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conducted during morning and evening peak hours on weekdays.

The findings reveal that Tirunelveli district witnesses a higher average of drivers (45%) adhering to wearing helmets and seatbelts when compared to Thiruvarur which accounts for only 28% compliance among drivers. Both the districts show an acute lack of compliance in terms of pillion riders wearing helmets and passengers wearing seat belts. With this as one of the key markers of the road safety scenario in these districts, CAG is engaging with the District Road Safety Committees to organize capacity building workshops and help alleviate road safety risks.



Divisional level Consultation with the enforcement officials of Road Safety in Kalaburagi, Karnataka

Divisional Level Consultation on Generating Demand for Effective Implementation of MVA Act 2019 was organised at Kalaburagi, Karnataka organised by Public Affairs Foundation, in partnership with CUTS on March 10, 2022.

Yeshwanth V Gurukar, Divisional Collector was the chief guest and NV Prasad, Regional Commissioner, Kalaburagi and C. Mallikarjuna, Joint commissioner, Transport were the special guests participated in the consultation. More than 45 participants participated in the meeting and various govt. department officials such as medical, transport and law students etc attended the meeting. The event also got a good coverage in the print media as well.



Divisional level Consultation with the enforcement officials of Road Safety in Belagavi, Karnataka

Divisional Level Consultation on Generating Demand for Effective Implementation of MVA Act 2019 was organised at Belagavi, Karnataka organised by Public Affairs Foundation in partnership with CUTS on March 25, 2022.

Rajendra Kataria, IAS, Principal Secretary, Transport Department, Govt. of Karnataka was the chief guest. Joint Commissioner Transport, Police Commissioner of Belagavi, DCP traffic, RTOs, DTOs, Transport Inspectors, Divisional Trauma Care in charge of Belagavi Divisional hospital, officials from PWD, Karnataka Roadways, practicing lawyers on Motor Vehicle Act, 2019 and related issues and around 40 other officials and representatives participated in the consultation. Issues related to MVA Act, 2019, Belagavi Road accident situation and possible solutions, road accident data and opportunities and challenges in transportation and road safety sector were discussed in detail during the day. The event was widely covered in the local media as well.



State level Consultation with the enforcement officials of Road Safety in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

George Cheriyan, Director, CUTS attended and participated in the “State Level Consultation on Generating Demand for Effective Implementation of MVA Act 2019” at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. CUTS organised the consultation in collaboration with Kerala Road Safety Authority and in partnership with Centre for Environment and Development on April 26, 2022.

Antony Raju, Minister for Transport, Govt. of Kerala was the chief guest in inaugural session and Anup Kuruvila John, IPS, IG of Police (Social Policing & Traffic) was the special guest. George Cheriyan made the opening remarks and moderated the panel discussion on key risk factors, wherein T Elangovan, Executive Director, Kerala Road Safety Authority, Najeeb A.K, MVD, Samson Mathew, Director, KSCSTE-NATPAC and B G Sreedevi, Former Director, KSCSTE-NATPAC were the panellists. More than 80 participants

participated in the meeting and various govt. department officials such as medical, transport and police etc attended the meeting.



Divisional level Consultation with the enforcement officials of Road Safety in Chittorgarh, Rajasthan

CUTS team organised and attended the “Divisional Level Consultation on Generating Demand for Effective Implementation of MVA Act 2019”, at Chittorgarh, Rajasthan on April 25, 2022.

C P Joshi, MP, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan was the chief guest along with Rajeev Joshi, Additional SP, Jagdish Prasad, RTO and Manish, DTO were the other guests attended the consultation. More than 85 participants participated in the consultation which consist of various social groups, civil society organization and government officials. The consultation was well covered by the print media.



Consumer Organisations organised various activities to strengthen road safety on World Consumer Rights Day

On the occasion of World Consumer Rights Day, 15th March 2022, Consumer Guild, a partner organisation of Consumer Voice, organized a sensitization programme at Abid Khera village, Sandila (Hardoi District) Uttar Pradesh. A press note was circulated with congratulating the new government and an appeal was also made to strengthen road safety in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

In Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal also consumer activists and organizations came forward and urged authorities through the medium of social media to make roads safer.

**CONSUMER
VOICE**

"I urge every citizen to always wear a helmet while driving a two-wheeler and follow all the road safety protocols to ensure everyone's safety on road."

Ms. Aditi Gupta,
Working Professional

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Women demand safer roads on International Women's Day

On the occasion of International Women's Day-8th March 2022, women from diverse backgrounds came forward to support road safety initiative.

In Madhya Pradesh, women demanded for speedy notification of Motor Vehicles Amendment Act 2019 to strengthen road safety and reduce road fatalities & injuries. In West Bengal, state several women drivers appealed to the citizens to follow the traffic rules and to fulfill their responsibilities as responsible drivers. In Uttar Pradesh, women drivers focused on risk factors and appealed to the citizens to wear helmets, seat belts, slow down etc to

strengthen road safety.

Consumer VOICE used its digital channels and emphasized to strengthen road safety and highlighted appeal by women drivers to drive responsibly and follow traffic rules etc.

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Road Safety Network (RSN) is a national coalition of NGOs, CSO, educational institutions, road safety experts striving for safer roads.

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