

Traffic police take out rally to sensitise women about helmet

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AS PART of the ongoing celebrations for the 29th National Road Safety Week with the theme, Sadak Suraksha - Jeevan Raksha, Chandigarh Traffic Police took out a rally especially for women two-wheeler riders. Flagged off from the Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector-42, the rally went on till UIET, Sector 25. It saw over 200 women coming together to promote protective gear i.e. helmet among women riders in the city. Around 200 helmets were distributed among women two-wheeler riders, who took part in the rally.

The event was graced by Alka Singh Badnore, wife of Punjab Governor and UT Administrator VP Singh Badnore, who flagged off the rally on Thursday morning.

A skit titled Paigam, performed by police marshals, was the highlight of the evening with its rather comical take on the importance of traffic rules. It shed light on different distractions we have today that affect our ability to drive. Alcohol, cellphones, speeding being some.

Dr Guneet Singh, a road-safety specialist, then made a presentation revealing some shocking statistics that clearly stated the dire condition of India's traffic. "Although there has been a 12 per cent decrease in the number of lives lost in road accidents, the figures are still pretty high," she pointed out. Guneet also spoke about the benefits of wearing helmet and how it could reduce the impact of damage by almost 72 per cent.



Women make a beeline for free helmets distributed by Chandigarh Traffic Police before the rally in Chandigarh on Thursday. *Kamleshwar Singh*

Chandigarh Police showcased many cultural programmes such as Gidda and folk songs.

Alka Singh appreciated the efforts of the police and the traffic sense the citizens of Chandigarh possess. "The magnitude of the problem is huge; everybody needs to take responsibility for themselves. We need to understand that unless we as a society join hands and help the traffic police, we will keep losing lives at this pace," she said.

"People tend to wear helmet only in fear of police, putting our own lives at stake. Although most of us are familiar with traf-

fic rules, we tend to ignore them. Hence, these accidents can be avoided to great extent," added Guneet. She also appreciated the efforts of Chandigarh Police in curbing noise pollution and launching a honk-free campaign across the city.

When some of the rally participants were asked about the reason for not wearing helmet earlier, Shivani, student of the host college, said, "Honestly, most of us know that wearing helmet is important but I feel since we are not used to it, we consider it too much of a hassle. On top of that we are exposed to numerous skin problems. When

we don't cover our face with scarves is also one of the major reasons."

SSP Shashank Anand, "The whole point of the event was to encourage the females of our city to wear helmet daily. That was the thought behind giving away more than 200 helmets free of cost."

Inspector Sita Devi said, "Women earlier were ignorant about wearing protective gear because it was not mandatory. Now that the high court is soon to release the orders, it will be compulsory for all and probably act as an incentive for females to adopt this healthy habit."





Women two-wheeler riders during a rally in Chandigarh on Thursday. The rally was flagged off by Alka Singh Badnore from PGGCG in Sector 42 during the ongoing 29th National Road Safety Week. *Kamleshwar Singh* REPORT, PAGE 3



‘हेलमेट पहनना महिलाओं की नैतिक जिम्मेदारी’

जीसीजी-42 से 300 महिलाओं ने हेलमेट पहनकर निकाली जागरूकता रैली

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गवर्नमेंट कालेज फॉर गर्ल्स-42 से वीरवार को 300 महिलाओं और युवतियों ने हेलमेट पहनकर दुपहिया वाहनों पर जागरूकता रैली निकाली। यह रैली बुधवार को 29वें रोड सेफ्टी वीक कार्यक्रम के दौरान निकाली गई। रैली में बतौर मुख्य अतिथि चंडीगढ़ के प्रशासक वीपी सिंह बदनौर की पत्नी अल्का सिंह बदनौर उपस्थित रहीं। उन्होंने महिलाओं और युवतियों को हेलमेट पहनाकर जागरूकता रैली को हरी झंडी दिखाई। इस दौरान उन्होंने कहा कि महिलाओं, लड़कियों को दुपहिया वाहन चलाते समय जरूर हेलमेट पहनना चाहिए और हेलमेट पहनने को अपनी नैतिक जिम्मेदारी समझनी चाहिए। इससे वे दुर्घटना की स्थिति में भी सुरक्षित रहती हैं। रैली सेक्टर-42 से शुरू होकर पीयू के यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ इंजीनियरिंग सेक्टर-25 में खत्म हुई। इस

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दौरान अल्का सिंह बदनौर ने 200 महिलाओं को हेलमेट बांटे।

रैली के शुरुआत में सेक्टर-42 कॉलेज के स्टूडेंट्स द्वारा सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए गए। रैली के दौरान रोड सेफ्टी स्पेशलिस्ट डॉ. गुनीत सिंह ने प्रोग्राम के दौरान हेलमेट पहनने के फायदों के बारे में जानकारी दी। इस मौके पर चंडीगढ़ के डीजीपी तेजिंदर सिंह लूथरा की पत्नी सिमरन लूथरा, एसएसपी ट्रैफिक शशांक आनंद और उनकी पत्नी वसुंधरा दलाल आनंद, डीएसपी ट्रैफिक राजीव अंबस्ता, यशपाल विनायक, डीएसपी साइबर रश्मि शर्मा सहित अन्य लोग उपस्थित रहीं। कॉलेज की प्रिंसिपल सरताज लांबा भी मौके पर मौजूद रहीं। बता दें कि चंडीगढ़ ट्रैफिक पुलिस की ओर से 29वां रोड सेफ्टी वीक 23 से 30 अप्रैल तक मनाया जा रहा है।



गर्ल्स कॉलेज में छात्रा को हेलमेट पहनाती प्रशासक वीपी सिंह बदनौर की पत्नी अल्का सिंह।

2 men sentenced to 7-yr jail for robbing man of cash & phone

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TWO PERSONS were sentenced to a seven-year jail term by the Chandigarh district court on Thursday for robbing Rs 1,600 and a mobile phone from a Zirakpur resident in 2015.

The convicts, Billa alias Billu and Subhash, both residents of Ramdarbar, were sentenced to imprisonment by Additional District and Sessions Judge, Harish Anand. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 5,000 each on the convicts.

According to the prosecution, the incident dates back to October 2015 when the accused were arrested for robbing a person of cash and mo-

bile. The complainant, Sudhir, resident of Zirakpur, told the police that he had gone to Ramdarbar due to some personal work. When he reached near Kalibari light point, two men standing near the jungle area, pelted stones at his car (PB-65x-6482). When he stopped, the accused came to him and entered into an argument with the complainant for no reason. The accused then forcibly took away Rs 1,600 from his pocket and a Samsung cell phone from him, while one of them even attacked him with a knife. The accused then managed to flee.

Sudhir then lodged a complaint with the police and stated that he knew the accused persons and they have

entered into a scuffle with him earlier as well. On the statements of the complainant, the police then arrested the accused from Ramdarbar. A case under sections 392 (punishment for robbery), 324 (voluntarily causing hurt in committing robbery) and 411 (voluntarily causing hurt in committing robbery) of IPC was registered against them at Sector 31 PS.

During the trial, the defence counsel argued that the accused duo had been falsely implicated and it was a case of old rivalry and no money was robbed from the complainant.

However, going by the facts and evidence, the court held the duo guilty and sentenced them to jail for seven years.

