

CHANDIGARH SENIOR CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION (REGD)

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PRESS RELEASE

SENIOR CITIZENS WALK FOR FUN

The beautiful environs of Sukhna Lake hummed with activity today as senior citizens started arriving in droves right from 5.30 am to take part in the much-awaited "WALK FOR FUN". The annual event, held in the run up to International Day of Old Persons for the 14th time, was organized jointly by Chandigarh Police and Chandigarh Senior Citizens' Association (CSCA).



Today's event drew large number of participants, many in their eighties (some even in nineties), who had to cover a maximum of 2 K.M. Senior citizen batches up to 70 years and above 70 years in separate groups of men & women were flagged off by Sh Vijay Dev, the Advisor who was the Chief Guest, Sh RP Upadhyay, IGP, and other dignitaries present. After the walk 'musical chairs' competition was organized for the senior citizens and winners of the event were awarded.

The Walk was followed by Interaction with IGP UT Chandigarh, Sh. R P Upadhyay, IPS. Welcoming him, Sh. Daljit Singh Grewal, President of the Association, spoke in glowing terms about the senior citizen friendly attitude of Chandigarh Police and the many innovations it had brought in to protect the life and properly of senior citizens. Several senior citizens wanted stricter enforcement of traffic rules especially for two wheelers and

school rickshaws/buses; lane discipline; over taking from wrong side; stopping of three wheelers at roads to take/off load passengers; check on PG accommodation especially indecent behavior in neighborhood parks; action against "unofficial" paid parking areas; provision of community parking in sectors to relieve congestion in streets; enforcement of ban on loud music and synchronization of lights at roundabouts. Sh. Upadhyay lauded the role of senior citizens in society as counselors, guides and role models. He appreciated the work of senior citizens as members of community police and traffic marshals and exhorted them to play a more pro-active role through counseling and conciliation to maintain peace. Organization of this annual event, he said, was Chandigarh Police's way of thanking them and re-assuring them that they were cherished members of the community and that their welfare was the Police's primary concern. He promised action on all the points raised by senior citizens, and sought cooperation from them in creating awareness among the public about the precautions it should take.

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(Col Sukhdev Singh)
Secretary General