

Drunk driving on New Year's Eve: 100 violators fined ₹10 lakh

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CHANDIGARH : District courts on Friday collected ₹10 lakh as fine from 100 people who were challaned for drunk driving on New Year's eve.

A total of 259 challans were presented in the courts. These included 100 for driving under the influence of liquor.

On December 31, the Chandigarh Police had issued 153 challans for the violation.

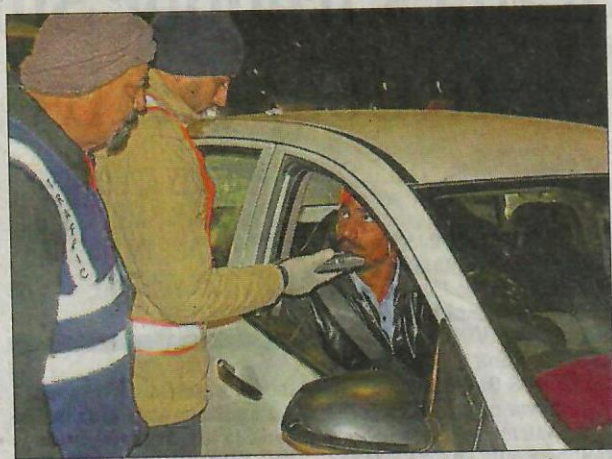
According to Section 185 of the Motor Vehicles (MV) Act, an offender caught for drunken driving for the first time can be punished with up to six months of jail or ₹10,000 fine or both. The

vehicle is also impounded. Further, the driving licence is suspended for at least six months.

On Friday, the court of judicial magistrate first class Sachin Kumar Tyagi disposed of 120 challans, including 30 for drunk driving, while in the court of judicial magistrate first class Tanveer Singh, 140 challans were presented, comprising 70 for drunk driving.

In all, ₹15 lakh was realised as fine, of which ₹10 lakh was collected from those fined for drunk driving. Last year, the offence had led to fines totalling ₹2 lakh.

Before the amended MV Act came into force in Chandigarh on September 1, the violation invited a penalty of ₹2,000.



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