FOREWORD

Our country India due to its population has always been in top five countries where the on road casualties have ever been on the rising side. We understand that it is not like that we don't have laws to regulate traffic on the road but maximum of the time negligence is the reason for mishappening on the road. We here possibly have the largest number of students studying in the colleges and schools. So these students are the most vulnerable to fall prey to thrill of vehicles on road. We have to target this vulnerable youth and try to motivate them to follow traffic rules by sensitizing them. The NSS and YRC Units of the college have been very active in organizing such awareness programmes. Road Safety has ever been a staple programme of NSS and YRC activities. Our volunteers have not been involved in sensitizing the students of the college but they also go to villages and other areas to spread awareness either by slogan raising or by organizing awareness lectures. Due to their proactive approach they have a wide access to the society and they very efficiently have proven their skills too. The webinar "Road Safety Awareness in India" is a part of the commitment of NSS and YRC Units, Sanatan Dharma College, Ambala Cantt to the society.

Though of utmost priority this topic has not been mulled over with that much of importance yet it has got ample space for research. This compilation has been a blend of the marvelous ideas of different participants. I express mirth over the fact that this webinar has provided a platform to the participants from all over the state and from other parts of the country to converge and think over this matter of priority.

My appreciation is due to the convener Ms. Zeenat Madan and her team to have come over the organization of this webinar very successfully and to have been able to motivate the participants to contribute through their papers.

I firmly believe that this endeavour of publication of proceedings would prove to be a great motivating feature for further research in the area of road safety.

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PREFACE

There is an old saying that difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations but the reality is pungent which says that difficult roads often lead to broken bones and shattered life. The faster we understand this, the better we become in our ways to keep the life intact while being on the roads. It was an eclectic emotion when finally it was decided to organize the webinar on **"Road Safety Awareness in India"** so that we could join hands in the movement of spreading awareness about following traffic rules and regulations not only to avoid penalty but in an endeavour to save lives.

As we know that India is a country teeming with millions of people and of course we are a growing economy. So roads become very important in this respect and ostensibly they play an important role in transportation. Millions of commuters use these roads daily. The possibility of an accident remains high due to many reasons largely due to negligence. In many case life's loss also occurs. All the accidents cannot be averted but definitely the number of accidents and casualties can be lessened through awareness programmes. This very idea was the impetus for the conceptualization of this webinar.

People from different streams were contacted so that different facets could be converged together to understand the topic more vividly. People from department of police, doctor and civil engineer were contacted so they can through light on their respective sphere related to the topic.

I am appreciative to the Department of Higher Education, Panchkula, Haryana for approving this webinar of utmost gravity titled "Road Safety Awareness in India". I would also acknowledge the support and encouragement of the Management of our institute and of the worthy Principal Dr. Rajinder Singh whose motivation have always stirred inner capacity to work with full zeal.

I am indebted to Dr. Rajshree Singh (IPS), IGP (Traffic and Highways) who at a very short notice accepted to chair the webinar as the Chief Guest. It was pleasure listening to her. My thanks are also due to other Resource persons of the webinar who threw light on different dimension of the webinar. Something will fall short if I would not admire the dynamic organizing team of this webinar whose tireless efforts have resulted in form of the success by the end of the day. I feel endowed to the authors of research papers and participants for their contribution and wish for their glorious future.

Lastly but importantly I would like to extend thanks to everybody out there who have shown any kind of interest in this webinar and have contributed to make this webinar a successful one. I would exert my panglossian assertion that everybody through this webinar would have benefitted in one or the other way.

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