

## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTIONS AND DEAN AGRICULTURE DR. PANJABRAO DESHMUKH KRISHI VIDYAPEETH,

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MOST IMPORTANT

No. Dean(Agri.)/TO/ 2-33 /2019 Dated: 21st September, 2019

To.

1. The Associate Dean (All) / The Head of the Department (All)

Dr. PDKV, Akola.

2. The Principal (All private affiliated Colleges)

<u>Subject</u>: To organize and participate in Maha Walkathon 2019 to spread awareness on Road Safety – No Honking – Responsible Driving on dated 30 November, 2019 reg.....

Ref'nce: E-mail dated 20.09.2019 endorsed by the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. PDKV, Akola and bearing No. 1036 dated 21 Sept. 2019

With reference to the subject cited, email referred above and as directed by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. PDKV, Akola it is to inform that, vehicular honking in cities has reached alarming levels, contributing to 70% of Noise Pollution in our environment. Honking is a menace that is plaguing our city and affecting all of us, including children.

Similarly, same is the case with Road Safety rules being followed by all – Drivers and pedestrians. It is observed that there are more than 1.5 lakh deaths by road accidents each year and Maharashtra accounts for about 15,000 deaths and this number is just not coming down. The Public Works Department is concerned about this level of road accidents and is determined to reduce the same by taking appropriate measures. One of which is to educate the citizens by the Movement: Maha Walkathon.

Accordingly, Maha Walkathon is a joint event organized by Maharashtra Motor Vehicle Department, Public Works Department, CASI global and CSR Diary. Participation in Maha Walkathon to create awareness on Road Safety- No Honking – Responsible Driving will go a long way in controlling the same. Hence we appeal everyone to join us and create awareness in the society by registering free of cost at: <a href="www.mahawalkathon@gmail.com">www.mahawalkathon@gmail.com</a> and adding your location as one of their Official Starting Points for Maha Walkathon 2019

Further, it is directed, to please arrange for 2 Km walk of the Maha Walkathon 2019 on dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 @ 8am so that all constituents and affiliated colleges staff and students can participate and join the movement to support: Road Safety – No Honking – Responsible Driving by making Maha Walkathon 2019 a grand Success. The action taken report in this regard shall be submitted to the office of the undersigned for onward submission to the Government, positively.

A suggestive list of activities to be performed during the Mahawalkathon 2019 is also enclosed herewith.

Encl: As above

Director of Instructions & Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. PDKV, Akola

Copy to: 1. P.A. to Vice-Chancellor for favour of kind information of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. PDKV, Akola.

2. The Student Welfare Officer, Dr. PDKV, Akola for information and necessary action. It is directed to coordinate for organizing the said event at University campus.

## Mahawalkathon 2019

The causes of Road Safety, Responsible Driving and No Honking are gathering strength day by day. '29th Road Safety Fortnight' was observed on 23rd Apr 2018 with the theme: "Sadak Suraksha – Jeevan Raksha" – after which MahaWalkathon garnered further momentum. http://www.mahawalkathon.com/maharashtra-road-safetyfortnight-2018/

What is Maha Walkathon?

Maha Walkathon is a unique annual event where every education institute, society and corporate are invited to participate. The idea is to reach out to and involve every citizen of Maharashtra and further educate them on perils of noise pollution and encourage Road Safety and Responsible Driving.

Mahawalkathon is jointly organized by PWD, Maharashtra, MMVD, CASI and CSR Diary. Every participant (including Corporate, Societies, educational institute) receives a participation certificate.

As a part of spreading awareness on Road Safety, Maha Walkathon also involves a Drawing / Painting competition across all educational institute. (More details on: www.mahawalkathon.com)

We are totally committed to these causes and this mega event; every member of MMVD will reach out to as many institutes & societies as possible encouraging them to participate.

Mahawalkathon 2018: A grand Success

Maha Walkathon 2018 was celebrated on 18 November 2018 @ 8am. 507,367 participants at 503 different locations participated simultaneously in the 2KM Maha Walk across Maharashtra; making this event a grand success and a unique record and entering the Limca Book of Records.

Maha Walkathon 2019:

Maha Walkathon 2019 will be observed on 30 November 2019 @ 8am. We welcome all Citizens to participate. Register here: <a href="www.mahawalkathon.com">www.mahawalkathon.com</a>

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We seek your support – Join the movement today

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