**Event Report** 





# WORKSHOP TWO YEARS OF MVA ACT, 2019:

Opportunities, Challenges and Way Forward



**1** SEPTEMBER, 2021 JAIPUR, RAJASTHAN

#### **Background**

Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2019 (MVA Act, 2019) has completed two years in India on September 01, 2019. During these two years, several states have notified the same in their respective states as well as Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has notified most of the rules under the MVA Act, 2019. MoRTH is forming the road safety board at the national level and several states are forming schemes and programs to ensure road safety in their respective states under Section 135 of the MVA Act 1988.

The MVA Act, 2019 offers a huge opportunity to reduce road accidents, fatalities, and injuries on roads through effective enforcement, but it also poses several challenges. These challenges could be aware of the provisions of the new Act and Rules, effective enforcement, effective policymaking, effective road safety management and institution strengthening all at the state level are few. But what has to be the way forward and how to encash the opportunities offered by the MVA Act, 20219 and its rules was the main objective of the consultation being organised by CUTS International in close collaboration with the Transport Department, Government of Rajasthan at Jaipur on September 07, 2021.

#### **Participation**

This is the first time that any face-to-face event on road safety has been organised during the pandemic. Hence, keeping the existing restrictions, the participation was limited to CSOs working on road safety or deeply inclined towards saving lives on the road. Around 30 NGO representatives and five media representatives, primarily youths participated in the consultation. From Road Safety Cell, Transport Department a team of five officials including Mahendra Soni, Transport Commissioner; Nidhi Singh, Joint Transport Commissioner, Dr. LN Pandey, Representative in Cell from medical and health department and other officials participated, in addition to Mr. Pratap Singh Khachariyawas, Hon'ble Transport Minister, Govt. of Rajasthan; Mr. Sushmit Biswas, ADG, Traffic (In charge), Rajasthan Police; Dr. Girdhar Goyal, Trauma Care Centre, SMS Hospital, Jaipur; and other resource person from CSOs also took part in the consultation. A total of more than 40 participants actively participated in the consultation.

#### **Proceedings**

To give a brief introduction to the Two years of MVA, Act 2019, The inaugural session began with the welcome address, opening address, followed by a keynote and special address by the guests to introduce the Two years of MVA, Act 2019 briefly. The next session was entirely focused on MVA, 2019: Enforcement Challenges and Way forward at the state level. Fruitful discussions followed the technical session to gain new insights. CUTS had an opportunity to share its knowledge and learn few new developments in the field of road safety from the broader set of participants.

#### **Inaugural Session**

Madhu Sudan Sharma, Senior Programme Officer, CUTS International, welcomed the panelists and participants. He highlighted the work of CUTS international on road safety and the significance of the consultation.

George Cheriyan, Director, CUTS International, delivered introductory and opening remarks of the consultation. He stated the objectives of the consultation and recounted memories of how CUTS has been a pioneer in road safety advocacy. He said it took more than five years to bring the new Act; with 66 sections revised in the new Act, there has been a complete overhauling of the existing Act. Enhancement in penalties has been the key feature of this amendment Act.



He further added that the Government of India implemented the new MVA Act, 2019, from September 01, 2019. The corresponding Motor Vehicle Amendment Rules, 2020, are now also being enforced. The MVA Act, 2019 has amended the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 to provide for road safety. The Government of Rajasthan also notified the new MVA Act, 2019, and its amended rules on July 09, 2020.

He further added that almost 1.5 lakh deaths happen every year in the country, which is number one globally. It also aggregates as much as 11 percent of total accidents in the world, with less than one percent of the vehicle population, according to a Report on Road Accidents by the World Bank released in February 2021.

There has been a reduction in the number of road accidents by 18 percent in 2020 after enacting the new Act in 2019, as informed by the Union Transport Minister in the Parliament. However, this is mainly attributed to the COVID 19 induced lockdown and travel restrictions. Hence, we need to wait for some more time to see the real impact of the Act on the ground. Over-speeding is a major cause of road accidents, accounting for 71 percent of crashes, 67.3 percent deaths, and 72.4 percent injuries in 2019. Reducing vehicle speed can prevent road crash incidents as an average 1 km increase in vehicular speed can lead to a three percent rise in such incidents; hence, consideration needs to be given in this direction. The number of deaths in accidents is more between the age group of 18-35.

According to MoRTH Report on Road Accidents in India 2019, Rajasthan ranked the fifth highest in road accident deaths in 2019. While concluding his remarks, he strongly advocated establishing a State Road Safety Authority, so that road safety is better managed. He also underlined the need to form a trauma care policy, child road safety policy, and Non-Motorised Policy in Rajasthan.

#### **Address by the Chief Guest**



Pratap Singh Khachariyawas, Hon'ble Transport Minister, Government of Rajasthan, thanked CUTS for organising this event on MVAA, 2019. He said that the state government would do whatever is required to ensure road safety in Rajasthan, including the formation of Road Safety Authority, Child Road Safety Policy and Trauma Care Policy. He advised CUTS to prepare a note on this and submit it to his office to take it forward officially.

He further said that there is a need to make the central and state rules and regulations friendly and practical so that these are easy to enforce. He mentioned that national highways should be safer and more safety measures are needed to save people's lives. He advised using the road safety funds more effectively for taking innovative road safety measures in the state. He also underlined the importance of good road user behavior and shared his personal experience of road accident victim's miseries and hardships being faced by their deceased family members. He called upon the road safety experts to come forward with innovative suggestions for ensuring road safety in the State of Rajasthan.

#### **Keynote Address**

Mahendra Soni, Transport Commissioner, Government of Rajasthan, said this is timely consultation on Two years of MVA, Act 2019. He highlighted the road safety system in Singapore and Australia. He also highlighted the various government programmes and initiatives on road safety. He shared best practices on a GPS tracking system for an ambulance that applies online for a new learning licence in Rajasthan. He highlighted the importance of e-



governance for road safety. He said that the tracking devices and e-learning licensing are the new ideas imposed by the state government. Unless society is coercive, results are bound to be elusive. He mentioned that the government had co-opted new software with the help of IIT, Madras for posting accident data.

IIT Madras will cooperate with the Rajasthan government to develop a structured framework for using data-driven technologies to improve road safety. There is a need for Transit-Oriented Development Policy to reduce road traffic, he added. Organ donor information has been mentioned in the license as one donor can save nine lives. Rajasthan is the first institute to have driving tracks for two-wheelers and CIRT, Pune has contributed to forming a driving track for four-wheelers. Rajasthan has a vehicular population of 1.75 crores. He called for cooperation by all building societies and mall

owners to partner with the government and help solve parking issues. The same goes for shops and market associations as well.

While responding to the need for State Road Safety Authority, he said that Rajasthan could learn from the experiences of states with Road Safety Authority in place. He agreed that authority always comes with the legitimised powers that are lacking in the present Road Safety Cell, which is the nodal agency of road safety in Rajasthan.

#### **Special Address**

Sushmit Biswas, ADGP, Traffic (In charge), Rajasthan Police, Government of Rajasthan highlighted statistics related to road accidents in Rajasthan. He agreed with George that India leads the globe in terms of road traffic fatalities and injuries. Although it only possesses one percent of the world's vehicles, it is responsible for 11 percent of all road fatalities. India's road accident is more "dangerous than COVID-19 pandemic, he added. Road safety is dependent on human behaviour and acceptance of



safety. The "man behind the wheel" is an important component of road safety. Attitudes like "accidents happen because of poor luck" and "God's will" is directly connected to their behaviours on the road.

He said road safety needs to be seen from the broader perspective of connectivity and there is a need for an evidence-based approach to reducing road accidents. There is a need to adopt scientific and best practices approach in highway design and remediation, law enforcement, and educational/training interventions. He has given examples of Europe and Singapore for efficient traffic management systems. Road traffic accidents have arisen as a significant public health concern that requires a multidisciplinary strategy to address. While concluding his address, he said that in Rajasthan, some initiative was taken to form the Road Safety Authority and he is ready to share the draft of same to take that as a basis.

## Technical Session- MVA, 2019: Opportunities, Enforcement Challenges and Way forward



#### **Introductory Presentation on MVA, Act 2019**

**Madhu Sudan Sharma,** Senior Programme Officer, CUTS International, moderated the technical session and presented the key road safety provisions in the MVA, Act 2019 and MVA Rules, 2021. He requested the panelists and participants to give their suggestions to work on these

provisions effectively in Rajasthan. He highlighted the behavioural risk factors, fixing accountability of road owning agencies, child road safety, provisions related to non-motorised transport vehicles, electronic monitoring of road safety, National Road Safety Board, and the need for other policy reforms at the state level. He also moderated the session. This session mainly discussed two years of MVA, Act 2019: opportunities, challenges and way forward in Rajasthan. He introduced the speakers of the session and invited them to share their thoughts.

#### State level Road Safety Initiatives and need of policy reforms



**Nidhi Singh**, Joint Transport Commissioner, Government of Rajasthan, began by saying that there is a need for state road safety authority, child road safety policy and trauma care policy in Rajasthan. She further spoke about the new road safety initiatives being taken by Transport Department. Through education, training, and public awareness initiatives, the public will better understand road safety. School children and college students will be targeted for road safety education, and public awareness campaigns will

be used to spread good road safety behaviours across the community. Therefore, the role of civil society organisations is important for awareness generation and advocacy on road safety. She specifically spoke about the Rajasthan Road Safety Road-Map, which is being prepared with the technical inputs of IIT Madras, Integrated Road Accident Database. She appreciated the efforts being made by Police Department to upload the data on the same. She shed light on innovative initiatives being taken by the road safety fund in SMS Trauma Care Centre.

#### An integrated approach towards trauma care in Rajasthan

**Dr. Girdhar Goyal**, Trauma Care expert, SMS Hospital Trauma Care Centre, Jaipur, spoke about the importance of pre-hospital care, BLS training, and the need to develop enforcement officials' capacity in pre-hospital care. He also explained innovative practices like a dedicated trauma centre for road accident patients, capacity building, and skill training center on pre-hospital care in SMS Hospital. 50 percent road accident death occurs on the spot or before reaching the hospital.



Therefore, by adopting innovative practices, these should be prevented. There is a need for effective implementation of Good Samaritan Guidelines, he added. He explained all the steps of trauma care and demanded an effective Trauma Care Policy in the State of Rajasthan.

#### **Good Samaritan Provisions are critical**



**Prerana Arora**, People's Trust, Jaipur, spoke about the Good Samaritan Guidelines, low awareness about Section 134 A and its provisions, effective enforcement of related schemes. Cash awards of Rs. 5,000 and a certificate of appreciation were given to all good Samaritans and boards of guidelines were placed in all the trauma care centres and hospitals in the state which are missing.

Madhu Sudan Sharma concluded the session by thanking all of them on behalf of CUTS. He also thanked the Department of Transport, Government of Rajasthan for supporting CUTS International to work road safety.

#### **Open Discussion: Questions and Answers**

The panel discussion was followed by an open session where participants shared their views on road safety. Some participants raised concerns regarding poor enforcement in rural areas, massive awareness campaign on road safety, training local NGOs on trauma care and first responders training, designs of helmets, data management of road accidents for both rural and urban categories. Their concerns were suitably answered by the panelists.

#### **Summing up and Vote of Thanks**

Amit Babu, Programme Associate, CUTS International, delivered the vote of thanks. He summarised the observations made by different speakers and thanked all the participants and speakers for attending the consultation and sharing their valuable thoughts and experiences. He also thanked the Department of Transport, Government of Rajasthan for supporting CUTS International's work road safety. He said that the organisation will organise consultations in other parts of Rajasthan as well.



#### **Outcome of Discussions and Action Points**

• All the topmost policymakers on road safety came on the CUTS platform and discussed state road safety issues. The key issues which emerged out were the need for effective implementation and management of road safety-related Laws, Rules,

- Regulations, lack of integrated approach towards trauma care, child road safety and non-motorised transport in the state.
- To reduce road accidents, crashes and injuries by 50 percent by 2025, it is urgently needed to have a capable lead agency of road safety at the state level. The formation of the Road Safety Authority can be further discussed.
- The Minister is more interested in protecting the livelihood rights of non-motorised transport vehicle owners, people sitting on the road for decades for their livelihood purposes, etc., so the suggestion was put forth to have an NMT Policy.
- A concept note on the significance of a 'Road Safety Authority (RSA)' and lessons learnt from other states shall be prepared and submitted to the Transport Minister to take up the RSA-related discussion forward.
- CUTS team will meet ADG Traffic to discuss the file related to the formation of the Road Safety Authority in Rajasthan, which was initiated in 2018.
- The CUTS team will meet with the Transport Commissioner to submit the event report and discuss the policy advocacy and Road Safety Authority.
- CUTS team will write some op-eds about the significance and importance of the Road Safety Authority.

## **List of Participants**

S.No.	Name	Name & Address of the Organisation	
1	Manoj Saini	Jagriti Sansthan, Virat Nagar, Jaipur	
2	Babu Lal	Naya Savera Society, D- 132, Nirman Nagar, Jaipur	
3	Sindhu Upadhyay	SU&M Trust, 117/180, Mansarovar, Jaipur	
4	Rajehs Malakar	Vikasonmukh Sansthan, Naraina	
5	Pukhraj Acharya	Anvarat Sansthan, Jaipur	
6	Debasish Biswas	SRIJAN, , Sawai Madhopur	
7	Abhishek Pareek	Pehachan, Shyam Nagar, Jaipur	
8	Ashutosh	Shiv Shikshan Sansthan Samiti, Jaipur	
9	Avinash	Shiv Shikshan Sansthan, Jaipur	
10	Pratibha Jain	CUTS International, Jaipur	
11	Radhika Sharma	Jeevan Ashram Sanstha	
12	R.K. Sharma	Navjeevan Society, 19, Sharma colony, Bais Godam, Jaipur	
13	Manoj Jain	7 - 2	
14	Narendra Arora	Penchan Sanstha, C-4, Shyam Nagar, Jaipur	
15	Ram Dayal Saini	Ekjut Sansthan, 2/161, Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur	
16	Ashok Kumar	Samajik Yuva Sansthan, Bassi, Jaipur Aadhar, Pach Batti, Jaipur	
17	Nikita Sharma	Aadhar, Pach Batti, Jaipur	
18	Hari Sharma	B Foundation	
19	Deepak Sharma	Records Sansthan	
20	Raj Sharma	Sakar Sanstha,	
21	Vinod Kumar Sharma	ATMA Sansthan, Jagmalpura, Jaipur	
22	Dr. L.N. Pandey	Transport Department	
23	Deepak Sain	B-BABU foundation	
24	Lalit Bhardwaj	Sarojani Naidu Women Development Society	
25	Himanshu Jhankar	Ras Rang Manch Sansthan	
26	Swati Dixit		
27	Madhu Sudan Sharma	Transport Department, (Road Safety)  CUTS International, Jaipur	
28	George Cheriyan	CUTS International, Jaipur	
29	Sushmit Biswas	ADGP, Traffic Police, Rajasthan	
30	Mahendra Soni	Transport Commissioner, Rajasthan	
31	Pratap Singh Khachariyawas	Minister of Transport, Rajasthan	
32	Nidhi Singh	Joint Secretary, Transport	
33	Dr. Girdhar Goyal	Trauma Care, SMS Hospital, Jaipur	
34	Amit Babu	CUTS International, Jaipur	
35	Deepak Saxena	CUTS International, Jaipur	
36	Dharmendra Chaturvedi	CUTS International, Jaipur	
37	Satyapal Singh	CUTS International, Jaipur	
38	Pratibha Jain	CUTS International, Jaipur	
30	i rativita jalli	Go 15 international, jaipui	

## **Programme Schedule**

Time	Activity		Guest/Resource Person		
9.30-10.30 am	Arrival, Registration of delegates & Tea				
10.30 -11.30 am	Inaugural Session				
	Welcome		Madhu Sudan Sharma,		
10.30-10.35 am			Senior Programme Officer,		
			CUTS International		
	Introductory remarks		Mr. George Cheriyan		
10.40-10.45 am			Director,		
			CUTS International		
			Shri Sushmit Biswas (IPS)		
10.55-11.00 am	Special Address		ADGP, Traffic (In charge),		
10.55 11.00 din			Rajasthan Police, Govt. of Rajasthan,		
			Jaipur		
			Shri Mahendra Soni (IAS)		
11.10 -11.15 am	Key Note Address		Transport Commissioner,		
			Transport Department, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur		
11.15 -11.30 am	Chief Guest		Shri Pratap Singh Khachariyawas		
			Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Rajasthan		
Technical Session 01: MVA, 2019: Enforcement Challenges and Way forward					
			Introductory Presentation: Madhu Sudan		
	Moderator: Ma		Sharma		
11.30 am -	Sudan Sharma,		Smt. Nidhi Singh, Joint Transport		
1.15 pm	Programme Officer,		Commissioner, (R.S.)		
liio piii	CUTS Internation	nal	<b>Dr. Girdhar Goyal,</b> Trauma Care Expert, SMS		
			Hospital, Jaipur		
			Smt. Prerana Aroara, People's Trust, Jaipur		
1.15-1.25pm	Questions and Answers				
	Summing Up	Amit Babu, Programme Associate, CUTS International			
1.25 to 1.30pm	and Vote of				
	thanks				
1.30pm	Lunch and Departure				

## **Glimpses of Consultation**













#### Media Coverage



LIFE STYLE RAJASTHAN

SPORTS

GREEN ISSUES DEBATES

You are here 
Home > Debates > Road Safety Authority in Rajasthan is need of the hour - Pratap Singh Kachriyawas

Road Safety Authority In Rajasthan Is Need Of The Hour – Pratap Singh Kachriyawas

Debates by NBI Bureau - September 8, 2021

Jaipur -Road safety experts from the State demanded for earliest formation of road safety authority in Rajasthan for effective coordination between various departments and effective enforcement of road safety act, rules, plans and programs. Pratap Singh Kachriyawas transport minister of Rajasthan who delivered the inaugural address as a chief p and endorsed the demands and said that state government will do whatever required to ensure road safety in Rajast including formation of Road Safety Authority, Child Road Safety Policy and Trauma Care policy.



## सड़क दुर्घटनाओं को रोकना हम सबकी जिम्मेदारी- खाचरियावास

• निहारिका टाइम्स

**जयपुर -** कट्स सोसाइटी द्वारा रोड सेफ्टी पर आयोजित कार्यशाला रैडिसन होटल में आयोजित की गई। इस कार्यक्रम के मुख्य आयोजित का ग्हा इस वास्त्राम प्राप्तिह अतिथि परिवहन मंत्री प्रतापिसंह खाचरियावास थे। इस कार्यशाला में मंत्री खाचरियावास ने अपने उदबोधन में कहा कि कट्स सोसाइटी द्वारा सड़क सुरक्षा के क्षेत्र में किये जा रहे कार्य सराहनीय है, हम सबको सड़क सुरक्षा को लेकर जागरूक होना चाहिए। हमें ड्राइविंग रूल्स को फॉलो करना चाहिए और सड़क दुर्घटनाओं में हमे दुर्घटना होने वाले व्यक्ति



महेंद्र सोनी ने भी अपने विचार व्यक्त किये और सड़क सुरक्षा पर सरकार द्वारा किये जा रहे कार्यों के बारे में बताया साथ ही ्रा २० नामा म जार म जताया साथ हो ट्रैफिक पुलिस के एडीजीपी सुश्मित बिस्वास ने भी कार्यशाला में मोठा ट्रॉमा केअर सेंटर के नोडल अं गिरधर गोयल ने बताया कि र एसएमएस हॉस्पिटल में दुर लिए अलग से ट्रॉमा के अर् र कं बारे मे

वागत भा ऑफिसर था दारा रि

कंज्यूमर यूनिटी एंड ट्रस्ट सोसायटी कट्स ने सड़क हादसों के मामले में जताई चिंता





जयपुर, दुगियाभर में इर सात सड़क हायतों में 12 ताक से अधिक तोग अपनी जान गवा देते हैं. इनमें से आधी नीत असुरक्षित तरीके से सड़क पर बड़ने से होती हैं. रहीबक हैंच्य ऑकारबेटरी (जीएकओ) के ऑकड़े बताते हैं कि उच्च आप बारे देशों के मुकाबते कम और मध्यम आप बारों देशों में सड़क दुर्णटनाओं ज्यादा होती है.

ज्यार एनिटी एठ इन्ट सोसायटी) की ओर से केज्यूमर प्रनिटी एठ इन्ट सोसायटी कर्ष हुग्य

Rajasthan Transport Minister endorsed the demand of road safety experts, to establish Road Safety Authority and to enact Child Road Safety and Trauma Care Policy in Rajasthan



दिनाओं के कारणों पर

होगा। घायल की जान

सड़क दुर्घटनाओं को रोकना हम सबकी जिम्मेदारी-

खाचरियावास



जपूर कर्म के जारों वहार एंड केको या आजीवन कार्मशान रेडियन कंडन में आजीवन के गर कर्म के जारों वहार एंड केको या आजीवन कार्मशान के कर्म में आजीवन के गर कर्म के जारों के प्रियंत के अपने कार्मा के में कर्म के अपने माने कर्म प्रशास करने प्रशास के अपने कारों के कर्म आजीवन के अपने माने कर्म प्रशास करने प्रशास के अपने कारों के कर्म आजीवन के अपने माने क्षेत्र प्रशास करने प्रशास के अपने कारों के कर्म आजीवन के अपने क्षेत्र के क्षेत्र आपने कुरावीय करने कारों करने क्षेत्र के क्षेत्र के क्षेत्र के क्षेत्र के क्षेत्र के क्षेत्र के क्षेत्र आपने कुरावीय करने कारों करने कारों के क्षेत्र के क्षेत्र

मोटर व्हीकल एक्ट पर चर्चा

जयपुर @ पत्रिका. कट्स सोसायटी की ओर से रोड सेफ्टी पर आयोजित कार्यशाला में मुख्य अतिथि परिवहन मंत्री प्रतापसिंह खाचरियावास ने कहा कि हमें सड़क सुरक्षा को लेकर जागरूक

होना चाहिए। हमें ड्राइविंग रूल्स को फॉलो करना चाहिए और दुर्घटना होने वाले व्यक्ति की मदद करनी चाहिए ना कि वहां से भागना चाहिए। कार्यशाला में ट्रांसपोर्ट कमिश्नर महेंद्र सोनी ने भी अपने विचार व्यक्त किए। कार्यक्रम में ट्रैफिक पुलिस के एडीजीपी सुष्मित बिस्वास, परिवहन विभाग की संयुक्त परिवहन कमिश्नर

'राज्य में सड़क सुरक्षा प्राधिकरण की आवश्यकता' घायलों की जान बचाना हम सब का दायित्वः खाचरियावास @ पत्रिका. मोटर वाहन पम, 2019 के दी वर्ष पूरे होने सड़क नक्ष्य में कन्ज्यूमर यूनिटी एण्ड सुरक्षा आवश्यकता जताई। ए.डी.जी. प्राधिकरण पायटी 'कट्स' की ओर से ट्रैफिक पुलिस सुध्मित बिस्वास, को राजधानी में कार्यशाला परिवहन आयुक्त महेंद्र सोनी तथा संयुक्त परिवहन आयुक्त निधि सिंह सहित अन्य वक्ताओं ने भी संबोधित तन किया गया। जॉर्ज चेरियन के ख्य अतिथि परिवहन मंत्री किया। सवाई मानसिंह अस्पताल के ट्रोमा सेंटर के डॉ. गिरधर गोयल ने ाचरियावास ने कहा कि बताया कि घायल को तुरंत चिकित्सा

उपलब्ध करवाने के लिए आधुनिक चिकित्सा तकनीक का उपयोग किया जा रहा है। पीपल्स टस्ट की

### **English news links:**

Newsbuzz India

https://newsbuzzindia.com/debates/road-safety-authority-in-rajasthan-is-need-of-the-hour-pratap-singh-kachriyawas/

Voice of Jaipur

https://voiceofjaipur.com/6121

#### **Hindi news links:**

**DPK News** 

https://dpknewsindia.com/archives/4680

E-News Rajasthan

https://enewsrajasthan.com/road-safety-cuts/