

School Conclave for Road Safety

Realising the vulnerability of the children on our roads, various discussions and meetings were held across the country debating the need to introduce road safety as a separate subject in the school curriculum.

Schools and teachers across the country felt that teaching schedule is already under pressure and introducing yet another subject would overload the already heavily burdened student. However, everybody agreed that it is necessary to make the student aware of the hazards of the road, as well as to develop an attitude of defensive road usage amongst them.

To resolve this problem, IRTE has developed a module and methodology, to teach road safety education through the pre-existing subjects of the curriculum.



Workshops in the School Conclave on road safety are being organised to:

- a) Educate teachers on the basics of road laws, driver education and behaviour, the current status of road environment and enforcement, causes and hazards which lead to road accidents and post-accident management.
- b) Help the teachers with systems and supports through an interactive training system to impart thirteen objectives through the existing curriculum subjects including geography, chemistry, physics, mathematics, language, art and craft, etc.



This system of education through a hidden curriculum, is not only enhancing safety for our children while using the roads, but also towards developing a culture of positive road usage through our younger generation. In the last four years, over 2800 teachers from over 1020 schools from all over the country have been trained by the experienced faculty of IRTE. The success of this effort has been possible because of the support of the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, Government of India.