

CM INAUGURATES STATE ROAD SAFETY WEEK

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The Chief Minister, Shri Manohar Parrikar today, inaugurated the 8th State Road Safety Week organised by the Directorate of Transport. While speaking on the occasion, The Chief Minister told law enforcing personnel not to succumb to pressure tactics which traffic violators use when caught for breaking the traffic rules. "Fine them politely but fine them," Shri Parrikar said.

The Chief Minister spoke of how an accident victim is an economic loss to the state and loss to the family itself. Shri Parrikar said that the need of the hour was vigilant citizens. If someone is violating traffic rules, tell them to stop or report them to the authorities, the Chief Minister said.

Minister for Transport, Shri Ramkrishna alias Sudin Dhavalikar said that the concept of road safety awareness should be carried out not just for a week but all year round. He told youngsters not to ride rashly and to always keep in mind that they have a family waiting for them to come home.

Managing Director of Department of Transport, Shri Nikhil Desai highlighted the various Government initiatives to reduce accidents in the State. He said that the Department was pursuing two proposals-one was an institution for vehicle testing and certification, which would enable only those vehicles that adhere to road safety standards on the roads and secondly, an institution for automated driving license, where only well-trained riders and drivers would get licenses.

Assistant Director of Transport, Sandeep Dessai and Assistant Director of Transport Shri Nandkishore Arolkar were felicitated for their contribution to road safety. Shri Sandeep Dessai earlier gave a short talk sensitizing youngsters on road safety. Posters and banners on road safety were released on the occasion.

Collector, North Goa, Smt Nila Mohanan, IAS, Director General of Police, Dr Muktesh Chander, IPS, Mayor of Corporation of City of Panaji and Shri Surendra Furtado among others who were present at the road safety week function.