

# MEDIA COVERAGE REPORT ON IRF INITIATIVE LAUNCHED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2015 'Enhanced First Aid Training for Commercial Vehicle Drivers'

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NEW DELHI: Learning of life saving and first aid techniques for heavy commercial vehicle drivers will become mandatory from July 2016, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) informed in a press statement.

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The drivers will also be trained at "skills to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) through chest compressions, maintaining breathing, relieving choking at the accident site and dealing with different kind of bleeding". The main enhancement of First Aid techniques will be to teach drivers to rescue and transfer victims.

"The training will be imparted by trained doctors of the trauma care hospital with use of videos, practice demos, presentations and other such mechanisms to impart the skills. Case scenarios would be also discussed. This will help reduce fatalities resulting from traffic fatalities in the country as India accounts for highest number of Fatal accidents in the world with over 141,000 fatalities last year itself", added Chhibber.

"Untrained people are often frightened to touch casualties - but early intervention can save lives or decrease the impact of injuries, leading to quicker recovery or lesser injuries for the victims. The commercial vehicle drivers will be trained with valuable skills that can help in road crashes, and they are also useful in other accident situations" said K.K. Kapila, Chairman, Geneva based International Road Federation (IRF) while speaking on the occasion.

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## First-aid training must for truck drivers from July 1

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From July 2016, it will be mandatory for all commercial vehicle drivers including bus and truck operators to have first aid training and learning of life saving techniques to get a Driving License (DL) or while getting it renewed in the country.

"First aid training for commercial vehicle drivers would likely be made mandatory for obtaining or renewing a license in July 1, 2016," said Vijay Chhibber, Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH) secretary while launching the nation-wide programme to impart first aid and life saving technique training to drivers.

MoRTH, in association with the International Road Federation (IRF), a global body working for safer roads world wide and Automobile Association of Upper India (AAUI) are jointly organising heavy vehicle driver training programme for drivers from Delhi and NCR regions.

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The training will include applying basic measures to clear victim's airway and control bleeding, clearing any obstructions and draining any fluid from victims mouth, calling emergency services, performing first aid for the victim and others," said Chhibber.

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Adding further, he said that the programme will be later taken to other states after seeing the success. "Untrained people are often frightened to touch casualties but early intervention can save lives or decrease the impact of injuries," stated K K Kapila, Chairman, IRF.

"If an accident victim is given life support and rushed to a hospital on time, it is believed that about 8 out of 10 who would normally die in road traffic accidents can be saved," added Chhibber.

**AMAR UJALA**  
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## बस-ट्रक ड्राइवरों को लेना होगा फर्स्ट एड प्रशिक्षण

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। बस और ट्रक जैसे भारी वाहनों के चालकों को अब ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस तभी मिलेगा जबकि वे दुर्घटना की स्थिति में जीवन बचाने के तौर-तरीकों (फर्स्ट एड) का प्रशिक्षण पूरा करेंगे। यह व्यवस्था 1 जुलाई 2016 से लागू हो जाएगी। ऐसी इसलिए ताकि दुर्घटना की स्थिति में ड्राइवर आहत लोगों के काम आ सके। यह जानकारी केंद्रीय सड़क परिवहन एवं राजमार्ग सचिव विजय चिह्बर ने दी है।

सोमवार को यहां एक कार्यक्रम के दौरान चिह्बर ने बताया कि अगले साल पहली जुलाई से यदि ट्रक या बस के लिए कोई ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस बनवाता है तो उसे अनिवार्य रूप से फर्स्ट एड की ट्रेनिंग लेनी होगी। उस तिथि के बाद यदि कोई ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस को रिन्यू करवाता है तो उन्हें भी इसी तरह की अनिवार्य ट्रेनिंग लेनी होगी। उनका कहना है कि जब कोई सड़क दुर्घटना होती है तो

- 1 जुलाई 2016 से लागू किया जाए यह प्रावधान
- प्रशिक्षण के बाद ही मिलेगा ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस

उसके बाद आधा घंटे का समय गैलून आवर माना जाता है। इस दौरान यदि फर्स्ट एड मिल जाए तो दुर्घटनाग्रस्त व्यक्ति की जान बचने की संभावना काफी बढ़ जाती है। इसी को ध्यान में रखते हुए मंत्रालय ने फर्स्ट एड की ट्रेनिंग को भारी वाहनों के ड्राइवरों के लिए अनिवार्य किया जा रहा है।

सड़क परिवहन मंत्रालय ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सड़क संघ (आईआरएफ) और ऑटोमोबाइल एसोसिएशन ऑफ अपर इंडिया (एयूआई) के सहयोग से एक कार्यक्रम की भी शुरुआत की है, जिसमें दिल्ली और राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र के ड्राइवरों को प्रशिक्षण दिया जाएगा। इस कार्यक्रम के तहत शुरुआत में 10,000 ड्राइवरों को प्रशिक्षित किया जाएगा।

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## ट्रक चालकों के लिए कार्यशाला का आयोजन

नई दिल्ली। ट्रक चालकों को प्राथमिक उपचार का प्रशिक्षण देने के लिए सड़क परिवहन एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय और इंटरनेशनल रोड फेडरेशन के तत्वावधान में सोमवार को सेमिनार का आयोजन किया गया। इसमें दस ट्रक चालकों को प्राथमिक उपचार के महत्व से अवगत कराया गया। इस मौके पर एम्स निदेशक एमसी मिश्रा, एम्स पटना के डॉ वी गौतम, संस्था के प्रमुख केके कपिला और मंत्रालय के सचिव विजय चिह्बर मौजूद थे।

**DAINIK JAGRAN**  
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## बस चालकों को अनिवार्य होगा फर्स्ट एड प्रशिक्षण

नई दिल्ली, प्रेटर : ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस बनवाने या उसका नवीनीकरण कराने के लिए भारी वाणिज्यिक वाहन ड्राइवरों के लिए जुलाई 2016 से प्राथमिक चिकित्सा का प्रशिक्षण और जीवनरक्षक तकनीकों की जानकारी हासिल करना अनिवार्य होगा। सोमवार को सड़क परिवहन एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय की ओर से जारी बयान में कहा गया है कि मंत्रालय इंटरनेशनल रोड फेडरेशन व आटोमोबाइल एसोसिएशन ऑफ अपर इंडिया के साथ संयुक्त रूप से एक कार्यक्रम का आयोजन कर रहा है। इसकी शुरुआत दिल्ली और एनसीआर के ड्राइवरों से होगी। कार्यक्रम के दौरान भारी वाहनों के दस हजार ड्राइवरों को प्राथमिक चिकित्सा, बुनियादी जीवनरक्षक और बचाव प्रणालियों के बारे में प्रशिक्षित किया जाएगा।

## दुर्घटना होने पर डायल करें टोल फ्री नंबर 1033

सरकार ने सड़क दुर्घटना प्रबंधन सेवाओं के लिए टोल फ्री नंबर (1033) आवंटित किया है। दुर्घटना होने पर देश के किसी भी हिस्से से इसकी सेवाएं ली जा सकती हैं। सोमवार को सरकार ने राज्यसभा को यह जानकारी दी।

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"During the programme, 10,000 drivers of heavy vehicles will be trained initially in first aid, basic life support and rescue systems," Road Transport and Highways Secretary Vijay Chhibber said at the nationwide launch of the programme here.

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## First-aid training mandatory for bus/truck drivers from July'16

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The Enhanced First Aid for Drivers programme is specially developed for IRF by a team of international experts to world class standard, the statement said.

The IRF is introducing this initiative under a newly launched arm - International Collaborative Centre for Mitigation of Adverse Outcomes from Traffic Incidents (ICMOT).

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## Accidents caused by non-licensed drivers go up 54% in 2 years

Between the years 2012 and 2014, accidents caused by non-licensed drivers in India went up 54%. During the same period, drivers younger than 18 caused roughly 20,000 accidents, as per data provided by police departments of all states and Union territories.

"The actual number of violations, including under-age driving and driving without licence, is much higher, as there is hardly any detection of such drivers in rural areas and small towns. We don't get proper data that can help us plan better and bridge the gaps. What we also need is to educate parents and school-going children," said K K Kapila, head of the International Road Federation, was quoted as saying by the Times of India.

According to Transport

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NEW DELHI: From next July drivers of heavy vehicles such as trucks and buses won't be able to get their licenses renewed until they undergo enhanced first aid training to help a road crash victim. The road transport ministry will also formulate norms making first aid training as an essential part of drivers' training.

Launching a nationwide programme to impart first aid and life saving techniques to such drivers organized by International Road Federation and Automobile Association of Upper India on Monday, road transport secretary Vijay Chhibber said his ministry will come out with necessary orders.

"Drivers can become the first responders and in most of the cases they can come to the rescue of a crash victim. If they are trained, we will have a huge group to help the victims in case of any mishap. We want only those who have undergone this training should be allowed to drive heavy vehicles," he added. Citing how immediate care and post crash medical care make a huge difference, director of AIIMS Trauma Care Centre M C Mishra said while the chance of dying in an accident in United States is 69:1 in India it is 5:1.

During the training programme, 10,000 drivers of heavy vehicles will be trained in first aid, basic life support and rescue system. The training will also include applying basic measures to clear victim's airway and control bleeding, clearing any obstructions and draining any fluid from victims mouth, calling emergency services, performing first aid for the victim, safe handling and shifting techniques to avoid further injury to the victim till the emergency medical services reach.

Ministry officials, the local police hardly register any cases against teenagers as they consider the crimes petty, and no one wants to take any action against young boys and girls. Studies across the world suggest riders and drivers in the age group of 16-19 are four times more likely to crash in comparison with older drivers. Some of the reasons why this occurs is because teens likely to speed, and may take wrong routes, or drive after consuming alcohol, said the TOI report.

"Until the police take action in such cases, there will be no check on these types of violations," a Transport Ministry official told the Times of India. As per the Motors Vehicle Act (Section 180), the owner of a vehicle permitting an under-age person or a person without a licence to drive a vehicle can be fined, imprisoned or both, depending on the severity of the crime.