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The great comedian and satirist late Sh. Jaspal Bhatti lost his life in an unfortunate traffic accident last year. Today i.e. 25.10.2013 is the first death anniversary of late Sh. Jaspal Bhatti. Accordingly, Mrs. Savita Bhatti w/o late Sh. Jaspal Bhatti and Chandigarh Traffic Police have decided that late Sh. Jaspal Bhatti shall be the Brand Ambassador for the Chandigarh Traffic Police. The objective is to ensure that no more innocent precious lives are lost in the traffic accidents. The Chandigarh Traffic Police is continuously making sincere efforts to make the roads of city beautiful Chandigarh more safe for the citizens. During this year,

more emphasis has been given to the enforcement of traffic rules which are directly related to the safety of road users. For example, this year upto 23.10.2013 a total of 55004 challans have been issued for the offence of without Helmet/Helmet not fastened as compared to a total no of 36925 challans last years till same date in this category. Keeping in view the facts that the people do not fasten their helmet properly and thus are unsafe in the event of an accident, the Chandigarh Traffic Police in its drive to this cause has issued 21512 challans this year for wearing helmet without fastening it, till date and slowly city residents are developing the habit of fastening their helmets properly. The table below shows the statistics for challans issued for violations which are directly related to safety of road users for this year and its comparison with previous year:-

Sr No	offence	2012 upto 23.10.12	2013 upto 23.10.13
1	W/o Helmet	36925	33492
2	Helmet not Fastened	0	21512
3	W/o Seat Belt	9122	14495
4	Wrong Side-Turn Driving	11554	20202
5	Red Light Jumping	19963	34125
6	Over Speeding While Driving	15172	15462
7	Drunken Driving While Driving	3816	3857
8	Failing to Lower Head Light Beam	48	1709
9	Minor Driving W/o D/L	138	143



Overall, this year 209870 no of offenders have been challaned till date as compared to 152252 last year in the same period.

Also, the Chandigarh Traffic Police is giving no less importance to its drive to educate general public on the subject of Road Safety. This year, 9123 students and teachers visited the Chandigarh Traffic Park Sector-23, Chandigarh till date as compared to only 6443 last year in same period. A total of 69 special exhibitions

have been held at different places like Colleges, Schools, IT Park, Air Force Stations, Business Establishment, Residential areas, etc. With the addition of one more Road Safety Exhibition Van this year, a total no of 452 exhibitions have been held this year till date as compared to 238 last year in same period. Overall, 113285 nos of persons have been educated this year on the subject of Road Safety till date as compared to 101894 last year in the same period. This year 12960 CDs containing Road Safety information have also been distributed free of cost among general public till date. Also, citizens are encouraged to visit the Chandigarh Traffic Police facebook page:- www.facebook.com/trafficpolicechd and YouTube videos :- www.youtube.com/user/trafficpolicechd .

Further, the Chandigarh Traffic Police is conducting thorough analysis of each & every major accident, upon which the engineering department is asked to rectify any engineering defect which comes to light ,such as absence of street light, absence of road divider, absence of automatic traffic regulating light, existance of blind spot, pot hole etc.. Also, The Chandigarh Traffic Police is collaborating with hospitals to provide emergency care training to the Chandigarh Police personnel as well as to the general public.

The Chandigarh Traffic Police is in continuous process of improving its efficiency by adding more and more state-of-the-art equipments, gadgets and other amenities which are very important for better traffic rules enforcement. It has recently added 450 Barricades, 50 Portable Speed Bumps and 200 rechargeable LED Flashers Lights to its kitty to increase the effectiveness of nakas installed for various traffic rules enforcements like overspeed, drunken driving etc. Besides Two Modern Laser Based Speed Radar System to be used for enforcement against over speed and 20 Tint Meters to used for enforcement against tinted glass have also been purchased. The process for introducing modern state-of-the-art e-Challaning system is going on currently. Besides, a new type of outdoor Camera surveillance System with ANPR (Auto Number Plate Reading) RLVD (Red Light Violation Detection), night vision, automatic challan generation, automatic flagging& tracking of wanted vehicles, etc. features is also likely to be installed soon.

From above all, it is quite evident that Chandigarh Traffic Police is making very sincere efforts to make the city roads more safe and to reduce the number of deaths in road accidents in the city. This year, a total of 87 fatal accidents have happened in the city till 23.10.2013 as compared to 114 fatal accidents last years in the same period. In these 87 fatal accidents, a total no of 89 persons died as compared to 108 persons died in road accidents last year in same period. **Thus, 19 innocent lives have been saved this year compared to last year.**

Also, keeping in view the facts that a considerable no. of cyclists died in road accidents, a drive to paste high quality reflective stickers on the cycles and rickshaws has been started recently to increase their visibility, especially in view of the foggy season fast approaching.

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