

money, all of a lakh and five thousand rupees, to buy a product blindly by just looking at it standing sordidly in the corner of a showroom.

Can you goad these companies to follow suit like your magazine has done by addressing the bikers who are their prime customer base. Especially in the case of performance machines which are not directly targeted at the commuter. When will it dawn upon these companies to ensure that they have dealers who are a bit enthusiastic and passionate about the product they sell? When can we see people at the dealerships who know a bit more about bikes and biking, than their cell phones? Don't you feel it's high time the consumer gets to claim his rights? After all aren't they trying to sell bikes and promote biking or am I missing the boat? This again proves that bikers do get a raw deal in most places in our country and can only salvage their souls with *Bike India*.

*We are sure that Yamaha encourages their customers to test ride their products. Unfortunately the dealers in India mostly don't abide by the guidelines set by their companies. We are sure some Yamaha officials will go through this mail and take necessary action.*

#### STUNT SCHOOL



From: Sunny Ghosh, Kolkata  
Thanks a lot to *Bike India* for printing pictures of our biking group. Hellriders: We have opened the first stunt school in Kolkata. Do publish our pictures in your magazine. I also have to say something to the team at *Bike India*. The religion of Bikeism is what we are spreading in India, but that is not possible without the support of the world's number one magazine, *Bike India*.

#### CDI CONVERTED YAMAHA RD350

From: Akshai Ambrose  
My inheritance, as I like to call it, is my father's '86 RD 350 LT. It has been a part of my family since I was three. I arrived at Roninton Chinoy's doorstep sometime in Feb '07 with my RD

with a dream to get her running as she did in her heyday. The bike that I brought to Ron was running on an auto escorts points replacement



kit and a re-sleeved standard LT spec bore with TKR pistons. As most of you would expect, the bike performed like shit!! After Ron heard my sob story, he said that he would help me get the bike running the way an RD should run. I paid the full amount for the Digi Cdi III and got in queue. After a few months, I finally managed to get some of Ron's valuable time and rolled my bike into his basement for the installation.

The moment Ron kicked the bike into life I could hear her scream like never before. The increase in the rpm and power band was quite obvious to me at that very moment. Two trial runs and I had a smile on my face that just wouldn't die out! Thanks a ton to Mr. Roninton Chinoy!!!

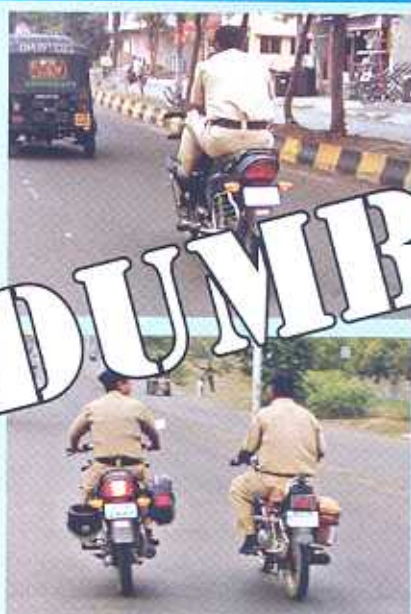
#### SAFE RIDING

From: Sameer Sharma, Aurangabad  
Congratulations and thanks to all you guys for keeping us updated about the inflow of true powerful sports bikes in our country. I am here to tell my fellow biker buddies about a dirty accident I had in February this year. Me and my friend were riding the Pulsar 150 and the Honda Unicorn respectively at high speeds of 105-110km/h. On a flyover, my handle hit against a stupid Scooty rider, riding at 20-25km/h chatting with another Scooty rider, exactly at the centre of the road. As a result all three of us fell with me being thrown around 18-20 feet away and then rolling down the road for another 10-11 feet. I was left with both my hands fully bruised and scratched and my friend got his right hand fractured. The Scooty rider wasn't even hurt! As me and my friend were wearing helmets, it saved our lives or my skull would have cracked. I am sharing this incident because earlier I used to

wear my beautiful helmet only occasionally or as per my mood: Now I believe the helmet is every biker's pride and a person not wearing a helmet cannot be called a true biker. Most of the youngsters of my age (I am 19) do drive bikes as rash and fast as they can. This letter is especially for them. Guys, precaution is better than cure.

*Hey Sameer, you'll always find buffoons on the road, but you have to be extra cautious to not let them hurt you. Be extra careful the next time. And we're sure this letter will have a positive effect on all our young friends.*

#### CHOCOLATE HERGES



While the cop in the first picture is chatting away to glory on his cellphone while riding (without a helmet of course), our lawkeeper friends in the second pic are talking among themselves as if they were out for a stroll in a park. The guy on the left has ingeniously used his helmet to adorn his bike. We hope some senior police official sees these pictures and takes action against these shameless, ignorant morons. The numbers on the plates should be of help.

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