

How can youth change the scenario of road safety in India?

Youth of any country are the driving force that lead to the big changes in a country and determine what its future will be. Our country is the youngest country in the whole world with approximately 60% of the population being below 35 years of age. With this much of Youth Force and the energy anything and everything in this world is completely possible. It is even being said that the coming decades will belong to the our country and that India will be the driving force of the whole world. But this is only possible when our generation realise its its duties and responsibilities and act accordingly to fulfill them.

One such responsibility is to make our roads safer and to reduce the number of casualties that occur on them. India has a global index of 18.5 that is approximately 18.5 out of 1 lakh deaths take place on roads and this number is very high when compared to other countries like singapore sweden germany and united kingdom. We need to check where we are lacking and how we can change the current scenario. As being the next generation it is our responsibility to look out for better solution for better tomorrow.

The youth of are county are much more aware today then they were sometimes back. Internet has played a vital role in shaping the young minds of our country and introducing new ideas in the brilliant minds. Our generation is never satisfied with irrational answers and is always on a hunt for finding more scientific and rational answers. This spirit of our youth can do great wonders if utilized in better way. If today's children start asking questions from the society and from the government many things can change. Asking questions about things lead to finding new innovative and contrary solutions to pre-existing problems. It is the time to question the root cause of the on-road deaths and also to take the responsibility of decreasing the number. One way to do is to make more and more people aware about the need to follow safety rules and to tell the importance of wearing helmets and seatbelts. To guide people about the importance of not overloading their vehicles and also encouraging and appreciating the efforts of any person who abides by the rules. Such kind of large scale campaigning and awareness is only possible if the youth voluntarily participate in making the dream of safer roads come true.

We need to motivate our youth to act as volunteers and this will be one of the greatest achievement and this can be done from support from government who must try to communicate with younger minds and mould them into making active members in social services. Moreover a large number of accidents on-road involve the over enthusiastic teenagers who end up losing their lives or taking someone else in the heat of adrenaline rush. Focus must be put on such teenagers and they should be taught the importance of life and the futility of showing off by overspeeding or not wear helmets. Today responsible children will be tomorrow's responsible citizens and keeping this in mind we must make it a priority to actively participate in helping these young precious lives to learn important and valuable lessons. This can again be done by spreading awareness that should be the responsibility of our youth. I think any country's future relies on what its future citizens think and care about. The roots of becoming a good citizen are implanted in the younger age. It becomes the responsibility of our

schools and parents to give their children quality education with great morals so that the future of our country is bright.

The brilliant young minds can find technical solutions to the existing problems on roads by improving the road design or improvising the car design such that any such casualties can be avoided. There should be many camps wherein the discussion of like minded people can be made over how we can use our modern day scientific and technical knowledge into creating a better and sound system for better and safer on-road experience for commuters. Designing and implementing such technology that a car can presume a crash and stop working or a road design that doesn't allow overspeeding and many such other ideas can come out from these discussions camps. And again the implementation of these ideas belong to the youth of our nation.

I strongly believe that if motivated properly and guided in the right direction the required output can certainly be achieved through the youth force we have. A large number of self volunteers can be raised if proper guidance is provided and these young volunteers can make pivotal change to the condition that our country is facing right now. Solution to any problem is possible if there is a proper method designed to cure the root cause of the problem and similar is the case with our continuously worsening scenario of unsafe roads in the country wherein a person loses his life every 3 minutes while travelling on-road. This is really a sad figure keeping in mind that the majority of these people are young and also that it is very saddening to think about the situation of family at such condition. I pray that no one should be in this condition and no one should die on road.

We have to inculcate the values of empathy, kindness and helpfulness in our youth so that they can help the poor people who meet with accidents and their lives can be saved. So I urge my fellow young blood to take a pledge to take responsibility of shaping a better future and making our roads safer as I believe it is only the youth that can bring a drastic change to the current scenario.