

PRESS NOTE

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If Responsibility Lives, Safety Lives - Deputy Transport Commissioner SK Karim: Road Safety Awareness Rally by SRM Foundation & GEMS School

Deputy Transport Commissioner SK Karim flagged off the road safety awareness rally jointly organised by SRM Foundation and Gems School near Kaja Toll Plaza on Thursday, April 27, 2023. “Everyone must follow the traffic rules, and the motorists should realise that if they take responsibility, safety will survive,” said Mr Karim addressing the students at the road safety awareness programme presided over by Gems School Principal Prasannarani Joy.

He said about 5 lakh road accidents are recorded annually across the country, resulting in approximately 1.50 lakh deaths. In Andhra Pradesh, about 25000 road accidents are recorded yearly, and more than 12000 people die while the rest are seriously injured and hospitalised. “Looking at the statistics of Guntur district, 12000 accidents are recorded yearly, out of which about 1200 people die,” added Mr Karim. He also stated that road accidents are increasing due to excessive speed and negligence. Students are advised to strictly follow traffic rules to avoid such situations. He called to wear a helmet while driving two-wheelers, a seat belt while driving cars, and to take this habit responsibly.

Dr R Premkumar, Registrar, SRM University-AP; Venkatagiri, SRM Foundation Secretary; and Prasannarani Joy, Principal, GEMS School, explained the need for road safety. Students at GEMS School performed an impressive mime show. They expressed the advantages of using a helmet and the disadvantages of driving using a cell phone. Later, quiz competitions were held, and prizes were distributed to students.

About 300 students and teachers participated in the road safety awareness rally with placards. Anil Kumar Nigam, Director-Student Affairs, SRM University-AP; Revathi Balakrishnan, Assistant Director-Student Affairs, SRM University-AP; Srinath, CEO-Jayalakshmi Motors; Ashok, Apex Solutions President; Poolla Rameshkumar, Chief Liaison Officer and others participated.