

PRESS RELEASE

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THE "LONG SHORT WALK" Theme: Pedestrian Safety

United Nations Second Global Road Safety Week: 6-12 May 2013

INRODUCTION

The Nelson Mandela Family is leading "The Long Short Walk" and the activities are being carried out in partnership with the World Health Organization, United Nations Environment Programme and NGOs around the world in support of United Nations Global Road Safety Week 6-12 May 2013.

Safe Walking should be a right for all. More than 32,000 pedestrians are killed globally every year, many of them children. As per NCRB (National Crime Record Bureau, India) 12,400 pedestrians died in 2011, with many cases going unreported.

LONG SHORT WALK

ArriveSAFE and Chandigarh Traffic Police with more than 60 volunteers of Government Senior Secondary School, Sector 45, conducted a walk from the school to the busy intersection of National Highway 21 (Vikas Marg) near Colony Number 5.

The volunteers carried the messages to Make Roads Safe for the Pedestrians, as they are a very important but ignored segment of the traffic. This campaign stresses for the rights of pedestrians and children on the road. It is being conducted so that the issue is recognized with an urge for greater investment in safe footpaths, cycle-ways and crossing points, on streets with lower speed limits, especially around schools.

Harman Singh Sidhu, President ArriveSAFE said, "Though Chandigarh is a young city, and most of the roads lack safe footpaths, forcing the pedestrians to walk on the road or on cycle tracks. With focus only on four-wheelers, even the V5 and V6 roads are being widened to facilitate them. Residents are being forced to use vehicles even for going to the sector markets hence increasing traffic, air and sound pollution besides adversely affecting their health."

DSP Traffic Central Deepak Saharan stressed on the need to educate the public through various awareness campaigns regarding following of safety rules while crossing roads as out of total 37 fatal road accident cases that have taken place in year 2013 in Chandigarh, 09 accidents involved pedestrians being killed.

Press Note

30.04.2013

The Police Station Sector-17, Chandigarh in India has been ranked as the top Police Station visited in the Union Territory and for consistent performance in public service by the local community in the Altus Police Station Visitors Week, organized by the Altus Global Alliance (*Altus is a Global Alliance working across Continents and form a multi cultural perspective to improve safety and justice as well as it emphasis on police accountability and the equality of police over sight*) from December 3-9, 2012 and held in 18 Countries around the world. Our Police Station's best practices are being shared nationally to promote positive policing. Together with the local community, this station is working to permute public service and accountable policing. In India, the Police Station Visitors Week organized by institute for Development and communication (IDC) and a total of 396 Police Stations participated by welcoming 3,646 citizens to access there police station on five dimensions of police service i.e. Community Orientation; Physical conditions; Equal treatment of public without bias based on age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, minority or sexual orientation; Transparency and accountability; and Detention condition.

The credit of this highly commendable performance goes to Insp. Ram Gopal, SHO of Police Station-17, Chandigarh who remains instrumental of the above noted extraordinary achievement of this Police Station. It is worthwhile to mention here that previously also in the supervision of Insp. Ram Gopal as SHO, Police Station-19 for the year 2005, Police Station-03 for the year 2007 and again Police Station-19 for the year 2009 ranked the best amongst the Police Stations by Altus Global Alliance in Altus Police Station Visitors Weeks.

Rewards presentation ceremony was organized on 30.04.13 at 12.45 PM at IDC Sector-38 A Chandigarh and the awards presented by Mr. Subodh Aggarwal, IAS (Retd.), Chief Commissioner, Punjab Rights to service commission in the presence of Dr. A.A. Siddiqui, IPS Retd., Former DGP Punjab, Dr. Parmod Kumar, Director

Institute for development and communication (IDC), Chandigarh, Mr. S.K Sharma IPS ADGP (Community policing and HRD), Punjab Police & Dr. Rainuka Dagar, Programme Director, Police Station Visitors Week (PSVW) and other officers and respectable persons.

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