

PRESS RELEASE

The festival of Holi (*Dhulendi*) will be celebrated on **13th March, 2017 (Monday)**. Delhi Traffic Police has made elaborate traffic arrangements to ensure safety of motorists on roads and check the incidents of drunken driving, over-speeding, reckless driving, zig-zag driving, dangerous driving, red light jumping, triple riding, minor driving, driving/riding without helmet, performing stunts on two-wheelers and other traffic violations.

Special checking teams with alcometers have been deployed at major intersections and vulnerable points to detect & prosecute traffic violations. In case of drunken driving, besides prosecution, the drivers are liable to be arrested and their vehicles to be impounded. As per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety, in cases of **drunken driving, red light jumping, using mobile phone while driving, dangerous driving and over speeding, driving license will also be seized** and liable for suspension for a period of minimum 3 months. The violators shall also be counseled on the spot about the negative effects of drunk driving and the dangers that are associated with the menace. Besides, action shall also be initiated against the registered owners of vehicles whose vehicles are found to be driven by minors/unauthorized persons, performing stunts, driving without license etc.

Since 2015, the Driving Licenses of 1,93,248 drivers who were found involved in traffic offences like Red Light jumping, using mobile phone while driving, over speeding, carrying passengers in goods vehicle and drunken driving were also seized.

Special Traffic Police checking teams with interceptors along with PCR and Local Police teams will be stationed on various roads and strategic locations/intersections all over Delhi to check drunken driving, Red Light jumping and other traffic violations. Interceptors will be deployed at various vulnerable roads to check incidences of over-speeding. **Drunken driving is punishable with a jail term besides fine and suspension of driving license for a minimum period of 03 months.**

Therefore motorists are advised to obey traffic rules, specifically the following:

- 1) Not to drink & drive.
- 2) Observe prescribed speed limits.
- 3) Obey traffic signals.
- 4) Not to indulge in racing or competition with other vehicles.

- 5) Especially two wheeler drivers/riders to wear helmets and avoid triple riding.
- 6) Not to indulge in reckless, dangerous or zig-zag driving.
- 7) Not to allow minors/unauthorized persons to drive your vehicle.
- 8) Not to indulge in performing stunts on two wheelers.

Delhi Traffic Police appeals to all motorists to avoid traffic violations especially drunken driving. Parents should not allow their minors to drive vehicles. All motorists are advised to obey traffic rules and regulations and follow the directions of the traffic policemen on duty for their safety as well as the safety of other road users.

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