

Achievements of Chandigarh Traffic Police -2007

The Chandigarh Traffic Police has adopted a three-pronged strategy in relentlessly pursuing its objective of providing better management of the City Traffic i.e. **Education, Enforcement & Engineering**. The three components of traffic management strategy of the City Traffic Police are as follow:-

1. Education: -

- i) The spread of Road Safety Awareness so that road users know what they have to do. The 'Education Branch' of the Road Safety Cell is the nodal agency entrusted with this task. This education branch has imparted training to the **1, 34,989** targeted groups (students, teachers, general public and village youths etc.) on road safety during the year 2007 and **8, 89,750** Nos. of literatures on road safety were distributed.
- ii) Two (02) days Road Safety workshop for the **Drivers of Chandigarh Police** was organized in C.T.P on dated 17-03-07 to 18-03-07. 59 Chandigarh police personnel participated in the workshop.
- iii) Road Safety exhibitions/awareness programmes were organized in all the 18 Villages of U.T. Chandigarh to educate village youth on road safety. In these exhibitions road safety lectures have been given and road safety literatures were also distributed to the people participated in these exhibitions.
- iv) Chandigarh Traffic Police released the 50 audio cassettes for playing at light points/busy intersections having traffic slogans for the awareness of the general public.
- v) **Distribution of 25000 road safety pamphlets** at Intersections, schools/colleges for creating awareness on road safety.
- vi) **Flagged off 6 Traffic Patrolling Motor Cycles with PA System** :On 27.4.2007 Shri S.K. Jain, IPS, Inspector General of Police, UT, Chandigarh flagged off 6 Traffic Patrolling Motor cycles from Chandigarh Traffic Park, Sector 23, Chandigarh. These traffic motor cycles have been provided the facility of Public Address System(PA

System) for mobile traffic announcements on road rules at intersections/roundabouts and busy markets in the city. The aim of these motor cycles is to educate the general public on road safety.

- vii) **Best Drivers Award/Gifts** On 27.4.2007 Chandigarh Traffic Police has also awarded gifts to more than 90 best drivers each on the spot at Press Light Point, Aroma Light Point & Kissan Bhawan Chowk. These drivers have been stopped for having good maintenance of vehicle, wearing seat belt, lady wearing safety helmet etc. They have been given rewards sponsored by Ford India Ltd (Bhagat Ford Chandigarh). The aim of giving rewards to the road users is to motivate them for complying with the traffic rules and regulation while driving on the road.
- viii) **First Aid Workshop**: - Chandigarh Traffic Police imparted training to the police personnel of traffic and PCR posted on Interceptors and Ambulances on first aid at Fortis Hospital, Mohali. 1st batch of 20 police personnel has been deputed for training on first aid on 3.5.2007.
- ix) **Personality Development Training for Traffic Police Personnel**: Chandigarh Traffic Police started Personality Development Training for traffic police personnel from 6th May to 12th May 2007 at CTP, Sec 23, Chandigarh. 5 batches of 25 traffic police personnel will be imparted training. The topic of the training is human behavior on the road.
- x) **Big Posters on road Safety**: Chandigarh Traffic Police has distributed big posters on road safety to all the schools/colleges and also pasted at ISBT Sector 17 & 43, Transport area, Railway Station etc. for creating awareness among the general public on the road safety.
- xi) **Car Pool Scheme**: On 18.5.2007 Chandigarh Traffic Police has recommended the Car Pool Scheme in all the schools of U.T. Chandigarh to DPI (School), UT, Chandigarh. Under the scheme atleast three school children have to come in one car for the school.
- xii) **Road Safety Tips for Schools Children during morning assembly**: Chandigarh Traffic Police has started imparting road safety rules and regulations to school children in the city during their morning assembly

sessions. The aim is to work towards developing youngsters into sensible and safe drivers. Daily one school is covered.

- xiii) **Release of a book titled “Road Safety-Our Concern” for the class 6th students in UT, Chandigarh** On 27-6.2007, His Excellency General (Retd.) S.F. Rodrigues, PVSM, VSM, Governor Punjab-cum-Administrator UT Chandigarh released a book on road safety titled “Road Safety-Our Concern” for class 6th students as compulsory subject in all the schools of U.T. Chandigarh. The book has also been distributed to all the Colleges in Chandigarh and Punjab University, Chandigarh for their library.
- xiv) **Health Camp for Chandigarh Traffic Police Personnel:** - On 11.7.2007 Chandigarh Traffic Police organized a Health Camp in association with the Big FM 92.7 for Chandigarh Traffic Police Personnel at Multi Purpose Hall, Police Lines, Sector 26, Chandigarh. The doctors from Cardiology, ENT, and Urology alongwith General Physician of Fortis Hospital, Mohali conducted the Free Health Camp for morethan 160 traffic police personnel.
- xv) **Road Safety Workshop for Traffic Marshals:** On 16.7.2007, a Special Road Safety workshop had been conducted by Chandigarh Traffic Police to sensitize Traffic Marshals about traffic rules and regulations related challans at the Chandigarh Traffic Park, Sector 23, Chandigarh.
- xvi) **Traffic Rally:** On 18.9.2007, Chandigarh Traffic Police hold a Traffic Rally in collaboration with FULLERTON INDIA to create traffic awareness in the city. A motorcycle rally of 100 men was flagged off by Shri S.K. Jain, IPS, IGP/UT from Airport Light Point at 3.00 PM. The aim of this traffic rally to create traffic awareness to the general pubic in the city.
- xvii) **Road Safety Parent Guide:** Chandigarh Traffic Police has distributed road safety guide on door to door in each sectors of UT Chandigarh.

- xviii) **Courtesy Driving Week**: Chandigarh Traffic Police celebrated Courtesy Driving Week w.e.f. 5.11.2007 to 11.11.2007 in the city as part of road safety campaign. During this week road safety slogans, banners, placards have been displayed on different light points/roundabouts. In this campaign students from different colleges/schools were participated with the Chandigarh Traffic Police, they were deputed on various roundabouts/light points alongwith traffic police where they made the public aware about road rules and behaviour on the road. Thousands of pamphlets were distributed among road users during this week.
- xix) **Road Safety Exhibition – Chandigarh Carnival 2007:-** Chandigarh Traffic Police installed two days road safety exhibition during the Chandigarh Carnival-2007 on 24-25 November, 2007. During this exhibition 17,000 persons were educated and 45000 Nos. of literatures on road safety were distributed.
- xx) **Traffic Police Web Site**: The Traffic Police has developed its own road safety web site that offers comprehensive insight of all rules and road safety practices with colourful illustrations and interactive animations. This material is also available on the web site of the Traffic Police which also offers ultra-modern features like on-line road rules test, up to date studies of road accidents, daily traffic news bulletin, particulars of all those habitual offenders who are facing suspension of the driving licence, downloadable posters on road safety etc. The web site is visited daily by at least 100 persons from across the globe.
- xxi) **Traffic Comedy “Ladla Driver”:-** Chandigarh Traffic Police has purchased a short comedy film titled ‘Ladla Driver’ directed by Jasraj Bhatti and produced by Jaspal Bhatti Productions. In order to raise the level of awareness about Road Safety amongst the general public, Chandigarh Traffic Police started showing this short comedy film titled ‘Ladla Driver’ on weekends at Plaza Sector 17 in the evening for 2-3 hours on Saturday and at Sukhna Lake in the evening for 2-3 hours on

Sunday. It is also proposed to show this comedy film regularly for 3-4 weeks on these locations. General public has appreciated this concept of road safety by way of showing film to create road safety sense in the mind of people.

- xxii) **Traffic Helpline (1073)** The Chandigarh Traffic Police has started a helpline dedicated to traffic problems as distinct from the 100 Police Control Room. As a first step an *integrated traffic control room* has been established that has the round-the-clock availability of the Traffic MHC /Duty Officer (In charge of deployment as per roster/orders), the telephone attendant & wireless operator. The citizens have been given the facility of calling at 1073 to call for help on issues related to traffic like traffic jams, parking problems, accidents etc.
- xxiii) AIR and Traffic Police also co-coordinated in giving information about any sudden situation like traffic jam, etc by informing on telephone in our Duty Room by designated officers of Traffic Police. This measure has also started by other FM's i.e. Big PM 92.4, Vivek FM etc. The FM Radio based in Chandigarh is broadcasting two brief messages about traffic education in the morning, evening and late after 8.00 PM daily. AIR Chandigarh is also broadcasting talks/interviews with Traffic Police officials occasionally and information on specific topic on road safety.

2. **Enforcement**

The regulation of city traffic and the enforcement of traffic laws so that the road users act positively on their knowledge of road rules.

- i) **Sticker & Postal Challans (Notice)**: Chandigarh Traffic Police Sticker Challan and Postal Challan Scheme has been working effective whereby a notice under section 133 of the Motor Vehicles Act '88 is pasted prominently on the offending vehicle or is mailed to registered owner. The Notice directs the traffic offender/registered owner of the vehicle to report the particulars of the delinquent driver to get a regular MV Act Challan or face action Under Section 187 of MV Act. The

compounding fee can be paid through cheque by post or at any of the e-Sampark Sewa Kendras of U.T. Administration.

ii) **Special Campaigns:** Highly successful campaigns have been undertaken to organize city parking lots. Other numerous campaigns were organized against route violations by buses, dark window glasses, overspeeding, high beam, W/o safety helmet, red light jump etc. Besides this Special drives were organized for rickshaw pullers.

iii) **Diversion of Slowing Moving Traffic:** Chandigarh Traffic Police has started diverting pedestrian/cyclists/cycle rickshaws to use slow carriage ways/cycles tracks constructed parallel to the main roads in the city. For the purpose 50 Ex-servicemen have been recruited on contract rural basis and they have been imparted 2 days training on traffic rules and regulations. These Ex-servicemen have been deputed on the following roads for diversion duty in the city:-

1. Madhya Marg (Slow Carriage Ways)
2. Dakshin Marg(Slow Carriage Ways)
3. Himalaya Marg(Cycle Tracks)
4. Jan Marg(Cycle Tracks)

During the year 2007, **1994 Cycle Rickshaw were impounded and fine of Rs.1, 40,800/- was collected.**

iv) **Online Payment of Challan fines:** Chandigarh Traffic Police has offered the facility of online payment of traffic challans to its citizens as part of the e-Sampark Project.

i) **Challan figures:** During the year 2007, fine amounting to Rs. **2, 47, 00,000/-**(approximate) was collected in **1, 31,000** challans to prosecute various violations upto 31.12.2007. In year 2006 till 31.12.2007 about 1,16,900 offenders have been challaned and Rs. 2,07,61,510/- realized as fines.

OFFENCE	2005	2006	2007
W/o Helmet	35967	33946	35105

W/o Seat Belt	8875	12975	16075
Over Speeding While Driving	6405	11724	16681
Red Light Jumping	12777	17265	15130
Wrong Parking	8533	9931	11845
Minor Driving W/o D/L	148	338	177
Using Mobile Phone	7349	5543	4020
Using Black Film/Curtain	1101	425	915
Wrong Side/Turn Driving	3830	9249	10465
Smoking while Driving	637	742	553
W/o N/ Plate/ N/Plate not- specific	6506	2420	6570
Drunken Driving While Driving	139	251	207
Using Pressure / Multitoned Horn/Music at high pitch/w/o Silencer	598	189	328
Using Unauthorized use of Red/Blue Beacon Light	75	14	09
Failing to Lower Head Light Beam	1354	6678	7640
Misc. Offences	59677	49375	42930
Total Challans (Offence Wise)	153971	161065	168650
Total No. Of Offender Challaned	96927	116900	131000

- ii) **Traffic Marshal Scheme:** - The Chandigarh Traffic Police introduced the concept of Traffic Marshals to the 'City Beautiful' in the year 2004 in order to improve its interface with the citizens. Under this scheme citizen volunteers are invited to participate as 'Marshals' in the enforcement drives of the traffic police. As a first step, the volunteers are sensitized about the need for road safety and the role of traffic law enforcement in achieving the same. The procedure adopted for the challaning of traffic offenders is also explained to the marshals. The marshal is then picked up from his residence at the time of the planned joint enforcement activity after seeking his consent in advance. Chandigarh Traffic Police has targeted to enroll 50 numbers of Traffic

Marshals during the year 2007. Traffic Marshals have been given Identity card for their identity as Community Policing Officer.

- iii) **Pre-paid Fare Service** Chandigarh Traffic Police 'Pre-Paid TSR Fare Service' scheme run successfully. The 'Pre-Paid TSR Fare Service' is a purely optional one for the passengers. The passengers are at liberty to avail the TSR through the pre-paid system or to hire the TSR and pay the actual meter charges.
- iv) **Suspension of Driving Licence of Habitual Offenders:** The Chandigarh Traffic Police periodically reviews its database of traffic offenders to detect cases of repeated/dangerous traffic offenders & to recommend the disqualification/ revocation of their driving licenses. This exercise was started since 2003 following the realization that there was a need for initiating strict action against habitual traffic offenders who are not deterred by the fines that are imposed according to the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. The provisions of Section 19 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 & Rule 21 of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 empower the Licensing Authority to disqualify individuals in certain cases from holding the driving licence or to revoke such licence. These powers provide a potent means for bringing such habitual offenders to book. In a countrywide scenario where the process of issue of driving licenses is poorly managed, the powers to take off-road the dangerous drivers acquire special significance. Till date **219 cases** have been recommended to the RLA Chandigarh and **168 offenders** were imposed punishment by the RLA of suspension of their driving licences.
- v) **Enhancement of Fines** :On the recommendations of Chandigarh Traffic Police, Chandigarh Administration, Home Department issued a notification No. 2/3/57-HIII(1)-2007/8933 dated 9.5.2007 for enhancement of penalty for traffic offences under the Motor Vehicle Act 1988 in supersession of the previous notification dated 29.6.2005. Vide the above notification, the fines have been enhanced in

various sections of Motor Vehicle Act for traffic offences such as i) allowing unauthorized person to drive (Section 180 a & b), ii) driving without licence (Section 181), iii) over loading (Section 194(2)) and iv) vehicle without insurance (Section 196 a & b):-

S.No.	Section of the Act under which offence is punishable	Amount of Composition	
		First Offence	Second offence or subsequent offence
1.	2.	3.	4.
1	180 (a) in case of two wheeler vehicles	500	1000
	(b) in respect of all other vehicles except as (a) above	1000	1000
2	181	500	500
3	194(2)	1500	2500
4	196 (a) Two wheelers	500	1000
	(b) Other vehicles		
	Non-Transport	700	1000

3. Engineering

Road Engineering proposals:

- i) The Traffic Police has sent the various important proposals regarding road engineering etc to the Chandigarh Administration/Engineering Department for consideration. These pertained to closing of intersections on Udyog Path and Shanti Path, marking of Zebra lines/stop lines, construction of more slip roads, synchronization of traffic signals, installation of traffic sign boards, improvement of street lights etc.
- ii) **Constitution of Central Traffic Advisory Committee:** - With a view to seek full cooperation and active involvement of road users, a Central Traffic Advisory Committee has been

constituted in the Union Territory of Chandigarh. The proposed Traffic Advisory Committee (CTAC) would ensure involvement of prominent citizens and experts in the traffic management and seek their advice and feed back in the matter of traffic regulation, engineering and education. The objective of the proposed CTAC would be to have a regular interface between the public and traffic police to proactively advice and assist on matters relating to various facets of traffic problems facing the city. The first meeting of the Central Traffic Advisory Committee was held on 4.12.2006 and the suggestion received from the learned members had been discussed in the Core Group of CTAC held on 19.1.2007. The 2nd meeting of the Central Advisory Committee was held on 14.3.2007.

- iii) **Short/Medium Terms Measures:** Chandigarh Traffic Police has suggested various short/medium term measures concerning to Road Engineering and Road Safety in UT Chandigarh. These measures were apprised to H.E. Governor, Punjab on 6.6.2007. Accordingly regular meetings are being held by HS/UT on 14.6.2007 to discuss these short/medium term measures proposals.
- iv) **Accident Rate:** A study on fatal accidents in U.T. Chandigarh reveals that during the year 2004, 2005 & 2006 and 2007 the following road accidents were occurred in the U.T. Chandigarh:

Accident Data of Road Safety Cell

Year	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Injured	Killed	Total Number of Accidents
2004	148	269	347	153	417
2005	138	391	553	140	529
2006	145	380	513	153	525

2007	139	399	530	148	538
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Note: A study on fatal accidents in U.T. Chandigarh has been carried out from the month of January -2007 to 31st December, 2007. 538 accidents have taken place so far. Out of which 139 fatal, 399 non-fatal accidents were reported in the city. During the corresponding period last year upto 31.12.2006 total 525 road accidents were reported out of which 145 were fatal and 380 were non fatal. Chandigarh Traffic Police carried out a survey to identify the accident prone areas in the city. The following points/spots were identified:-

- 1) Hallo Majra Small Chowk
- 2) Sector 51 Crossing
- 3) Shanti Path
- 4) Vikas Marg,
- 5) Village Daria near Railway Station
- 6) Colony No.5 on Vikas Marg

The remedial steps were taken to avoid the accidents on these points by deputing extra traffic police personnel and installing steel barricades to slow down the speed of the vehicles. All these steps helped the traffic police in reducing deaths on city roads

PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC EQUIPMENTS

During this financial year 2007-08, Chandigarh Traffic Police purchased the following traffic equipments for better traffic management and enforcement in U.T. Chandigarh :-

1. Digital Eye Witness Radars (1 No.)

This is video camera based speed radar that captures the real time video image of vehicles moving on the road from a distance. It also indicates the speed on the video screen. The camera can thus record the photographic evidence of speed violations and other violations committed by motorists. The recording is done directly on to a DVD and can be produced as evidence in case any motorist contests a challan. It is pertinent to mention that the traffic NGO -

IRTE has successfully demonstrated the efficacy of this ultra-modern radar in its interceptors.

2. Hands Free Wireless Set (25 Sets)

Chandigarh Traffic Police has introduced hands free wireless sets as these allow the personnel to make hand signals while maintaining wireless contact.

3. Oxygen Concentrators (5 Machines)

The traffic police purchased 5 Nos. of Oxygen Concentrators for use by personnel on duty at highly congested traffic locations. Such locations have extremely high levels of pollution due to vehicular emissions.

4. Mobile Traffic Interceptors (2 Interceptors)

Chandigarh Traffic Police has purchased 2 Nos. of Mobile Traffic Interceptors equipped with a Handycams, Alco sensor, Speed Radar, Voice Recorder, Lux Meter etc. and acts as a force multiplier for enforcement purposes.

5. CCTV Surveillance system for busy intersections (4 locations)

The traffic police want to induct CCTV surveillance system for monitoring traffic flows and for identifying traffic violators at busy intersections on Madhya Marg i.e. Press Light Point, Transport Light Point, Railway Station Light Point and Housing Board Light Point. The control room will be established at Traffic Lines, Sector 29, Chandigarh. Tenders for the same are being issued.

6. Vehicle Actuated Traffic Signal Controller (2 System)

A Vehicle Actuated Traffic Signal Controller that automatically varies the green light timings to optimize and quickly clear the traffic congestion based on actual traffic conditions. Chandigarh Traffic Police is going to install VA System on two busy intersections on Madhya Marg shortly.

xxiv) Besides this, the Education Branch of Chandigarh Traffic Police has organized **11** road safety exhibitions in different colleges/schools in UT, Chandigarh in which **7,050** persons were participated.