

Daily drink 'n' drive checks till Jan 1

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HAVE A SAFE NEW YEAR: A car, split into two after a recent accident on Mysore Road, is displayed on Brigade Road as part of an awareness drive against drunk driving

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Bangalore: Commuters were taken aback to see a mangled car bang in the middle of Brigade Road-Residency Road intersection on Friday evening.

The car, split into two, was the result of an accident on Mysore Road last fortnight. It was put on display as part of an anti-drink-and-drive campaign in the run-up to the gala New Year's Day celebrations.

Starting Friday till the new year, Bangalore traffic police will intensify patrolling and breathalyser tests on the road to keep tabs on drunk drivers.

Bangalore police commissioner BG Jyothi Prakash Mirji said more checkpoints will be set up across the city. Police said last year, on New Year's Eve alone, three people died in road acci-

Police chief in a huff

Rules were clearly not followed, said police commissioner BG Jyothi Prakash Mirji. He was responding to a query about the case of Manipuri playwright Swar Thounaojam who was heckled by a mob and slapped by a traffic police constable on DVG Road last week. "If rules had been followed, this could have been averted. When citizens don't respect authority or respond properly to them, what use is the authority?" he said. He refused to comment on the status of investigation.

dents from driving under the influence of alcohol. The drive is being conducted in collaboration with WHO's 'Centre for Injury Prevention And Safety Promotion' at Nimhans.