

6,210 drunk drivers challaned this year

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A total of 6,210 persons were challaned for drunken driving by the Chandigarh traffic police this year.

In the run-up to the New Year, the drive against drunken driving would be intensified with more mobile nakas to be laid in the city, the police said. In addition to alcometers, traffic cops would also be equipped with cameras to record the proceedings of drunk motorists, who misbehave with them, the police added.

Police officials said the last weekend saw 74 motorists being booked for the violation.

In 2017, a total of 6,663 challans were issued for drunken driving. Out of these, 203 challans for the offence were issued at traffic nakas on the New Year eve.

This year, the Chandigarh traffic police recommended suspension of 7,263 driving licences for offences including drunken driving, speeding, using mobile phone while driving and jumping red light.



The UT police will intensify its campaign against drunken driving in the run-up to the New Year. FILE PHOTO

City bars told to install alcometers

Chandigarh: To check drunken driving cases in 2019, the UT Excise and Taxation Department on Monday directed the bar owners in the city to immediately install breath analysers or alcometers at their establishments.

- Two years ago, the department had made it compulsory for bar owners to have breath analysers. However, the order has been reissued in view of the New Year celebrations.
- Sources in the department said officials would soon check whether alcometers have been installed at bars.
- Alcometers will give those leaving the bars an opportunity to check the alcohol level in their blood for their own safety and that of others. TNS

Traffic regulation at Elante

In order to mitigate traffic congestion around Elante Mall, the traffic police have decided that cabs and auto-rickshaws shall not be allowed to enter the inner

loop around the mall. These vehicles have rather been provided an exclusive pick-up and drop area in front of the main entrance of the mall using the link road approach from the Verka milk plant.

