

PRESS RELEASE**SPECIAL NIGHT CHECKING DRIVE AGAINST DRUNKEN DRIVING**

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- 9,941 Vehicles impounded.
- 6,235 Drivers arrested.
- 16,937 drivers counselled

Delhi Traffic Police has been taking intensive prosecution action against drunk driving since the very start of the year. The special drive is held on daily basis in the evening hours upto 10.30 pm in the night. The objective of the drive is to deter drivers from drunk driving and periling the life and safety of other road users.

Teams of traffic police personnel vehicles armed with sufficient numbers of "Alcometers" are strategically deployed at about 80 locations for identifying and prosecuting drunk drivers. The respective ACsP Districts and TI Circles are available during the drive for exercising effective supervision and ensuring strict prosecution activity. It is ensured that all violators are being provided with fresh blow pipe while conducting breath test.

During the year 2014 (upto 15th July) a total of 18,645 drivers have been prosecuted for drunken driving, 9,941 vehicles have been impounded and 6,235 drivers have been arrested.

The break-up of the prosecution is: 11,028 Scooters/Motorcycles, 5,468 cars, 689 TSRs, 666 HTVs/LGVs/MGVs, 349 Delivery vans, 318 Taxis, 56 Gramin Sewa, 23 Chartered Bus, 6 School Bus, 6 RTV, 14 Call Centre cabs and 22 other vehicles.

The courts are also levying heavy fines and pronouncing imprisonment in drunk driving cases. This year a total of 3,729 drunk drivers have been detained "till the rising of the courts", 47 drunk drivers have been awarded imprisonments ranging from 1 to 3 days, 9 drunk drivers have been awarded prison sentences from 4 to 5 days and 4 drunk drivers have been ordered to be imprisoned for more than 10 days.

Besides prosecution, the drunk drivers, after attending court are also made to report for counselling session at Traffic Police Headquarters located at Dev Prakash Shastri Marg, Pusa, New Delhi w.e.f 27.04.2014 on where they are subjected to attend educational lectures as well as showing short films on drunken driving. A written pledge is also taken from the errant drivers that in future they will not indulge in drunk driving. Educational literature on safe driving is also distributed during the session. Vehicles are subsequently released to the rightful owners after the violators have attended the above session. Upto 23rd July, 2014, a total of 16,937 drivers have attended the counselling sessions.

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