

**PRESS RELEASE**

14077 people have already been killed in the road accidents in Tamilnadu from January to October 2017. The Department is taking various steps for reducing the road accidents and consequent deaths. The carrying of original Driving Licence while driving is compulsory to ensure responsible behavior on road and observation of all traffic rules. The persons found driving without Driving Licence are liable for prosecution. Driving Licences are being suspended for the offences of over speeding, red light jumping, Drunken driving, using mobile phones while driving, etc. and Transport Department has already suspended 86873 Driving Licences upto October 2017. Further, number of accidents and deaths in the two wheeler category is very high. From January to October 2017, 4730 two wheeler riders and pillion riders have been killed and majority of them not wearing helmets. To ensure safety of two wheeler and pillion riders, all the two wheeler show room owners in the state have been requested to open "Road Safety Corners" in their Show Rooms for which necessary road safety material in the form of Video, Audio and printed material has been supplied by the respective Regional Transport Officers. The new buyers of two wheelers are being briefed extensively about road safety by the two wheeler dealers before handing over two wheeler to the new buyers. The two wheelers

Show Room owners have voluntarily opened 485 Road Safety Corners in their show rooms in the month of November alone on the request of Road Safety Commissioner. As a result of the various efforts taken by the Department, 5145 accidents and 525 deaths have been reduced up to October 2017 comparing with the corresponding period of the year 2016.

All the road users in the state are requested to strengthen our efforts in reducing road accidents and deaths by observing of traffic rules.

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