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Press Release

Chandigarh, January 1:- School bands, release of tri color balloons, painting competition, blood donation camp and cultural programmes marked the commencement of the 21st Road Safety Week at Traffic Park, Sector 23 today. UT Home Secretary Mr. Ram Niwas was the chief guest on the occasion and Mr. R K Arora, GM, Indian Oil Corporation was the guest of honor. The theme of this year Road Safety Week is "Life is Safe if Driving is Safe".

Home Secretary emphasized on the sensitization and awareness of the general public especially teenagers & adolescents about the importance of traffic rules. He commended the efforts of the Chandigarh Traffic Police for bringing the accidents rate down as compared to the previous year. Making more laws and then its enforcement is not worth if people do not accept and apply them voluntarily, added Mr. Niwas.

Highlighting the flaws in the governmental functions he expressed that the driving license should not be issued to any individual until and unless his actual driving test is not conducted and he is found fit for driving. He also visited the exhibition room in the Park and took round of the ongoing painting competition, blood donation camp and various stalls highlighting the Traffic rules and road safety measures.

DIG Headquarters, Mr. Mahavir Singh welcomed the guests and informed the august gathering about the various initiatives taken by the Chandigarh Police for controlling and minimizing the cases of accidents in the city along with maintaining free flow of traffic.

SP Traffic, Mr. H S Doon apprised that there has been a decreased in the numbers of accident in the city this year. He further revealed that last year only 27 people were challaned for drunken driving while this year more than 500 were challaned.

A cultural programme including group song by the students of DAV School, Sector 15, puppet show and bhangra and all with a message of road safety were organized.