

Road Safety workshop

Opportunities and the way ahead – Achieving #HalfBy 2020

Organised by – Road Safety Network

Venue – Pride Hotel, Pune

Date – 17th to 19th April 2018

Day: - 17th April 2017

Workshop Objectives:

- Facilitate interactions with the Bloomberg Initiative for Global Road Safety (BIGRS) partners and other state level stakeholder in Maharashtra to explore opportunities for collaboration and cooperation
- Identify and agree on strategies for legislative and policy options at the national and state level to strengthen road safety policies and implementation in line with Motor Vehicle Amendment Bill (MVAB)
- Develop an action plan for the next 6 months for the campaign at the national and state level

Name of participants:

- Taifur Rehman, Global Road Safety Partnership, Geneva
- Mena Elturky, Global Road Safety Partnership, Geneva
- Nalin Sinha, GHAI, New Delhi
- Krishnan Srinivasan, World Bank, Hyderabad
- Ravitej Prasad, World Health Organization.
- Amit Bhatt, World Resource Institute, New Delhi
- Binoy Mascarenhas, World Resource Institute, Mumbai.
- Jigesh Bhavasar, International Road Assessment Partnership, New Delhi
- George Cherian, Consumer Unity and Trust Society, Jaipur
- Madhu Sudan Sharma, Consumer Unity and Trust Society, Jaipur
- Jeetali Aganani, Consumer Unity and Trust Society, Jaipur
- Ashim Sanyal, Voluntary Organization in Interest of Consumer Education, New Delhi
- Rinki Sharma, Voluntary Organization in Interest of Consumer Education, New Delhi
- Hemant Upadhyay, Voluntary Organization in Interest of Consumer Education, New Delhi
- Saroja, Citizen Consumer and Civic Action Group, Chennai
- Sumana, Citizen Consumer and Civic Action Group, Chennai
- Pragati Hebbar, Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru
- Amit Karnik, Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru
- Mahesh Kadammanavar, Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru
- Sujit Patwardhan, Parisar, Pune
- Ranjit Gadgil, Parisar, Pune
- Sahrnila Deo, Parisar, Pune
- Damodar Shanbaug, Parisar, Pune
- Sandeep Gaikwad, Parisar, Pune
- Amar Karan, Centre for Environment Education, Pune

Mr. Ranjit Gadgil, Program Director, Parisar made a presentation on status on Motor Vehicle amendment bill and suggestion and directions made by Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety. He set the tone of the session by presenting the current scenario in the country and the state of Maharashtra on road safety

After that, he welcomed all the participants and thanked them for making it to the workshop. He also shared an agenda with all participants

A presentation made by resource persons as mentioned below:

Title - World Bank support to Road Safety in India by Krishnan Srinivasan, World Bank

Key Points:

- Importance of road safety in India
- Strategy, prioritised intervention and fund allocation
- Activities and programmatic support Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab, Gujrat and Kerala in India
- Evolving approaches and achievements

Title - World Bank support to Road Safety in India by Jigesh Bhavsar, International Road Assessment Program (iRAP)

Key Points:

- iRAP Star rating model, road crash data and Star rating result data in India
- Star rating for school (SR4S) its process and web-based technology
- Lead Partner and collaborations

Thereafter, Mr. Amt Bhatt and Binoy Mascarhenas from WRI made verbal presentation on its activities in Maharashtra and Haryana. They also mentioned what are the challenges being faced and achievement made so far in respective states

Title - Road Safety – A neglected Epidemic by Ravitej Prasad, World Health Organization, (WHO)

Key Points:

- Current Scenario in India and Globe on road safety
- Risk factors and their implications
- Safe System Approach
- Global emphasis on road safety

Title – Overview of GRSP by Taifur Rehman, Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP)

Key Points:

- About GRSP and GRSP's key strategies
- Bloomberg Initiative for Global Road Safety and GRSP's role in BIGRS
- GRSP members and partners

The broad points that emerged from the discussions were that to make road safety more effective, the focus needed to shift from trying to change user behaviour to adopting a Safe Systems approach

wherein the environment is developed in such a way to help the users to minimize their chances of a crash, and to be able to minimize the risk of severe injury and fatality in road crash.

Media Workshop

The second session was organised for local media fraternity and civil society, individual who are concerned about road safety.

Reporters from Maharashtra Times, Hindustan Sakal Times, Lokmat, Loksatta The Indian Express local media news agency. An Individuals from JP Research India Pvt Ltd., ABBVM, PCCF, Global Traffic Solution WPM, Nagrik Chetna Manch.

Mr. Ranjit Gadgil gave an introductory speech to show current scenario about road safety issue. He also talked about the Supreme court guidelines and directive principals state government and union territory. He briefly mentioned about the action plan prepared by Maharashtra state government

A media event was organised for media representative, representatives for civil society and individuals to sensitize them about the road safety current scenario issues and challenges and its wider effect on community people. It also aims to help participants to look at this issue from different point of view like road accident are caused by driver's faults but lack of infrastructure and road design which do not get attention and discussed. Most reporting of road accident places the blame on some party involved in the accident, but it rarely goes beyond and looks in to whether the accident could have been avoided or severity minimised with a better system provided to the road users and who is accountable for providing this system. A workshop should enlighten the process of emphasising on issues henceforth.

Panel Discussion

Name of panellist

- Mrs. Vandana Chavan
- Mr. Dhole (CIRT)
- Mr. Sanjay Raut (Dy. Traffic Police)
- Mr. Amit Bhatt (WRI, New Delhi)

Name of moderator

- Mr. Ranjit Gadgil (Program Director, Parisar)

The panel discussion was carried out on deliberating on various range of topics like passages of MVAB, the specific role and limitation of CIRT and RTO in road safety, what changes could be brought about to increase an accountability. Also, functions of newly established committee/councils, the road safety fund utilisation and its functioning, how road safety concepts can be included among students, community people by going beyond a week campaign and many other pertinent issues.

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In the beginning, a broad agenda for the day was discussed as mentioned below:

1. Where are we now in terms of amendment bill and other reflections
2. What is plan B if bill in not passed.
3. What can be done on state level

First of all, partner NGOs made presentation covering activities done, outcomes/achievement and problems been faced.

Mr. Taifur (Global Road Safety Partnership) encouraged all team members that although a bill is not passed but we as a team have sought small results and we should be proud of it. H also suggested that while we wait bill to be passed let's continue with road safety activities and hold media workshop.

Thereafter, we discussed upon immediate actions to be done for monsoon session and meet with PM and transport ministers. There was a discussion on how to select mediators or prominent people to meet Prime Minister and cabinet ministers. Team listed out people to whom we can approach.

Then, we split into groups as per NGOs and discussed on what would be next strategy. Each NGO then made a presentation.

After the end, a team wen to visit JM road for exposure visit.

Day: - 19th April 2017

At the start, Mr. Madhu and George appraised about the institutional and legislative assessment on road safety in 4 states and 2 UTs.

In a half-day session, team deliberated upon what would be immediate action we can do to push for passing amendment bill. We also discussed upon means and ways in which we can work on passing the bill like meeting PM, transport minister, writing open letter to PM, getting eminent people signed for amendment bill. We also discussed about alternative plan like approaching supreme court making PIL, etc.