International Conference: Benchmarking Road Traffic Enforcement for Road Safety New Delhi,

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Road traffic accidents have become the single largest threat to our humanity. Approximately 3200 people are killed in road accidents and 50,000 suffer serious injuries every day causing an annual social economic loss of $500 billion and India accounts for almost 10% of these road accidents.

Enforcement is the key element in road safety management Non-definition of enforcement, poor expertise and skills of enforcers and a lack of modern support in terms of tools and systems of enforcement have led to a non-development of a safe road user culture in India. This has resulted in an attitude of callousness amongst road users. Aggressive driving, tailgating. dangerous driving, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, over-speeding are some common violations which are on the increase.

Conference was organised by IRTE and Institute for traffic care Holland in cooperation with INFRAFPOL Spain, Road Safe, UK and RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) UK. The two-day Conference was the **first global initiative in benchmarking road-traffic enforcement** through international sharing of good practices and successful implemented enforcement strategies.

Special emphasis was laid on:

- Re-defining the enforcement with current relevance
- Suggesting the role & coordination of responsible agencies in enforcement
- Accident Investigation and Analysis as a core issue for understanding the complexities related to enforcement
- Legislation for important enforcement issues like: dangerous driving, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, over-speeding school transportation, parking, protection for two wheeler riders etc;
- Tools and systems for effective enforcement
- Infrastructure for enforcement
- Expertise and skills for enforcers
- Driver training
- Vehicle certification and enforcement
- Public dealing
- Crisis Management and handling of collisions:
- Global coordination and dissemination of best practices.