

CM ASSURES TO IMPLEMENT SHORT & LONG TERM ROAD SAFETY MEASURES FROM DEC

Open forum for public on road safety suggestions held

Panaji: October 21, 2022

Voice Your Opinion, a public-oriented open forum and discussion on Road Safety Management was held **today** at the Institute Menezes Braganza, in Panaji. At the inaugural of the forum, the Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant said that the Government is a people's government and that's why they have organized an open forum to seek suggestions. Dr Sawant further said that if this open forum was successful, they would have more such open forums with the public to discuss important issues.

The Chief Minister further said that a report based on **today's** suggestions would be prepared within 15 days and they would try to find out what each department could do to reduce accidents. He added that the Government would start implementing short term and long term road safety measures from December this year. He reminded the gathering that Sustainable Development Goals 3.6 was about decreasing casualties caused by road accidents.

Minister for Transport, Shri Mauvin Godinho, said that the purpose of having such an open forum was because the Government believes in taking people into confidence. We would do what is best for the interest of Goans at large, he added.

Minister for Public Works Department, Shri Nilesh Cabral said that they had identified several black spots in the State and had rectified them. However, he said that a lot of black spots still remain due to hurdles of land acquisition and appealed to civil society to help the Government overcome them.

Present at the open forum were officials from the Traffic Cell, Public Works Department and Transport Department among others.

Earlier, Director General of Police, Goa Shri Jaspal Singh, IPS, in his welcome address asserted that traffic management is a multi-disciplinary function involving transport, enforcement, road user etc and stressed that citizens play an important role in road safety.

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