

Press Release

On the occasion of the Annual Road Safety Week – 2016 celebrations, a walkathon was organised at the Rajpath New Delhi on 11th Jan 2016 jointly by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Govt. of India, the Delhi Police and the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) . The walk was flagged off by Sh. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Home Minister in the presence of Sh. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways; & Sh. Harshwardhan, Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences; renowned cricketer Sh. Gautam Gambhir; Sh. Abhay Damle, Jt. Secretary, Transport, MoRTH, Sh. Rajeev Lochan, Director MoRTH, Sh. B.S. Bassi, Commissioner of Police, Delhi and other senior Delhi Police officers.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Rajnath Singh stressed upon the importance of observing traffic rules and road safety norms. Sh. Nitin Gadkari called upon for the identification of accident black spots and use of innovation and new technologies in the removal of black spots. Sh. Harshwardhan stated that the efforts by government will be instrumental in reducing 50% of accidents and proposed that introduction of lightweight helmets will go a long way in making two-wheeler riders willingly wear helmet. Sh. Gautam Gambhir stressed upon the importance of wearing helmets in a proper manner while on two wheeler and fastening seatbelts while on four wheels. Sh. B.S. Bassi, Commissioner of Police, Delhi, stated that though the government is taking every measure to ensure safety on roads, keeping in view the alarming increase in the number of road accidents, the onus also lies on vehicle drivers and other road users to follow traffic rules and road safety norms.

The walk was organized from Rajpath to Jawahar Bhawan, Shastri Bhawan in which students and different categories of road users participated. A total of 1200 people including Delhi Traffic Police Officers/personnel, representatives from Society for Indian Automobile Manufacturers, volunteers from Jubilant Foodworks, Prajapita Brahmakumaris, J.K. Tyres, RoSES, and NCC Cadets from various schools participated in the walk with a view to sensitize road users about the importance of following road safety and traffic rules.

