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IRF's Mission

To promote the development of roads and road networks that enable sustainable access and mobility for all

IRF's Vision

A world of safe, sustainable, and efficient roads and road networks

IRF's Values

Commitment to safe, smart & sustainable roads

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Dear Members,

Greetings!

This latest edition of the Newsletter comes to you in time to send you our colourful and bright wishes for a Vibrant and Happy Holi – the festival of colours!

As you are aware, International Road Federation - India Chapter (IRF-IC) will be hosting the 'World Road Meet' (WRM) in November 2017 in the NCR Region. We are now fast approaching the date and have been immersed in activities related to this global event. WRM 2017 will have for the first time a Global Transport Ministers Meet as a part of the Programme and as a special feature. We hope to put up a stellar front to make the Meet truly memorable in all ways – intellectual and cultural, showcasing the country's growing economic strength and potential. We look forward to having you with us at every step of the way and hope to receive your valuable suggestions for making this Meet a spectacular success.

IRF-IC has recently taken up several new initiatives. Of these we had covered the IRF-ICMOT (International Collaborative Centre for Mitigation of Adverse Outcomes relating to Road Traffic Injuries) in our last newsletter. This initiative of training heavy vehicle drivers as first responder to road traffic injuries is progressing at a fast pace and would in our view be a very major step towards helping achieve reduction in road fatalities as envisaged in the UN Decade of Action. We have extended the Programme to Pune and Mumbai and are happy with the feedback that we have been receiving.

You would also be happy to know that we are addressing the issue of rectification of black spots identified in Delhi and in Nagpur. The MoRT&H has taken up this activity on a priority basis throughout the country and IRF-IC, with the support of its members, is forging ahead to do its bit.

Another notable development has been the resumption of the Road Safety Audit Training Course which we have conducted for two batches of engineering staff of Rajasthan PWD. The need for road safety auditors is extremely urgent and necessary in view of the growing road sector and traffic which has its own implications and challenges. We hope to continue with this important activity in the future.

I once again wish you all the best and look forward to hearing from you and receiving your suggestions.

Warm Regards
N.K. Sinha

IRF CONDUCTS ROAD SAFETY AUDIT COURSE FOR RAJASTHAN PWD IN FEBRUARY 2016, NEW DELHI, INDIA

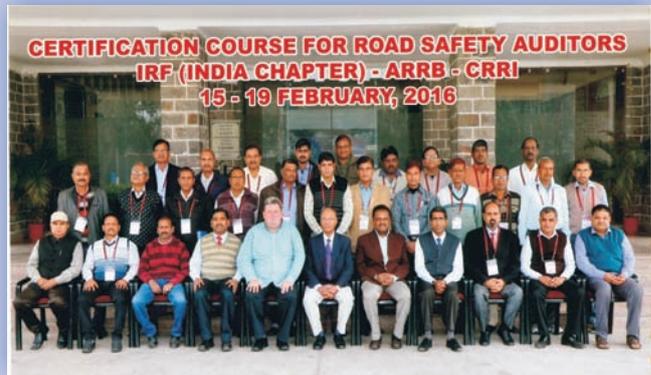
IRF India Chapter (IRF-IC) in Association with Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) and Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) recently conducted specially designed Road Safety Audit (RSA) Courses for engineer staffers of Rajasthan Public Works Department. Two back to back courses were organized successfully during 8th to 12th and 15th to 19th February 2016. A total of 51 participants attended the two courses.

The course material, designed jointly by ARRB, IRF-IC and CRRI was structured for appropriate development of RSA skills in the participants. Course material along with a CD was provided to the participants in advance. Participants were also

supplied with the checklists of Austroad RSA and IRC Manual for RSA.

Exclusive component of the course was practical audit work carried out in groups under the guidance of mentors. It provided hands on training and audit experience to the participants. Stringent evaluation tests on course completion were conducted and 50 of the participants were certified as auditors.

Feedback for evaluating effectiveness of the courses has been sought from the participants and their suggestions will be incorporated in the future courses.



A Little Care Makes Accidents Rare.

IRF INSTITUTES NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY AWARDS FOR RECOGNIZING JOURNALISTS

PRESS RELEASE

International Road Federation (IRF) Institutes National Road Safety Awards for Recognizing Efforts of Journalists in Generating Road Safety Awareness.

The International Road Federation (IRF), a not-for-profit organization based out of Geneva, Switzerland working for safer and better roads worldwide has instituted annual awards for media persons committed towards 'Road Safety' across the nation.

IRF as a part of its initiatives in India and globally, keeping in view the important role played by the print and electronic media, has proposed to honour the best two individual Reporters / Editors on an all India basis, who have demonstrated deep commitment to the cause of "Road Safety", through an Annual Award, starting with the Calendar Year 2016.

The Awardees will be honoured with a Cash Prize and Citation to be presented during the Annual Road Safety Week. The first awardee will be presented with a citation, a certificate and a cash award of INR 100,000/- The runner up will get a cash award of Rs. 50,000/- plus citation and certificate.

The IRF also proposes to honour the Best Reporter to be selected from each State, who has rendered yeoman service for the cause of "Road Safety", either through advocacy or by highlighting events and issues with profound impact on Road Safety. A cash award of Rs. 21,000/- plus certificate has been instituted for the best entry from each State of the Country.

The nomination for the awards from journalists will be in the form of news, stories, features, articles, editorials which promote road safety as a developmental issue in any regional language. The entries will be accepted till December 15 of each year and the awards will be presented during the Annual Road Safety Week held in the month of January in New Delhi.

Nomination for the above Awards may be sent to the Chairman, IRF (India Chapter). The format for these nominations is available at our website www.indiairf.com.

For any query, please contact - india@irfnet.ch.

INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT UNION (IRU) SMART MOVE – ALL INDIA HIGH LEVEL GROUP

A new high-level group of leading Indian and international transport stakeholders has been launched in New Delhi.

Smart Move is a global IRU campaign to promote sustainable mobility by bus and coach. The All-India Group is one of several high-level expert groups launched and run by IRU in various regions, including the EU, Eurasia and Morocco. Initiated by IRU as part of its Smart Move Campaign, the new Group aims to substantially increase the use of collective passenger transport on India's roads by 2030.

It brings together representatives from private businesses, associations and other stakeholders from civil society. Among others, IRF is a member of the All-India Group which includes representatives from IRU, the ASRTU, UN-Habitat, Embarq India, the Prasanna Purple Mobility Solutions and MERU Cabs etc.

Mr. N.K. Sinha, Chairman, IRF India Chapter is IRF's representative on the All India High Level Group.

"The High-Level group will identify how bus, coach and taxi transport contributes to sustainable mobility in India", said Yves Mannaerts, President of IRU's Passenger Transport Council. "It's important that Indian solutions are found to address the unique challenges of India's future transport needs."

Focusing on smart urban mobility including taxis, regular intercity coach services and coach-based tourism, the All-India Smart Move High Level group will lay out a joint vision on the role of buses, coaches and taxis, develop policy and business recommendations to substantially increase passenger numbers, and share best practices.

The Group coordinator is Dr Kulwant Singh, Advisor on Urban Basic Services for UN-HABITAT. He sees the UN-Habitat's partnership with IRU as facilitating road transport and promoting safe and sustainable mobility of people and goods by road in India, thus contributing to the national goal of 100 smart cities and also implementation of the United Nations Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES & EVENTS

VISIT IRF GENEVA BOOTH (01.322) AT INTERTRAFFIC AMSTERDAM 5-8 APRIL 2016

Intertraffic Amsterdam (5-8 April 2016), the most authoritative traffic technology exhibition in the world, is a great place to network and connect.

**The IRF Geneva booth is located at
the Swiss Pavilion 01.322C**

**Come and see us to discuss new initiatives
and how you can get involved!**

- IRF ICMOT – International Collaborative Centre for Mitigation of Adverse Outcomes from Traffic Incidents
- Bicycle Conspicuity Initiative with WHO
- IRF Certified Professional Training Courses
- IRF ITS Policy Committee
- IRF World Road Meeting 2017, and much more!

For any question or for setting up an appointment, please contact Susanna Zammataro (szammataro@irfnet.ch) or Mui-Ling Wang (mwang@irfnet.ch).

BRIDGES AND HIGHWAYS BAHRAIN & SAUDI ARABIA CONFERENCE 2016 BAHRAIN , MANAMA, 18 - 20 APRIL 2016

IRF is pleased to support this year the Bridges and Highways Bahrain & Saudi Arabia Conference 2016.

The conference will bring together government officials, project owners, contractors, consultants, equipment suppliers and technology providers to discuss ongoing and upcoming road infrastructure projects.

The road infrastructure and transportation sectors in Saudi Arabia were allocated \$16.8 billion (SR63 billion) in 2015. An estimated \$8.9 billion (SR33.5 billion) will be spent to fund nearly 2,000 kilometers of new roads, expansions, railways and infrastructure projects. Bahrain will spend more than \$2.5 billion on infrastructure projects including major road networks and construction in the next 10 years. These projects will be funded by the \$10 billion GCC Marshall Plan, which aims to boost public spending and accelerate the growth of Bahrain's economy.

The conference aims to help both Kingdoms develop and maintain their road infrastructure projects by implementing state-of-the-art technologies and solutions.

For more information and registrations, please visit the conference website: www.bridgesbahrainandksa.com.

**IRF Members get a 20% discount on the
registration fees!**



International Road Federation
India Chapter

All roads lead to

18th WORLD ROAD MEETING

New Delhi, INDIA

14-17 November, 2017

STAR HIGHLIGHT : GLOBAL TRANSPORT AND
HIGHWAYS MINISTERS' MEET



MEMBERSHIP OF IRF INDIA CHAPTER

IRF-IC is a membership-based organization, representing corporate and institutional players and stakeholders in the road infrastructure sector in the country. Road safety has been at the core of IRF IC's activities, which also promotes "green road" approach.

IRF IC invites all stakeholders in road sector to join it as members and contribute to the efforts for better road infrastructure and safety.

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Don't be Hasty. Practice Road Safety!