

Soon, a varsity in Raj to offer road safety courses

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Jaipur: After becoming the first state in the country to include road safety in its school curriculum from classes 6 to 12, the state is all set to become the first in the country to provide degrees in related courses.

Rajasthan might soon get a Road Safety University, which would help produce road safety professionals who would help in formation of timely and effective road safety strategies and action plans. A proposal to start the university and provision of E-learning modules and mobile apps is under process,



sources told dna.

The university would offer specialization in courses including MSc in Transport Science, Master of Traffic Management, Transport Economics and MSc in Intelligent Transportation system. It shall also

NO 'FREE' HELMETS WITH VEHICLES NOW

The representatives of Authorised Motor Vehicle Dealers Association on Monday met state transport minister Yunus Khan over the order making it mandatory for vehicle dealers to provide two ISI-marked helmets free of cost to every two-wheeler buyer. It has now been decided that the helmets will not be provided free of cost. The dealers have decided to provide the customers with best quality helmet at minimum cost available.

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offer certificate and diploma courses through Open University format.

"A center for research would focus on Road Safety auditors and Scientific Investigation into accident," an official said. There are

plans to open a Traffic Engineering branch in engineering colleges of the state along with a Trauma and Medical care centre in the technical institutes, the official added.

"It's not finalised now. However, we are about to propose the plan

(for a University) soon as there is no University in the country to provide such courses," informed Veerendra Singh Rathore, District Transport Officer (DTO) while presenting his case in an event convened at the transport department on Monday.

Under the new initiatives taken by the transport department, 5 days of certified residential training of school teachers and 3 days NGOs training of trainers is done throughout the state under the guidance of Centre for Road Safety, Sardar Patel University of Police Security and Criminal Justice, Jodhpur.

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Society for Automotive Fitness & Environment (SAFE), a SIAM initiative in association with Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, transport department government of Rajasthan and Rajasthan Police organised the annual convention on Monday. The theme for this year's convention was 'Safer & Cleaner Tomorrow: Traffic Planning and Technology'. The convention aimed at addressing the rising concerns of environment related issues due to vehicular emissions and also the need for having proper "engineering" while constructing roads in India.