and Products Wood and Cork	-	2	
7		Mfg. Of Paper and Paper Products	-		2
08	-	Publishing, Printing and Proof recorded Media	-		
9		Mfg. Of Cock Refined Petro Products and N.Fuel	-		
10		Mfg. Of Chemicals and Chemical Products	12	30	76
12		Mfg. Of Rubber and Plastics Products	- !		
12		Mfg. Of Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products	-		
13		Mfg. Of Basic Metals	- 1		
14		Mfg. Of Fabricated Metal Products	- 1		
15		Mfg. Of Machinery and Equipment n.e.c	-		
16		Mfg. Of Electrical Machinery and Apparatus	- 1	1	
17		Mfg. Of Motor Vehicles Trainers and Semi	-		
18		Mfg. Of Transport Equipment	-		
19		Electricity Gas Steam and Hot Water Supply	-		
.0		Sale, Maintenance and Repair of Motor Vehicles	- 1		
21		Repair of Personal and Household Goods	-		
22		Land Transport, Transport Via Pipeline	-		
23		Suppo and Auxiliary Transport Activities	-		
4	-	Extraction of Petro and Gas	-		
5		Other	1	3	15
		Total	. 13	36	95

Note:- (1) Injuries to be included here are those which are reportable under Section 88 of the Factories Act.
(2) Dangerous occurrence means any fire, explosion, gas leak, bursting of vessel etc. reportable under Section 88 A of the Factories Act

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Figure 2: Industry wise data received by DISH office

Sr.no.	Causation	No of dangerous occurrences with / without injuries	No of Fatal Injuries	No of Non- Fatal Injuries
1	2	3	4	5
1	Prime Movers (101)	0	0	0
2	Machinery moved by mechanical power(102 to 112)	0	0	0
3	Machinery not moved by mechanical power(122 & 123)	0	- 0	0
4	Transport (113 to 116)	0	0	0
5	Electricity (117)	0	0	0
6	Explosion (118)	2	14	25
7	Fire (119)	31	4	15
8	Gassing (120)	0	12	35
9	Molten and other or Corrosive substances (121)	0	0	0
10	Hand tools (124)	0	0	0
11	Struck by falling bodies (125)	0	0	0
12	Persons falling (126 to 128)	0	0	0
13	Stepping on or sriking against objects (129)	0	0	0
14	Handing goods (130)	0	0	20
15	Others (131)	0	6	
	Total	33	36	95

Figure 3: Cause wise data received by DISH office

This classification is done based on NIC code 1998 & 2008. It is found that all district offices do not uniformly follow the latest NIC code 2008. Moreover, the numerical value for Industry-wise number of injuries and cause-wise number of injuries also does not match for many offices [Table 4,5,6,7,8,9]. The tables also highlight DISH offices that have not provided data in response to RTI.

Table 4: Data discrepancy in No. of dangerous occurrence with/without injuries (2012-2016) (RTI, DISH Offices, 2012 to 2017) [2]

	No. of dangerous occurrence with/without injuries														
District	201	L 2	201	L 3	201	L 4	201	L 5	201	L6					
	Industry Wise	Cause Wise	Industry Wise	Cause Wise	Industry Wise	Cause Wise	Industry Wise	Cause Wise	Industry Wise	Cause Wise					
Bharuch	1	0	0	0	13	33	18	18	23	23					
Bhavnagar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Gandhinagar	JC	эc	эc	śc	3c	śc	ЭC	ЭC	30	30					
Morbi	x	3c	30	эc	30	эc	0	30	0	sc					
Surendra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2					
Nagar															
Vadodara	x	3c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					



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Mehsana	x	x	JC .	ЭC	SC	ЭC	ЭC	JC	x	ЭC
Valsad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ahmedabad	30	30	JC .	ЭC	ЭC	JC .	ЭC	ЭC	30	JC .

^{** -} indicates data not received from DISH office

Table 5: Data discrepancy in No. of dangerous occurrence with/without injuries (2017-2021) (RTI, DISH Offices, 2012 to 2017) (RTI, DISH Offices, 2018 to 2021) [2] [3]

No. of dangerous occurrence with/without injuries														
District	201	. 7	201	.8	201	.9	202	20	202	21				
	Industry Wise	Cause Wise												
Bharuch	16	16	3c	28	28	28	158	25	139	139				
Bhavnagar	0	0	0	0	21	21	19	19	32	32				
Gandhinagar	JC .	ЭC	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	6				
Morbi	JC .	JC	4	0	0	0	3	3	1	1				
Surendranagar	1	1	5	5	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Vadodara	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	114	114				
Mehsana	JC .	ЭC	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Valsad	0	0	30	30	3c	3c	30	3c	JC .	эc				
Ahmedabad	×	3C	47	47	56	56	17	17	7	7				

Table 5 shows Bharuch office has data discrepancy for years 2020, Morbi office for year 2018 and Vadodara office for year 2019.

Table 6: Data discrepancy in No. of non-fatal injuries (2012-2016 (RTI, DISH Offices, 2012 to 2017))

[-]														
No. of non-fatal injuries														
District	201	L 2	201	L3	201	L 4	201	.5	20:	16				
	Industry Wise	Cause Wise												
Bharuch	158	48	107	60	95	95	108	111	124	124				
Bhavnagar	21	17	19	20	19	19	12	11	16	16				
Gandhinagar)c	3c	3c	эc	3c	эc	3c	эc	x	JC .				
Morbi	JC .	jc.	3c	3c	3C	3c	22	3c	0	3C				
Surendranagar	393	393	105	105	35	36	33	33	5	5				
Vadodara	JC .	ЭC	281	281	215	215	233	233	150	150				
Mehsana	sc	sc	JC	ЭC	ЭC	эc	ЭC	ЭC	x	ЭC				
Valsad	52	55	1	1	31	31	10	29	19	19				
Ahmedabad	x	x	3C	x	3C	3C	JC .	JC .	x	JC				

Table 6 shows Bharuch office has data discrepancy for year 2012,2013 and 2015, Bhavnagar office for year 2012,2013 and 2015, Surendranagar office for year 2014, Valsad office for year 2012. Table 7: Data discrepancy in No. of non-fatal injuries (2017-2021) (RTI, DISH Offices, 2012 to 2017) (RTI, DISH Offices, 2018 to 2021) [2] [3]

(Itti) Bibii on	111, 51511 0111003, 2010 to 2021) [2] [5]														
	No. of non-fatal injuries														
District	201	.7	2018		2019		2020		2021						
	Industry Wise	Cause Wise	Industry Wise	Cause Wise	Industry Wise	Cause Wise	Industry Wise	Cause Wise	Industry Wise	Cause Wise					
Bharuch	130	130	JC .	145	113	113	128	128	139	139					

^{*}Red font indicates data discrepancy of injuries between industry wise and cause wise Table 4 shows that Bharuch office has data discrepancy for years 2012 and 2014.



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Bhavnagar	13	13	14	14	14	14	17	17	10	22
Gandhinagar	x	ЭC	3	2	10	10	19	19	11	21
Morbi	x	ЭC	3	3	5	5	1	1	0	0
Surendranagar	6	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
Vadodara	92	92	149	149	78	78	88	88	107	107
Mehsana	JC .	3c	77	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valsad	57	57	ЭC	JC JC	JC .	JC .	3c	3c	3c	3c
Ahmedabad	30	śc	42	42	39	39	12	12	19	19

Table 7 shows Gandhinagar office has data discrepancy for year 2018, Mehsana office for year 2018.

Table 8: Data discrepancy in No. of fatal injuries (2012-2016 (RTI, DISH Offices, 2012 to 2017)) [2]

No. of fatal injuries											
District 2012		2	201	2013		2014		2015		2016	
	Industry Wise	Cause Wise									
Bharuch	24	32	25	36	36	36	26	26	36	36	
Bhavnagar	3	3	4	0	2	2	2	2	10	10	
Gandhinagar	ЭC	JC	JC .	эc	ЭC	ЭC	ЭC	ЭC	x	JC JC	
Morbi	ЭC	ЭC	JC .	эc	ЭC	эc	14	ЭC	28	JC JC	
Surendranagar	3	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	
Vadodara	ЭC	ЭC	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	
Mehsana	śc	эc	JC .	эc	3c	эc	эc	3c	30	30	
Valsad	57	57	0	0	16	16	10	29	47	47	
Ahmedabad	je.	ЭC	JC .	эc	JC .	эc	3C	3c	x	JC .	

Table 8 shows Bharuch office has data discrepancy for year 2012 and 2013, Bhavnagar office for year 2013.

Table 9: Data discrepancy in No. of fatal injuries (2017-2021) (RTI, DISH Offices, 2012 to 2017) (RTI, DISH Offices, 2018 to 2021) [2] [3]

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No. of fatal injuries										
District	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Industry	Cause								
	Wise	Wise								
Bharuch	16	16	JC .	28	28	28	43	43	29	29
Bhavnagar	5	6	6	6	7	7	2	2	10	22
Gandhinagar)c	JC	14	9	13	13	5	5	11	21
Morbi	3c	ЗC	34	34	35	35	22	22	13	13
Surendranagar	0	0	4	4	2	2	1	1	0	0
Vadodara	7	7	19	19	14	14	12	12	20	20
Mehsana	3c	3c	4	4	1	1	6	6	14	14
Valsad	21	21	3c	3c	3c	3c	3c	30	3c	je.
Ahmedabad	JC .	JC .	5	4	14	14	5	5	10	10

Table 9 shows Bhavnagar office has data discrepancy for year 2017, Gandhinagar office for year 2018. The discrepancies shown in above tables demonstrates the intrinsic drawback in the manual nature of data collection. These errors have been prevalent over the years and it may be due to the following reasons:

- Typos and misprints during recording,
- Inconsistent formats used by industry and dish office,
- Lack of data entry guidelines or guidelines not followed,



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- Delay/failure to capture information at the time of incidents,
- Lack of internal quality control (QC) check for error detection.
- Lack of verification of collected data from any other independent body
- Shortage of staff at district DISH offices.

3.2 Comparison B/w Total sum of accidents from all district (RTI) Vs published Data Figure 4 ,5 ,6 shows that there is a significant difference between DISH published data (represented by the yellow bar) and data acquired through the RTI process (represented by the green bar). Ideally, both values should match (district DISH office data is input for DISH HO to publish), but because of discrepancies as discussed above there is variation as shown in below comparative analysis,

Note: DISH Published data are not available for years 2018 & 2019.



Figure 4: comparison of No. of dangerous accident collects by RTI Vs Published by DISH

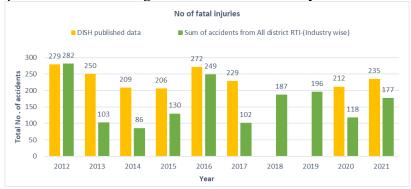


Figure 5: Comparison of No. of fatal accident collects by RTI Vs Published by DISH

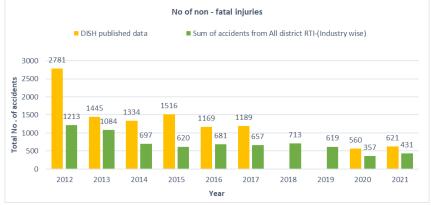


Figure 6: Comparison of No. of non- fatal accident collects by RTI Vs Published by DISH Yellow bar, represents DISH published data, which shows substantial difference compared to the RTI-derived data (green bar). The principal cause behind this variation is unavailability and completeness of data received through the RTIs. [Table 2 & 3].

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3.3 Result and discussion for trend analysis

An attempt was made to analyze available data and hence various table in below sections depicts trend of incidents, injuries, and fatalities between 2012 and 2021.

3.3.1 Industry wise analysis

The District DISH offices have gathered data from 51 different types of industries [2][3]. Figure 7 shows all those industries where even a single fatality was recorded in 10-year period from 2012-2021. A total of 10,726 accidents have been reported during this period out of which 73.4% of accidents are recorded by just 6 industries i.e. Manufacture of Textile, Manufacture of chemical & chemical product, Manufacture of fabricated metal products except machinery and equipment, Manufacture of basic metal, Manufacture of machinery and equipment, Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum. Further trend analysis is performed only for these 6 industry types.

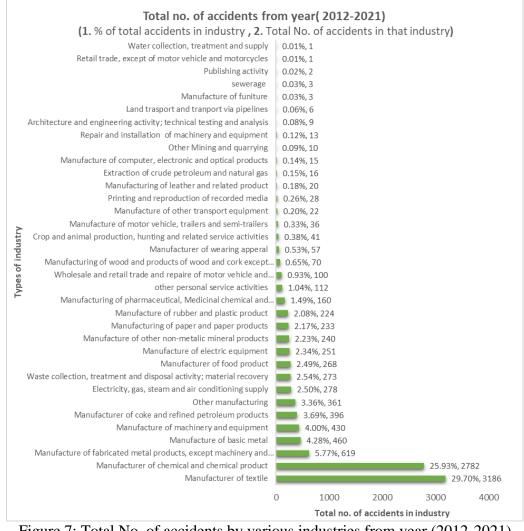


Figure 7: Total No. of accidents by various industries from year (2012-2021)

1) Trend Analysis for Manufacture of Textile

During the analysis period a total of 3186 accidents happened in Textile industry which is 29.70% of total accidents recorded from all 51 industries. Out of 3186 accidents 68% is non-fatal, 12% is fatal and 20% is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 8 shows that except for 2018 and slight peak in 2016 the accident trend is decreasing. However, there has been substantial rise in the accident cases during 2021 as compared to previous year. The reason for this increase or decrease in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.



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Note: Total no of injuries = No of dangerous injuries + No of nonfatal injuries + No of fatal injuries

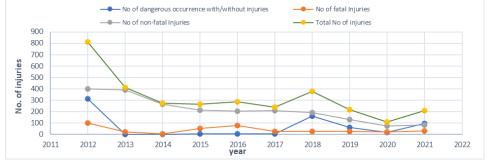


Figure 8: Year wise Injuries trend in Manufacture of Textile

2) Trend Analysis for Manufacture of Chemical and Chemical product

During the analysis period a total 2782 accidents happened in Chemical manufacture industry which is 25.94% of total accidents record form all 51 industries. Out of 2782 accidents 68.83% is non-fatal, 1%5.6 is fatal and 15.56% is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 9 shows that except 2016 the accident trend is decreasing up to year 2017. However, there has been rise in the accidents cases after 2018 as compared to previous year. The reason for this increase or decrease in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.

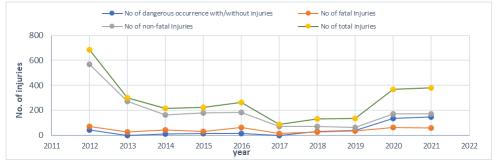


Figure 9: Year wise injuries trend in Manufacture of Chemical and Chemical product

3) Trend Analysis for Manufacture of fabricated metal product, except machinery and equipment During the analysis period a total 619 accidents happened in Manufacture of fabricated metal product, except machinery and equipment industry which is 5.54% of Total accidents record from all 51 industries. Out of 619 accidents 69.46% is non-fatal, 15.67 is fatal and 14.86 % is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 10 shows that except peaks in 2013 and 2019 the accident trend is nearly constant up to year 2020 in rang of (30-60 injuries per year). However, there has been rise in the accidents cases after 2020 as compared to previous year. The reason for this rang bound or increase in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.

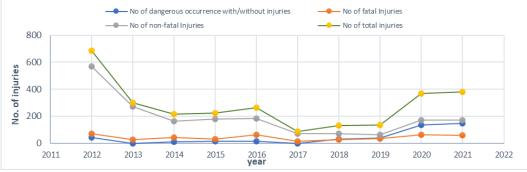


Figure 10: Year wise injuries trend in Manufacture of Fabricated metal product, except machinery and equipment

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4) Trend Analysis for Manufacture of Basic Metal

During the analysis period a total 460 accidents happened in Manufacture of Basic metal industry which is 4.28% of Total accidents recorded from all 51 industries. Out of 460 accidents 60.21% is non-fatal, 24.78% is fatal and 15% is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 11 shows that except slight peak in 2014 accident trend is decreasing up to year 2015. However, there has been rise in accidents after 2015 as compared to previous year. The reason for this increase or decrease in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.

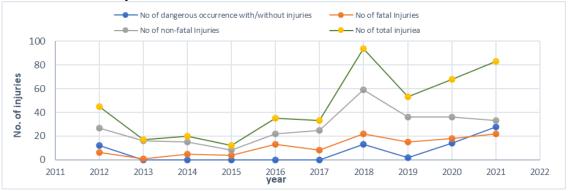


Figure 11: Year wise injuries trend in Manufacture of basic metal

5) Trend Analysis for Manufacture of machinery and equipment

During the analysis period a total 430 accidents happened in Manufacture of machinery and equipment industry which is 4.002 % of Total accidents recorded from all 51 industries. Out of 430 accidents 72.09 % is non-fatal, 10.23 % is fatal and 17.67 % is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 12 shows that accidents trend is decreasing up to year 2014. After 2014 accident has been in the range of 20-40 accident per year except year 2015. However, there has been rise in accidents in 2021as compared to previous year. The reason for this increase or decrease in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.



Figure 12: Year wise injuries trend in Manufacture of machinery and equipment

6) Trend Analysis for Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products

During the analysis period a total 396 accidents happened in Manufacture of coke and refined products which is 3.69 % of Total accidents recorded from all 51 industries. Out of 396 accidents 83.83 % is non-fatal, 12.12 % is fatal and 4.04 % is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 13 shows that except 2016 the accident trend is increasing up to year 2017. However, there has been down fall in accidents after year 2017 as compared to previous year. The reason for this increase or decrease in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.



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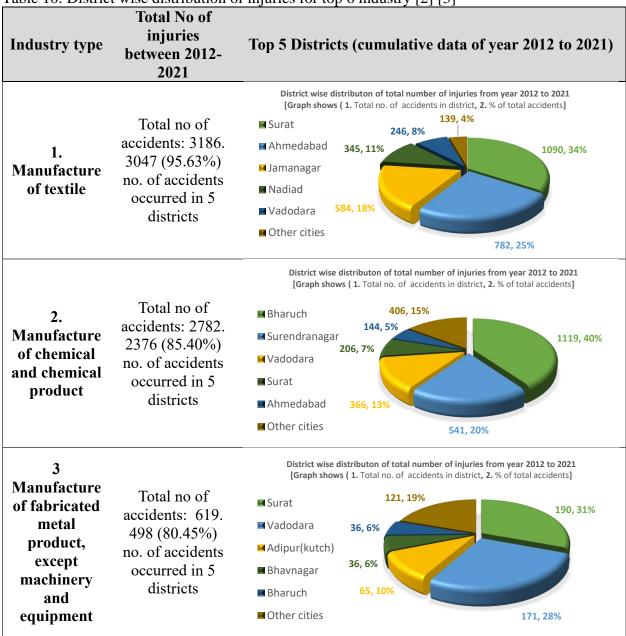
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Figure 13: Year wise injuries trend in Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products 3.3.2. District wise distribution of accidents in top 6 industry types

Following table shows districts with highest occurrence of accidents in a particular type of industry

Table 10: District wise distribution of injuries for top 6 industry [2] [3]





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Industry type	Total No of injuries between 2012- 2021	Top 5 Districts (cumulative data of year 2012 to 2021)
4.	Total no of accidents: 460.	District wise distributon of total number of injuries from year 2012 to 2021 [Graph shows (1. Total no. of accidents in district, 2. % of total accidents] Bhavnagar 115, 25% Adipur(kutch)
Manufacture of basic metals	345 (75%) no. of accidents occurred in 5 districts	■ Surat ■ Jamanagar ■ Ahmedabad ■ Other cities 25, 5% 40, 9% 94, 20%
5. Manufacture of machinery and equipment	Total no of accidents: 430. 372 (86.51%) no. of accidents occurred in 5 districts	District wise distributon of total number of injuries from year 2012 to 2021 [Graph shows (1. Total no. of accidents in district, 2. % of total accidents] 58, 14% Vadodara Ahmedabad Surat Nadiad Bharuch Other district 117, 27%
6. Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	Total no of accidents: 396. 395 (99.74%) no. of accidents occurred in 5 districts	District wise distributon of total number of injuries from year 2012 to 2021 [Graph shows (1. Total no. of accidents in district, 2. % of total accidents] 21, 5% 21, 5% 1, 0% Bharuch Vadodara Surat Adipur(kutch) Other district 114, 29%

The table shows that Surat, Ahmedabad, Bharuch, Jamnagar and Baroda are leading in industry accidents over multiple industry types. Obviously because theses districts have maximum concentration of industries.

3.3.3 Cause wise analysis

DISH district offices classify accident data in to 15 different causes as shown in Figure 14. Out of these 15 causes 7 of the causes contributes for 57% of accidents. These causes are 'Machinery moved by mechanical power', 'Persons falling', 'stepping on or striking objects', 'struck by falling bodies', 'Handling goods', 'Fire' and 'Explosion'.

Moreover, about 23% of accidents are not classified under any causes and hence are listed in 'others' category. The trend analysis is performed for these 7 causes.



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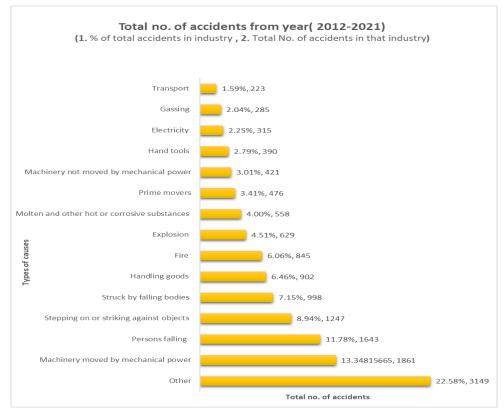


Figure 14: Total No. of accidents by various causes from year (2012-2022)

1) Accident by Machinery moved by mechanical power.

During the analysis period a total of 1861 accidents happened in Machinery moved by mechanical power which is 13.34% of Total accidents recorded from all 15 causes. Out of 1861 accidents 68.29% is non-fatal, 21.70 is fatal and 9.99 % is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 15 shows that accident trend is decreasing till 2014 and again increasing up to year 2016. However, there has been down fall in accident after year 2016. The reason for this increase or decrease in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.

Note: Total no of injuries = No of dangerous injuries + No of nonfatal injuries + No of fatal injuries



Figure 15: Year wise injuries trend in machinery moved by mechanical power

2) Accident by person falling

During the analysis period a total of 1643 accidents happened in Person falling which is 11.78% of Total accidents recorded from all 15 causes. Out of 1643 accidents 68.71% is non-fatal, 17.40 is fatal and 13.87% is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 16 shows that except 2012 accident trend is nearly constant in the range of 100-150 accidents per year. However, there has been rise in accidents in year 2021 as compared to previous years. The reason for this increase or constant in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.

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Figure 16: Year wise injuries trend in person falling

3) Accident by stepping on or striking against objects

During the analysis period a total of 1247 accidents happened in Stepping on or striking against object which is 8.94% of Total accidents recorded from all 15 causes. Out of 1247 accidents 83.16% is non-fatal, 6.33 is fatal and 10.51% is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 17 shows that except peak of 2012 accident trend is constant (in between 50 -100 accident per year). The reason for this decrease or constant in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.

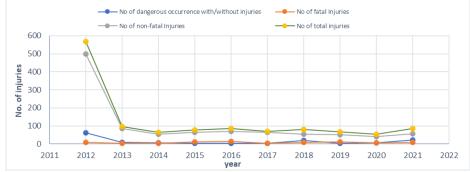


Figure 17: Year wise injuries trend in stepping or striking against objects

4) Accident by Struck by falling bodies

During the analysis period a total of 998 accidents happened in Struck by falling bodies which is 7.15% of Total accidents recorded from all 15 causes. Out of 998 accidents 74.95% is non-fatal, 13.73 is fatal, 11.32% is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 18 shows that accident trend is decreasing up to years 2014. However, there has been rise in accident after 2014 as compared to previous years, except 2020 and slight decrease in 2016 accidents trend is increase. The reason for this decrease or increase in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.

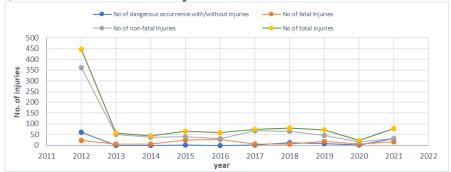


Figure 18: Year wise injuries trend by Handling goods

5) Accident by Handling goods

During the analysis period a total of 902 accidents happened in Handling goods which is 6.46% of Total accidents recorded from all 15 causes. Out of 902 accidents 81.15% is non-fatal, 6.76 is fatal and 12.08% is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 19 shows that except peak of 2012 accident trend is



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decreasing. However, there has been rise in accident cases during 2021 as compared to previous year. The reason for this decrease or increase in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.

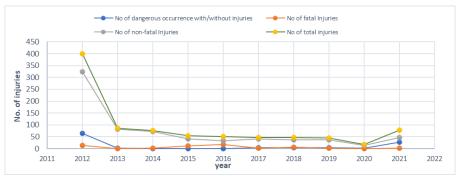


Figure 19: Year wise accident trend by Handling goods

6) Accident by Fire

During the analysis period a total of 845 accidents happened in Fire which is 6.06% of Total accidents recorded from all 15 causes. Out of 845 accidents 51.83 % is non-fatal, 13.25 is fatal and 34.91 % is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 20 shows that there is a zigzag accident trend up to year 2019. However, there has been rise in accidents after 2019. The reason for this decrease or increase in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.

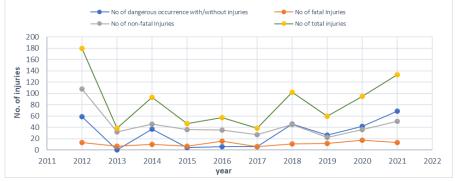


Figure 20: Year wise injuries trend by fire

7) Accident by Explosion

During the analysis period a total of 629 accidents happened in Explosion which is 4.51 % of Total accidents recorded from all 15 causes. Out of 629 accidents 63.43 % is non-fatal, 24.80 is fatal and 11.76% is dangerous injuries [2] [3]. Figure 21 shows that except 2012 and 2020 accident trend is slightly increasing and decreasing during year 2012 to 2020 in the range of 20-45 accidents per years. However, there has been down fall in accidents during year 2021. The reason for this decrease or increase in trend is unknown as there is no analysis report available. However, discrepancy in the collection and reporting of data, seems to be the most likely cause for uneven trend.

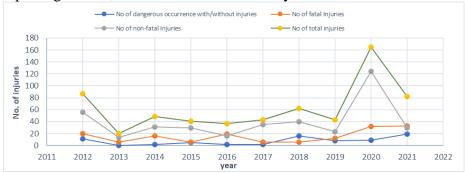


Figure 21: Year wise injuries trend by Explosion

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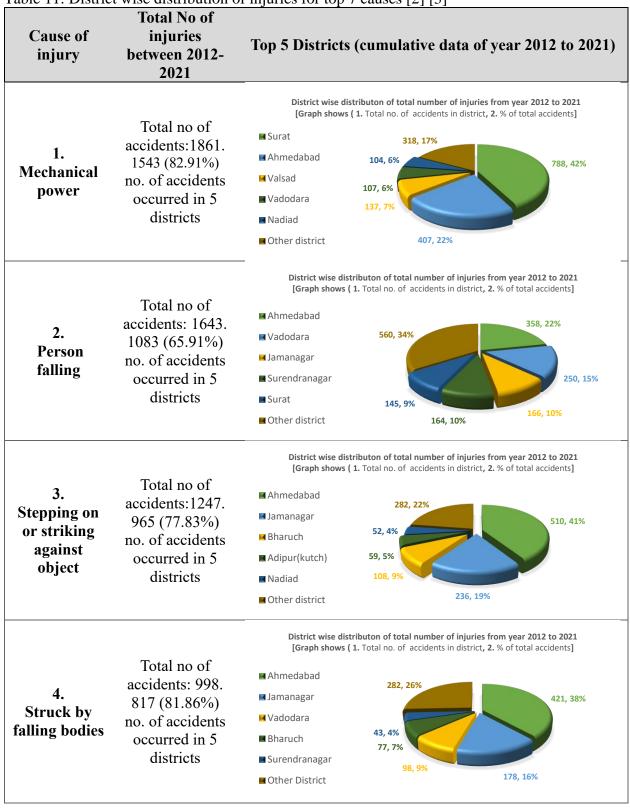
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3.3.4 District wise distribution of injuries occurred by top 7 causes

Following table shows districts with highest occurrence of accidents due to a particular cause.

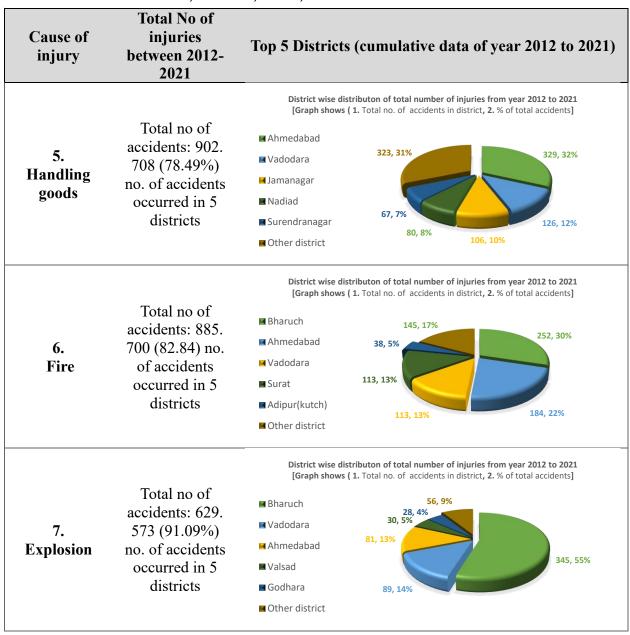
Table 11: District wise distribution of injuries for top 7 causes [2] [3]





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The table shows that Surat, Ahmedabad, Bharuch, Jamnagar and Baroda are leading in industry accidents over multiple industry types. Obviously because these districts have maximum concentration of industries.

Use and importance of actual data (data without discrepancy)

By using the data of the total number of accidents and its causes in each year from 2012 to 2021 depicts the trend of the accident occurrence. It provides insight to identify:

- Districts which are frequently prone to accidents
- Industry types where the frequency of accidents is higher than other industries
- Inherent causes which frequently contributes towards accident occurrences.
- Comparison of accident occurrences between districts, all industries within district and predominant causes within district.
- Comparison of accident occurrences within same industry type and similar causes between different districts



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Since, there are anomalies, obviously uncertainty exist in the credibility of the data. Since, the data is not credible, corrective action cannot be taken either for the type industry, or causes. Hence, there is always a risk of repeating the same accident trends over the years without any effective mitigation.

4. Proposal of new model for data collection, monitoring, and analysis

A straightforward approach is proposed to enhance industrial safety by adopting digital solutions for incident reporting. The current reliance on manual paperwork often leads to errors, hindering the accuracy of reported information. The proposal suggests transitioning to a digital system to streamline processes and reduce mistakes.

The process is shown in Figure 22 below.

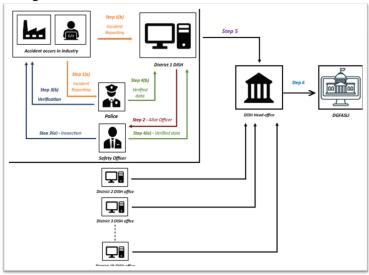


Figure 22: Industrial accident reporting by digital method The process of reporting of industrial accident is described in Table 12 [7]:

Table 12: Steps for Reporting method

Steps	Action by Industry	Action by Police	Action by DISH
1	 1a. Initiate the accident reporting process by promptly informing the nearest police station and 1b. Inform DISH by filling the online accident reporting form in DISH portal 	-	
2	-	- Assign a police sub-inspector to conduct an investigation	- Assign safety officer / Competent person to verify the received information.



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Steps	Action by Industry	Action by Police	Action by DISH
		particularly if it is fatality.	
3	- Co-operate with Police and DISH	- 3a. the police Subinspector conducts on-site investigation (if fatal injury) or verification of received information	- 3b. The safety officer / competent person conducts on-site inspection to understand the circumstances surrounding the accident, assessing industry responses, and ensuring compliance with workspace safety regulations.
4	-	- 4a. The PSI submits report on the DISH portal	- 4b. The safety officer / competent person submits report on the DISH portal
5	-	-	 Upon completion of the verification process, the status changes from pending to verified, signifying the endorsement of the data by the District DISH office. Further legal process for any corrective or punitive action on the industry. The interconnected server system ensures real-time updates of accident data on the DISH head office server, providing an accurate and current overview.
6	-	-	 DISH head office disseminates the annual industrial accident report through publication on its official website and submission to the DGFASLI. The DGFASLI server collects real-time accident data from state DISH head offices, facilitating the creation and publication of the annual industrial accident report for comprehensive national analysis.

4.1 Benefits of digital industrial accident reporting method:

1. The biggest benefit is elimation of manual error. Once the industry submits the data online the police and DISH officer independently verifies the submitted information, which is the fundamental step to make the data credible. Besides, all these activity is done on the same portal and hence elimantes the need for any duplication of paperwork.



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- 2. DISH head office can see the real time number of total accidents and injuries for every district in the state and if implemented throughout the nation then DGFASLI can monitor the accident occruences for every district in the country.
- 3. Besdies accident, the status of inquiry and investigation can be seen in real time like pending verification cases, verified cases, total number of accidents, total number of injuries etc. Using this information, the head office can monitor the work progress of district DISH offices and take appropriate actions, make new rules and guidelines for safety at workspace,
- 4. Understanding the trend can lead to proactive methods for reducing reoccurence of accidents and developing new technologies and training programs for workspace safety.

4.2 Challenges for digital industrial accident reporting method:

- 1. Online system may face technical issues, such as software glitch, server outtages. These challenges can disrupt the data collection process and hinder the timely reporting of incidents. As a mitigation method, real time back-up of server data at regular time intervals may be necessary.
- 2. Online data collection also introduces cybersecurity related risks. Ensuring the physical and online security of accident data will prevent unauthoriezed access, data breaches or tampering.

5. Conclusion

In conclusion.

- Lack of uniform adherence to the latest NIC code 2008 across all district offices have led to uniform template of data collection
- Inconsistent data across 9 DISH offices, including Bharuch, Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Gandhinagar, Mahesana, Morbi, Surendra Nagar, Vadodara and Valsad, exposes inherent flaws in manual collection. Most likely reason being typos, format variations, lack of guidelines, delayed entries, absence of QC, and staff shortages may have contributed to persistent errors, necessitating urgent corrective measures.
- Published data and RTI-acquired data, deviating from the expected equality. This variance is primarily attributed to the unavailability and completeness of RTI-sourced data.
- The use of accurate, discrepancy-free historical data is crucial for understanding the trend of industrial accidents. This information not only highlights the dangers posed to workers in recent past but also aids in pinpointing industries and specific causes that require attention, and develop preventive measures. The presence of anomalies introduces uncertainty and doubt, thus compromising the credibility of the data and hindering effective corrective actions, potentially perpetuating unsafe trends in the future.
- trend analysis indicates that trend is random and unpredictable because of descrepency in data collected by DISH office, mis match in data and unavaibility of data. No mathematical pattern emerged from the data trend, leading to an inconclusive outcome.
- The proposed digital model for industrial accident reporting and verification offers a streamlined and efficient process to ensure credible and real-time data collection. By replacing manual procedures which are prone to errors, the new system enhances accuracy, facilitates prompt verification through on-site inspections, and enables immediate data updates at both the district and state levels.

Discrepancies in numerical values are evident in both the industry-wise and cause-wise records of injuries, highlighting inconsistencies among many offices. Addressing these variations by employing digital medium of real-time reporting & monitoring is crucial for ensuring accurate and standardized reporting across all districts and ultimately will act as pre-cursor to break the accident trends.

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