



Report on Poster Fixing on Rights and Duties of Good Samaritan



Background

Over 13 lakh people have been killed in the past decade due to road crashes in India. In the absence of an efficient Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system in India, the role of bystanders is crucial in saving the lives of victims in road crashes. As per the Law Commission of India, 50 percent of those killed in road crashes could have been saved, if rapid assistance had been rendered. This assertion was also reaffirmed by World Health Organisation (WHO).

According to WHO, 50 percent of victims of road accidents die in the first 15 minutes due to severe cardiovascular or neurological injuries, and the rest can be saved by providing basic life support during the 'Golden Hour'. However, due to fear of harassment by police, detention at hospitals, and prolonged legal formalities, bystanders are reluctant to come forward to help accident victims on the road.

In 2012, a petition was filed in the Supreme Court of India under Article 32 of the Constitution of India in the public interest for the development of a supportive legal framework for the protection of Good Samaritans, i.e., bystanders, who render help to the injured persons on the road. The petition's objective was to create an enabling legal framework for the comprehensive protection of Good Samaritans from ensuing legal and procedural hassles.

On March 30, 2016, the Hon'ble Court approved the guidelines and SOPs issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. Under Article 141 of the Constitution, Hon'ble Court gave it 'force of law', thereby binding all States and UTs of India and, therefore, instituting the Good Samaritan Law. In 2019, these guidelines ultimately became part of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act 2019 by inserting a new Section 134A. But, on the whole, there is little awareness about this new section on the rights of Good Samaritan, which now fully protects those who selflessly and proactively come forward to assist injured persons on the road. Looking to the above facts and importance of the issue, CUTS implemented a project

supported by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Govt. of India, focusing on spreading awareness on the rights of Good Samaritan as enshrined in the M V Act, 2019.

As part of the project activities, posters on ‘Good Samaritan’ were fixed in target hospitals of target districts of Ajmer, Kota, Udaipur and Jaipur, where the workshops were organised. The posters were fixed mainly at those places where the common public can view them directly and easily, as the entrances gates of hospitals, entrances of emergency or trauma care, etc.

In this phase, only the government hospitals, dispensaries etc., were selected in all four. The details are as below.

Ajmer District

The hospitals, where the posters were installed are:

1. Jawahar Lal Nehru Hospital, Ajmer
2. Rajkiya Amrat Kaur Chiksalaya, Beawer
3. Rajkiya Sattelite Hospital, Ajmer
4. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Bandanwara
5. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Vijay Nagar
6. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Kharwa
7. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Saradhana
8. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Masuda
9. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Nasirabad
10. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Pushkar

Glimpses of Ajmer



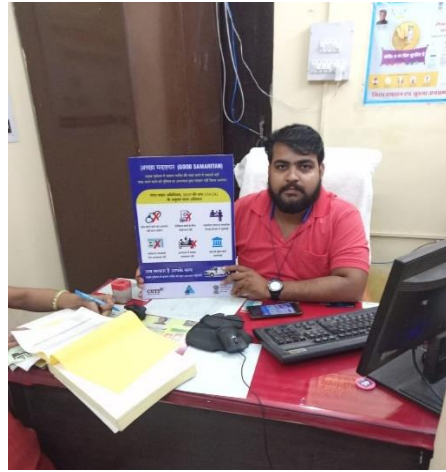


Kota District

1. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Mandana
2. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Ramganjmandi
3. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Sangod
4. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Nayapura, Kota
5. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Itawa
6. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Sultanpur

7. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Kaithun
8. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Suket
9. Maharao Bhim Singh Hospital, Kota
10. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Ranbadi, Kota

Glimpses of Kota





Udaipur District

1. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Kurabad
2. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Barapal
3. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Savina
4. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Sector 6, Udaipur
5. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Ambamata
6. Maharana Bhopal Hospital, Udaipur
7. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Surajpol, Udaipur
8. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Dabok
9. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Mavli
10. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Pratapnagar, Udaipur

Glimpses of Udaipur



Jaipur District

1. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Chomu
2. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Manoharpur
3. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Shahpura
4. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Dudu
5. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Sanganer
6. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Sambhar
7. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Phulera
8. Rajkiya Samudayik Kendra, Kanota
9. SMS Hospital, Jaipur
10. Kanwatia Hospital, Jaipur

Glimpses of Jaipur





Response and Conclusion

In all the places, there has been an outstanding response. Most importantly, the local coordinators, who had shouldered the responsibility of coordinating the workshops in their respective areas, did hard to accomplish this assignment of fixing the posters very well.

Secondly, the response from the hospital management was excellent. At many places, the hospital superintendents, resident doctors and nursing staff have participated in fixing and are visible in photographs.

The visitors in the hospitals were enthusiastic about reading the message at many places, which is evident in a few photos.

The above photos are selective, and all cannot be pasted in the report. Almost all hospitals have been covered.