

Helmet rule here to stay, says police chief

Resistance Will Not Impact Drive; Stepped Up Checks On Drunk Driving On Anvil

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Pune: Police commissioner, Satish Mathur, on Wednesday said that the police will continue to take action against those flouting the helmet rule.

The traffic police have launched a drive to enforce the helmet rule and have fined as many as 22,259 people since January this year. The drive has met with much resistance.

Mathur told TOI that if people don't want to follow the law, they will have to approach the law makers. He made the statement on the

Small groups can visit control room

Police commissioner Satish Mathur on Wednesday said that he was ready to invite small groups to visit the city police control room to observe how policemen function. He said people can visit the control room any day at any time and watch the functioning of the control room. "You can also see how the policemen are working on CCTV cameras and see on how you can help us," he said, adding that the police will be taking a number of initiatives from January 2015 as the police commissionerate will enter its 50th year.

sidelines of a function organized by the Nagrik Chetna Manch (NCM) at Poona Club.

He said, "We have received few representations from people who have been opposing the use of helmets, but I have forwarded the

same to the traffic police."

He maintained the opposition to the rule will not have any impact on the action being taken against the violators of the helmet rule.

The police will also focus on drunk driving, with the



Police commissioner Satish Mathur

party season round the corner, during which time the police chief said they would step up action to check the menace of revellers driving under the influence of alcohol.

Speaking on synchroniza-

tion of signals, he said it was

required in Pune for the smooth flow of traffic and should be done on the same lines as it was done in Mumbai. The Mumbai police and Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation have an independent traffic department comprising experts, but the Pune police and the PMC do not have any such department or experts, he said.

He further said that a close study of seven arterial roads of Pune had been carried out to enable the police to change the timings of traffic signals. "We have changed timings of traffic signals at

few places," he said.

On the rise in noise pollution levels, he informed that the police were constantly monitoring and taking action against the same and advised the NCM and other groups to record noise as it was not possible for police to reach all the places to take action.

NMC office bearers Mai Gen (retd) SON Jathar, Sanjiv Mehta, B D Sharma and Ganeez Sukhrani and additional commissioner of police (crime) Shahaji Solunke and deputy commissioner of police (traffic) Sarang Awad were present on the occasion.