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## District Consultation Meeting on Road Safety

16<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

Government PG College, Pratapgarh District,  
Rajasthan.

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## **Background –**

As per the report, “Road accidents in India — 2021” published by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, there were 4,12,432 unfortunate incidences of road accidents during 2021 which claimed 1, 53,972 lives and caused injuries to 3, 84,448 persons.

India is no. one in death caused by road accidents followed by China (63093/212846) USA (37461/2211439). Last 10 years around 15 lakh people has died in road accident. In the scenario on National and state highways, 5% accident of total roads accident happened and the 61% deaths happened out of the total deaths.

Success of road safety initiatives and decrease the death, requires active cooperation and participation of all the stakeholders, therefore A district level consultation meeting was organized with district level stakeholders in the collaboration with transport department on 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 23 at Government PG College, Pratapgarh district.

## **Participants –**

Total 90 participants attended the meeting including representation from rural area, non-government organisations, Community based organization and youth groups etc.

Mr CP Joshi, Member of Parliament was the chief guest of the meeting. Mr Ramesh kumar meena Pradhan, Mr Durga shankar Jaat Motor Vehicle Inspector, Mr Man mohan Agarwal President Bus Association, Mr Sidharth Bapna Assistant Engineer Public Work Department, Mrs Nidhi Bohra Assistant District Education Officer, Mr SM Roy Assistant Professor Govt PG College attended the meeting.

## **Objectives -**

The purpose of meeting is to present an in-depth analysis and overview of the road accidents. The data and analysis on road accidents contained in this volume will help create awareness, formulate suitable policy, take effective measures and also assist in informed decision making in the area of road safety.

And mobilized to the administrators, policy makers, civil society organizations as well as target groups in analysis of road safety issues leading to appropriate policy interventions to achieve reduction in road accidents and resultant fatalities

## **Proceeding –**

Mr Gauhar Mahmood Assistant Director welcomed to the guests and address about the importance of road safety week from 11-17 January 2023, he introduced CUTS organisation as working in spreading awareness on road safety in the community and the policy level in association with the local organizations and the department for the past two decade.

Mr Madhu sudan sharma Sr Programme Officer CUTS CART Jaipur presented a brief report on the data of road accidents happened in Pratapgarh, Rajasthan as well as in India also. He said

that India has the second highest number of road accidents after China and the highest number of deaths due to road accidents in India. While sharing the data, he told that about fifteen lakh people lost their life in road accidents in the last ten years in India. Sharing the recent heart-wrenching road accident in Pratapgarh district, Mr Sharma said that a social campaign should be run from city to village to prevent road accidents in Pratapgarh district, and the District Road Safety Committee should be active.

Madhusudan moderated the event and shared the data like Rajasthan is on the 9<sup>th</sup> rank with 20,951 road accidents in 2021, and on 7<sup>th</sup> rank with 10,043 persons killed in road accidents which is the total share of 6.5% in India. It was very shocking that total 67% out of total deaths were youth between 18 to 45 years of age. Pratapgarh district is on the rank in road accident with total 227 accidents reported in 2021 in which total 111 deaths reported and 184 people injured.

Mr Durga Shankar Jaat, Motor Vehicle Inspector highlighted that drunken driving, rash and negligent driving, non-observance of traffic rules while on the road, etc. are the important causes of road accidents. It has been seen that the maximum number of people who get injured and die in road accidents are young people who do not wear helmets while driving two wheelers and do not wear seat belt while four wheeler driving and also drive at high speed, Mr Jaat also shared about the provisions in Motor Vehicles Act 2019, he said that driving under the age of 18, driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without a license, driving recklessly and exceeding the prescribed speed, not wearing a seat belt and helmet while driving and overloading strictly prohibited and considered as violation of traffic rules and there are instructions to take strict actions.

Mr Manmohan Aggarwal, president of Private Bus Association said that we should follow the traffic rules while driving and walking on the road, as well as should not travel sitting on the roofs of buses, tempos etc. And tempo drivers should be banned so that they don't put their own and others life in danger in the greed of money.

Madan Giri Goswami, Senior Programme Officer, CUTS Centre for Human Development told that most of the road accidents that happen can be saved from dying if the injured can be taken to the hospital within an hour. He added that the general public should also be aware of road safety.

SatyaPal Singh, Programme officer, CUTS CART spoke that we should also encourage to Good Samaritan (A person who gives immediate medical or non-medical help to the victim at the accident site) so that people come forward to help the victim in good faith, voluntarily, without any greed.

Mr CP Joshi, Member of Parliament inspired the youth to wear a helmet and seat belt while driving on the road, drive at the prescribed speed, do not use headphones while driving, follow the traffic rules. Following the traffic rules and driving safely, we can keep safe ourselves and others. He added road safety data presents that the road accidents are the main causes of mostly death. This data is very horrible as well as alarming situation for us. And the reason behind the road accidents is drunken driving, wrong side driving, red light jump, mobile use while driving, not using helmet and seat belt while driving.

Mr Ramesh Meena Pradhan, Mr SM Roy Assistant professor of Govt PG College Education, Mrs Nidhi Bohra Assistant District Education Officer, Mr Siddharth Bapna Assistant Engineer Public Works Department shared their views and at the end of the program All the participants were administered oath to follow the road safety rules by Mr Madhu sudan Sharma.

Kamlesh Kumar Jangid, Senior Programme Officer, given vote of thanks

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**PHOTO GALLERY**

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