

INTER-SCHOOL POSTER COMPETITION on ROAD SAFETY

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Background

Road crashes are unforeseen and unfortunate incidents that leave heart wrenching traces which are painful to describe. Loss of bread earner in a road crash puts the entire family into boundless trauma. A crash not only affects the family of the victim but it also cause huge losses to our nation's economy. According to estimates road crashes are responsible for 3 to 4 percent loss of GDP in India. Road Safety awareness at mass level, corporate initiatives towards road safety and coordinated efforts of stakeholders and non-governmental organizations have brought a sigh of relief. The trend of fatalities in Rajasthan is declining since year 2015 but the reduction in terms of fatalities is not satisfactory.

Constitution of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety in India has brought momentum in initiatives being taken by state governments including Rajasthan. As a result, stakeholder departments have started working in close coordination to mitigate the issue. The unanimous coordinated efforts and collaborative approach is the only key ingredient that can bring the desired results. In addition of adopting multispectral approach it is much desirable to review the decades old rules, regulations and policies etc. The time has changed and road safety scenario has also changed in past 30 years. Plexus of high speed, multilane road network has spread and vehicle technology has seen revolutionary technological breakthrough. Hence, it becomes desirable to review and suggest amendments needed in the act, formation of new policies to bridge this gap.



Considering the severity of the issue CUTS International in collaboration with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways organised an Inter School Poster Competition on April 26, 2019 at Rotary Club, behind Sangam tower, Jaipur. For addressing the five key risk areas viz. wearing helmet, wearing seatbelts and child restraint system, speeding, drunken driving and distracted driving. Importantly the advocated amendments and changes in rules shall necessarily focus the five risk areas to make them more strong and enforceable. In the competition more than 60 students of more than 10 schools participated actively and made very nice posters on the theme of road safety especially the five key risk factors. In the beginning of the competition a brief overview of road safety, theme of the subject, general instructions related to the competition were given to the participants.

The Importance of Road Safety

Road safety is a subject of importance that every child should know and grow up with. The danger on the road impact everyone and hence is a vital topic of discussion everywhere. Every year road crashes leads to death and injury among youngsters. The risk is even higher in children as they reach their teens when they are given independence. Young drivers are also at great risk. Traffic is a major concern for pedestrians and cyclists. People embracing healthier lifestyle have started to walk or use the bicycle while travelling short distance. It makes them socially and physically active.

Objectives of the Competition

- Proper understanding of road traffic signals amongst the children.
- Acquire safety skills to survive in traffic.
- Emphasize their duty to protect themselves on the road.
- Explain the causes and effects of road crashes.
- Create a consideration on other's safety.

Proceedings

Madhusudan Sharma, Senior Programme Officer, CUTS International in his opening remarks explained the importance of Road Safety and recent developments made under its laws wherein he stated that in India, more than 1.5 Lakh people, mostly youths, lose their valuable and productive life in road accidents every year. It is sad to note that the majority of road accident victims are youths and children. This alarming trend is growing day by day. The main reasons of these accidents are five which are Over Speed, Drink and Drive, Not wearing helmet and Seat belt and non-compliance of the traffic Rules. It is proven fact that if youths are educated properly about the road safety their precious lives can be saved annually. Also he explained the concept of child restraint system adopted by foreign countries for child safety which must be adopted by India.

Ms Nidhi Singh, Deputy Transport Commissioner, Transport Department, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur was the chief

guest wherein she mentioned Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death among young people, aged 15–29 years; 91% of the world's fatalities on the roads occur in low-income and middle-income countries, even though these countries have approximately half of the world's vehicles; Half of those dying on the world's roads are "vulnerable road users": pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.; Without action, road traffic crashes are predicted to result in the deaths

of around 1.9 million people annually by 2020; Only 28 countries, representing 416 million people (7% of the world's population), have adequate laws that address all five risk factors (speed, drink-driving, helmets, seat-belts and child restraints). She urged the students to adopt the rules and inculcate this habit of following rules for their own safety. As we strive towards more and more road safety awareness, yet the country witnesses continuous road accidents. Ignorance and negligence of the public is overpowering the awareness of the road safety rules and more than ten thousand five hundred people are killed every year.



Ahmed Khan, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Traffic Police, Jaipur was the Key Note speaker he urged the students to be aware of the rules and create awareness amongst their families and friends by avoid drunk and drive, compulsory wearing of helmets, preference to pedestrians while crossing the road, juveniles should not ride two wheelers, overloading of passenger vehicles, adhering to traffic signals, obeying traffic rules. He further urged the senior students who are above 18 years must have driving licence without which they can fall in trouble anytime. For senior students, especially those on the verge of applying for their driver's license, you need not shy away from deaths and injuries that happen on the road. This gives a fair warning of the effects of reckless behaviour on the roads.

Rajeev Vijay, District Transport Officer, Regional Transport Office, Jaipur who actively participated and shared his experiences with the students and urged them to follow traffic rules for their own safety. He urged the students to follow the traffic rules asked them to even educate others because the change comes from within also explained the 5 E's that are Engineering of Road Safety, Engineering of Vehicles, Engineering of Environment, Engineering Of Education and Engineering of Enforcement.



Winners of the competition_ The winners of the competition were facilitated in the State Level Workshop on Implementation of Good Samaritan Guidelines: Challenges and Way Forward organised on July 02, 2019.

- The First Prize was awarded to Ms. Ayesha Lohra, Delhi Public School,
- Second Prize was awarded to Mr. Khush Batra, Delhi Public School.
- Third Prize was awarded to Tanvi Soni, Small Wonders Academy.
- First Consolation Prize was given to Tanisha Saini, S.S.G Pareek Public School.
- Second Consolation Prize was given to Shilpi Bajpai, Bal Vishwa Bharti Sr. Sec. School.

Vote of Thanks

Madhu Sudhan Sharma thanked the participants for giving their valuable time for such a great cause and ended the session by urging all the students to follow the traffic rules and create awareness in the society so that effective implementation of the traffic rules can take place.

List of Participants

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