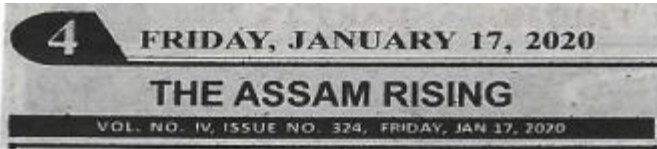


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**Consumer Organisations Appreciates Assam Government**

**Guwahati, Jan 16 :** Consumer Legal Protection Forum, Assam and Consumer VOICE, New Delhi based consumer protection organization working to promote road safety, appreciates the efforts of Assam government for their efforts towards the implementation of New Motor Vehicles Act 2019. On the eve of 31st National Road Safety Week in the letter written to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Transport Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary the civil society organizations applaud the work of ministry considering its proper implementations of rules for road safety. Advocate Ajoy Hazarika, Secretary, CLPF said "The most effective ways to reduce road crash deaths is through strengthening road safety laws. We appreciate the initiatives taken by the Transport Department, Govt. of Assam in implementing and enforcing the new rules laid down in MVA, 2019. We hope that the offence related to violation of road safety norms in Assam will decline further in future, as the Government of Assam will strictly implement and enforce the MVA 2019. As a result of such efforts 43,693 offence cases have been registered from April to September, 2019 against 19,474 cases in 2018 as per data available with the Lead Agency of Road Safety, Govt. of Assam. There has been 170% increase in collection of compounding fee from April to November for the year 2019-20 with that of 2018-19 from Rs. 11.07 crores to Rs. 29.88 crores. Ashim Sanyal, COO, Consumer VOICE Delhi said, we congratulate the government of Assam for taking strict steps to implement the new rules in the state towards road safety. According to the road transport and highways ministry, half a million accidents are reported in India every year, in which 150,000 people lose their lives. Assam has 18th rank in terms of accident-related deaths across States in 2018. We hope through proper implementation it will come down soon. As per Ministry's latest statement in Lok Sabha the deaths in road accident in India reduced by at least 9% in first two months after the amended MV Act came into effect on September 2019. The amendment Act will help to reduce the road fatalities and injuries with the stringent penalties / other provisions and change the road habits of citizens who are breaking the rules. Consumer Legal Protection Forum is joining hands with the state transport ministry by participating in the events to observe the 31st National Road Safety Week in the state.

**Forum lauds traffic initiatives**

**ROKIBUZZAMAN**

**Guwahati:** The Consumer Legal Protection Forum, CLPF Assam, and Consumer VOICE, New Delhi based consumer protection organisation on Thursday said the initiative of road safety officials have come up due to initiative taken by the transport department, Assam, in implementing and enforcing the rules. The forum, which promotes road safety, wrote to chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal and transport minister Chandra Mohan Patowary and appreciated the efforts of the Assam government for its efforts towards the implementation of the New Motor Vehicles Act, 2019.

On the eve of 31st National Road Safety Week, while applauding the proper implementation of rules for road safety, advocate Ajoy Hazarika, the secretary of the forum, said, "The most effective way to reduce road deaths is through strengthening road safety laws. As a result of such efforts strict implementation and enforcement of MVA 2019, related offence cases have been registered from April to September, 2019 against 19,474 cases in 2018 according to data available with the Lead Agency of Road Safety, Assam. There has been 170 per cent increase in collection of compounding fee from April to November for the year 2019-20 with that of 2018-19 from Rs 11.07 crore to Rs 29.88 crore.

The new Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act that imposes hefty penalties for violating traffic norms was notified in Assam on September 29 last year.

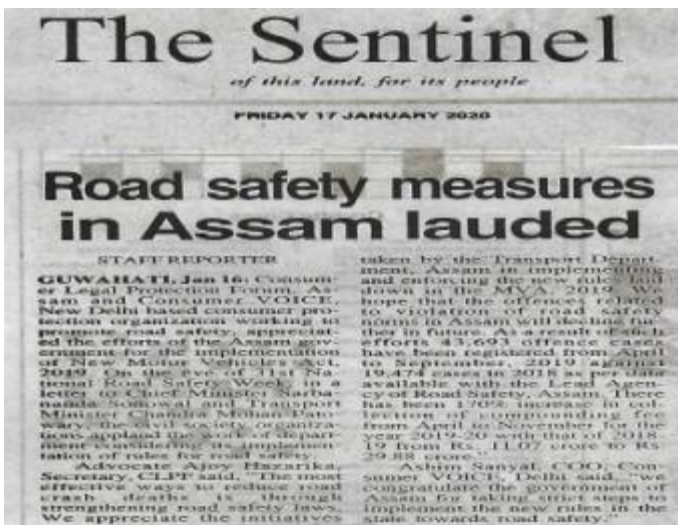
Ashim Sanyal, the chief operating officer, Consumer VOICE, Delhi said, "According to the road transport and highways ministry, half a million accidents are reported in India every year, in which 150,000 people lose their lives. Assam ranks eighteenth in terms of accident-related deaths across the states in 2018. We hope through proper implementation it will come down soon."

A workshop driven by the Motor Vehicle Act, 2019, was organised on Wednesday by the Dibrugarh DTCC officials as a part of road safety week from January 11 to 17.

A group case check up camp was also conducted at Tarapur Motor Sports Association office of Tarapur, former of Dibrugarh district on Wednesday.

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