

Campaign against drunk driving

THE CITY POLICE AND WOCKHARDT HOSPITALS, NASHIK HAVE COME FORWARD TO SPREAD AWARENESS ON THE ILL EFFECTS OF DRUNK DRIVING AND LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN ABOUT THE SAME ON DECEMBER 31



>> ACP Sandeepan Kamble, Dr Shreedhar Thakur, KB Deshmukh and Rakesh Sharma at the inauguration of the awareness banner against drunk driving

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Taking into account the rise in drunk driving and also using the occasion of December 31, which sees a maximum number of parties on the eve of new year, the City Traffic Control Department and Wockhardt Hospitals jointly organised a special campaign Don't Drink and Drive, which was inaugurated in the presence of ACP (Traffic) Sandeepan Kamble, Divisional Controller of Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation, Nashik Division KB Deshmukh and Regional head of Wockhardt Hospitals, Ltd Dr Shreedhar Thakur, Centre head Rakesh Sharma and Dr Santosh Yadav at Mumbai Naka.

Expressing his views on the occasion, Dr Shreedhar Thakur informed that India ranked second in maximum deaths in road accidents due to drunk driving. He said according to the available information nearly 5,20,000 accidents occurred last year leaving 5,80,000 people injured, while nearly a lakh dead. Hence the need of the hour is that society and mainly the younger generation abstains from alcohol consumption.

The drive undertaken by the City Traffic Control Department from January 1, 2010 is worth appreciating and is being commended by all. ACP Sandeepan Kamble, KB Deshmukh and Rakesh Sharma also expressed their views on the occasion.

ACP Sandeepan Kamble said that

after the awareness, the city police along with the traffic police have decided to crack down severely on drunk drivers. He also informed that for the first offense the fine is of Rs 2000 and six months imprisonment, second offense will invite fine of Rs 3000 or imprisonment of upto two years, etc. ACP Kamble also thanked Wockhardt Hospitals, Nashik for being part of the drive and sponsoring the banners for awareness among the people.

The drive is evoked a positive response from Nashikites and all hope that this will go a long way in disciplining the vehicular traffic of the city.

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