

## **Industrial Development Commissioner takes stock of arrangements for 2012 Formula 1 Indian Grand Prix** ***Race to be held on October 28, 2012***

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Learning from the experience of the first edition of *Formula 1 Indian Grand Prix* last year, Infrastructure & Industrial Development Commissioner (IIDC), Anil Kumar Gupta has directed the authorities concerned to ensure smooth organisation of the event this year without any hassles to general public and spectators.

A high level meeting was held under the chairmanship of IIDC, Anil Kumar Gupta here today to take stock of the preparations for 2012 F1 Indian Grand Prix to be held on Buddh International Circuit (BIC) in NOIDA from October 26 to October 28, 2012.

A presentation on traffic, transport and security for the ensuing international motor race was made by Sports organising committee to IIDC, Anil Kumar Gupta in the presence of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), NOIDA- Rama Raman; Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development- Sanjay Prasad; Special Secretary, Infrastructure Development- Kaushal Raj Sharma; Inspector General (IG)-Law & Order, District Magistrate of Gautam Budh Nagar, MKS Sundaram, SSP-Noida, DIG-Meerut and other senior officials.

Directing the government officials and event organising committee to remove all bottlenecks for smooth flow of traffic and transport to and fro from BIC, IIDC, Anil Kumar Gupta said, "*Since F1 race is a major international sporting event of India and attracts enthusiasts from India and abroad to Uttar Pradesh, hence all efforts should be made to ensure easy access and comfortable experience of spectators, providing medical facilities and more number of traffic marshals with adequate security arrangements.*"

He added that educating the public about routes and facilities available, tickets, parking area and 'do's & don'ts' was very important to avoid confusion, so, sports organising committee should give advertisements in newspapers and publicise the relevant information through banner and posters.

IIDC further said that similar meeting will be held in first week of October in Noida itself to review the progress on decisions taken today.

Officials from sports organising committee were asked to coordinate with Noida-Greater Noida Authorities to enable free traffic flow through this route. Further, far more spectators are expected this year after operationalization of Yamuna Expressway, therefore, special event based steps will be taken for **easy dispersal of spectators after the race is over.**

CEO, Noida, Rama Raman informed that this year Noida Authority would provide **extra land for Park & Ride facility for 10,000 vehicles from the present 4,000 near Knowledge Park.** Park & ride facility provides transport buses from the parking place to the race circuit.

It was informed that this year **buses ferrying spectators from Knowledge Park parking to BIC would be increased to 200 from 100 last year.** Similarly, **200 buses would be provided from Noida City Centre Metro Station** along with additional buses at some points in New Delhi also with more shuttle buses inside circuit. BIC has been divided into four zones, viz. East, West, North, South for facilitating easy access and parking to spectators. Tickets will have all the relevant information about entry, seat and exit.

**Buddh International Circuit is 5.125 Km long and race involves 60 laps of this circuit. Sebastian Vettel was the race winner in 2011.**