



UN WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

Candle Light Vigil

**Amar Jawan Jyoti, India Gate, New Delhi
18 November 2012 (Sunday) 5 PM**

Introduction

Road traffic crashes kill nearly 1.3 million people every year and injure or disable as many as 50 million more. They are the leading cause of death globally for children and young people aged between 10 to 24 years, and the third leading cause of death globally among people aged between 30 to 44 years. Every six seconds someone is killed or injured on the world's roads, including drivers, passengers, motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

In India, during 2011, a total of 4,97,686 road accidents were reported from all States/Union Territories (UTs). Of these, about 24.4 per cent (1,21,618) were fatal accidents. The number of persons killed in road accidents were 1,42,485, i.e. an average of one fatality per 3.5 accidents. The proportion of fatal accidents in total road accidents has consistently increased since 2002 from 18.1 per cent to 24.4 per cent in 2011. The severity of road accidents, measured in terms of persons killed per 100 accidents, has also increased from 20.8 in 2002 to 28.6 in 2011.

In October 2005, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution which calls for governments to mark the third Sunday in November each year as World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. It is a day to remember those who died or were injured from road crashes and the plight of their loved ones who must cope with the consequences of their deaths or injuries.

Candle Light Vigil at India Gate

As part of the World Day of Remembrance of Road Traffic Victims, a Candle Light Vigil Ceremony is organized at **Amar Jawan Jyoti, India Gate, New Delhi on November 18 (Sunday) at 5 pm** in Remembrance of Road Traffic Victims, involving their bereaved family members, community leaders, celebrities and other stakeholders.

The commemoration is organized jointly by **Health Fitness Trust, Indian Alcohol Policy Alliance, National Council of YMCA's of India, Indian Medical Association and Indian Centre for Alcohol Studies**. Former Asian Marathon Champion Smt. Sunita Godara (Director, Health Fitness Trust), Dr. S. Arulraj (Chairman, Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance), Mr. John Varughese (National General Secretary, National Council of YMCAs of India) and Mr. Johnson J. Edayaranmula (Executive Director, Indian Alcohol Policy Alliance) are among those who will lead the ceremony.

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