



SSP security & traffic (UT) Shashank Anand, with Inspector Titu Devi in uniform offering a coffee mug to Muskan, a PU student, at a campus on Wednesday.

## Chandigarh traffic police offers freebies to girls in helmets



Do Chandigarh girls want to wear helmets?

ETIMES HAD CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON DECEMBER 17, 2017 WHEN THE DEBATE ON WHETHER GIRLS SHOULD WEAR HELMETS FIRST OPENED IN CITY

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**W**hile Chandigarh already fares high on traffic discipline compared to other cities in the country, the UT traffic department has made up its mind to implement laws more stringently, albeit in velvet gloves. On July 16, the department launched a vast 'awareness drive' to urge girls and women riding two-wheelers to wear helmets. This comes after Chandigarh administration, following a notice issued by the Punjab and Haryana High Court on a suo motu petition on the increasing accidents involving women, made helmets mandatory for women riders. As part of the drive, the department has shortlisted colleges foremost, besides offices with women employees and public places. Led by SSP Security & Traffic (UT) Shashank Anand, the traffic department made a stopover at Punjab University on Wednesday, on the second day of this initiative. Calling it a "historical" drive, Anand hints at exploiting this as an opportunity to create dialogue with the public, rather than forcing rules.

*Inputs by Purnima Verma*



Girls who are not wearing helmets are being offered roses to serve as gentle reminders

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I was looking forward to this rule. I live in Himachal and there helmets are compulsory for women too. I was shocked when I came here and saw that women drive two-wheelers without helmets. Moreover, women give such illogical explanations like hairstyle will get messed up, or something like that."  
 — Yamini, MA English, PU



I always used to wear helmet while driving my two-wheeler even before the decision came out. Noe, I think everyone would have to wear it too as no one would want to have a Challan right? Girls never used to wear helmets for their beauty reasons, but now they would have to."  
 — Ravneet Kaur, BCom, LLB Honors



**Chandigarh Traffic police has launched an awareness drive, 'Helmet pehnao, beti bachao' for women to wear helmets. This is a precursor to challans that would eventually come into force after the conclusion of this massive drive**

**A coffee mug for a helmet, a rose as reminder;**

**EXCERPTS FROM CONVERSATION WITH SSP SECURITY & TRAFFIC (UT) SHASHANK ANAND**

**What is the drive all about?**

We launched this awareness drive from PGGCG-42 on July 16 and will take it to every college in city limits. We intend it to permeate down to every lady/girl riding a two-wheeler. We aren't really bothered about enforcement yet, instead we are keen on a positive reinforcement about developing a safety mindset through helmets.



**You have been giving out freebies to college students in the last two campuses.**

Yes, that is part of the encouragement we offer to them for doing the right thing. We gave free petrol coupons worth ₹100 to girls in helmets at PGGCG-42, and coffee mugs to those in PU. We are also offering umbrellas, given the monsoons, fridge magnets, and quality helmets to needy girls after collaborating with a sponsor.

**You said that challans is not priority**

**right now, what is?**

Eventually challans will happen too. But, we first want to spread encouragement for protecting their lives through helmets, and also leverage this as an opportunity to enhance public-police interaction, which is a collateral advantage of this drive.

**In your opinion, sensitising populations works better than policing?**

This is also part of policing. Only, the approach is different. We are aiming at inculcating behavioural changes in target populations through this apparently soft stance, rather than force it through rules. A ticket can always be issued for traffic violations, but personally, I would be the happiest if we didn't have issue a single challan (laughs).

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# Youth gets 7 years in jail for carrying drugs

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A 28-year-old Dadu Majra resident has been sentenced to seven-year imprisonment for possessing 3 gm of heroin and 20 banned injections. Jony, the convict, has also been asked to pay Rs 72,000 as fine by the court.

According to the FIR in the case, Jony had disclosed that he sold the injections at Rs 250 per pair to addicts and heroin at Rs 4,900 per gm. He was arrested on March 3, 2017, by the Maloya police, who had set up a naka near the Dadu Majra stadium to check crimes such as theft

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and snatching.

Around 7 pm, they saw Jony coming from the garbage dumping ground side. However, on seeing the naka, he turned back and started walking away. He had a carry bag in his hand and the police suspected that he could have some stolen articles in his hand. He was stopped and asked what was in the carry bag, but he could not give a satisfactory reply.

Upon checking, the police found 10 injections of pheniramine melete and 10 injections of buprenorphine. While being questioned by the police, he tried to take out a packet from his pocket and throw it away. However, one of the policemen caught hold of it and checked it. It contained a white powder and upon being asked, Jony told them that it was heroin.

The police arrested Jony under Sections 21 and 22 of the NDPS Act.



# पुलिस ने शहर के अलग-अलग सेक्टरों की 109 पार्किंग में चलाई स्पेशल ड्राइव, 29 व्हीकल लावारिस मिले



चंडीगढ़ | आमतौर पर देखा जाता है कि चोर वाहन चोरी करते हैं और इसके बाद उन्हें ठिकाने लगाने के लिए शहर की पार्किंग का इस्तेमाल करते हैं। जब यह चोर गिरफ्तार होते हैं तो उनके पास से पुलिस जब रिकवरी करती है तो ज्यादातर व्हीकल पार्किंग में ही खड़े हुए मिलते हैं। इसके चलते बुधवार

को यूटी पुलिस की ओर से एक स्पेशल ड्राइव चलाई गई। इस ड्राइव के दौरान पुलिस ने शहर की सभी पार्किंग में फोर्स भेजी। जब पार्किंग में चेकिंग की गई तो शहर में अलग-अलग पार्किंगों से पुलिस को कुल 29 व्हीकल लावारिस मिले। अब पुलिस ने जांच शुरू कर दी है कि इन बरामद व्हीकल के

मालिक कौन हैं और वह कब से पार्किंग में खड़े हुए हैं। बताया गया कि यूटी पुलिस की ओर से सुबह ही इस अभियान के तहत शहर की अलग-अलग पार्किंग में चेकिंग शुरू कर दी। शहर में तीनों डिवीजन में कुल 109 पार्किंग में पुलिस की ओर से चेकिंग की गई।





Senior police officers on Wednesday interviewed unemployed youths for enrolling them in skill development programmes initiated by DGP Sanjay Baniwal. The youths were interviewed by SSP Nilambri Vijay Jagdale at Sector 17 police station. DSP Krishan Kumar said that interviews would be held on Thursday as well. The courses are for both men and women. *Sahil Walia*

