

Let's Make Gurugram Walkable

(A Hands-on walk _ shop on ensuring “Streets for All”)

Haryana has the dubious distinction of having the alarming road safety record and among 22 Districts of Haryana, Gurugram has topped the fatalities graph in 2018. Pedestrians and two wheelers are the most vulnerable road users and pedestrian movement across the road sections needs to be appreciated to provide a safe pedestrian environment. According to CMP Gurugram, 72% of road network of the city has no footpath facilities, 28% of the road network has footpath on both sides whereas 12% of the roads have footpaths of less than 1.8 meters which has forced the pedestrians to walk on the roads endangering their lives and hampering traffic flow.

Even though we are providing the spaces for pedestrians and as per IRC guidelines we have clear space of 1.8 m for footpaths but available space is also encroached by the basic utilities. The mode share of Gurugram, 48.5% of the trips are made by the foot but the focus is on design for vehicles of which mode share is only 7.3% which is nowhere close to the walkability share. There is an urgent need to recognize the priorities in the design, development, and management of the city road network system by providing equitable allocation of space to all road users. Also, cities are living entities and need to be compassionate and caring spaces, hence making social cohesion as an important indicator of urban well-being. For having a complete walkable network, it must be in connect with the green and blue infrastructure of the city. But according to the land use distribution in mobility plan of Gurugram, the share for public spaces and open spaces only counts for 6% and 8% respectively.

Raahgiri Day is an event initiated by Raahgiri Foundation to promote road safety, sustainable transport modes, healthy living and inclusive community development. A day every week, the streets are cordoned off for vehicles for people to reclaim them safely. Walk_Shop Gurugram is an extended model for Raahgiri Day where more deeper engagement would be acquired from the people who can make larger impact and hence it is important to collaborate with Resident Welfare Associations, NGOs, various levels of government, schools and community groups to improve safe infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists in Gurugram.

Walk Gurugram is a launch event for further such walk_shops which intends to advocate and inspire walking and cycling in the interest of road safety, health benefits, cleaner air and vibrant

neighbourhoods. We as a group of road safety professionals are dedicated to make Gurugram a better city for pedestrians by promoting walking and striving to create safe, accessible, interesting and amenity rich pedestrian environments across the city.

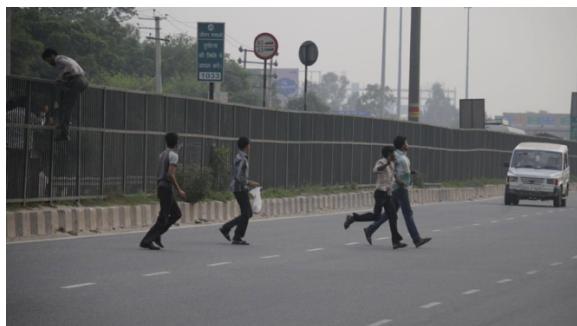
The intent of the Walk_Shop is to spread the awareness among various communities about an inclusive street design and identifying the major issues by conducting the small walks with school children, Resident Welfare Associations, NGOs and other communities in their neighbourhoods. This would be an attempt to know about the on-ground situation, note down direct observation or perception of the road users and initiate a discussion around improving walking and cycling infrastructure in the city. This will further help in making stakeholders realize that the movement of pedestrians on the city road should be dealt with dignity, convenience, pleasure, and safety.



Pedestrians crossing a busy Golf Course Road, in Gurugram



Students walk the most on roads



Pedestrians crossing roads in Gurugram



Foot overbridge near Westin Hotel at IFFCO Chowk junction sees hundreds of pedestrians crossing the roads through heavy traffic

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A Hands-on walk_shop to learn the benefits of Safe and Walkable streets

Unlike all modern cities of the world, Gurugram streets are neither vibrant, nor safe or walkable. We use our streets to travel to local markets and shops, leave our children to the bus-stop, go to the bus-stand and go for walks. Don't we? Then why can't we use our streets with dignity, pleasure and safety. Why don't we adapt street designs that promote walking, cycling and using the streets more conveniently.

Streets are for all to use and enjoy the benefits. Let us come-together to attend a hands-on walk_shop to learn the benefits of better and safer street designs to install a sense of combined ownership in improving our city. Join us to make Gurugram walkable! The workshop is open to all road and street users, school and college students, youth, progressive citizens, RWA members, NGOs, housewives and senior citizens.

Walk _ Shop Agenda

Venue: Mount Olympus School Gurugram Sector – 47, Gurugram

Time	Activity	Moderator
ICE BREAKING SESSION		
10:05 – 10:10	Welcome Note – Explaining the agenda for the day	Mrs. Shubhra Puri Founder – Gurgaon First
10:10 – 10:15	Explaining the Launch Event of “Raahgiri Day”	Mrs. Sarika Bhatt Co-Founder – Raahgiri Foundation
10:15 - 10:20	Presentation on Raahgiri Day Impact Survey	Ms. Ria (Student XI class)
10:20 - 10:45	i. Presenting Design Principles for “Streets for All” ii. Explaining the concept of Walkathon and various activities for the day	Ms. Priyanka Sulkhan Manager – WRI India
10:45 – 11:00	Tea / Coffee Break	-
11:00 – 12:00	Walkathon – Leading the four routes	Sarika Bhatt Priyanka Sulkhan Nishant Bhatnagar Aashima Bhandari Vibhav Kharagpuria Harshal Deepshikha - RF Seema - RF
12:00 –12:30	Interactive Activities with citizens and school children – “Apni Raahein Apni Azadi”	WRI Team
12:30 – 1:00	Presentation by the Students on the Maps	WRI Team
1:00: – 1:05	Thank You Note	Mrs. Sarika Bhatt Co-Founder – Raahgiri Foundation
1:05 Onwards	Lunch	-