

CARPOOL IS SO COOL!

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'What money! This is about friendship'

MAMTA KESVANI, NISHU GUPTA AND MEENAKSHI MENON
HL INSTITUTE OF COMMERCE

CARPOOL: From Navrangpura to HLIC
DISTANCE (ONE-WAY): 3 km
MONEY SAVED: Rs 1,000 per month per student

Sharing a car is "more about friendship" for these three girls, they say matter-of-factly. They had never decided on carpooling. Spending time together is all they thought of. Their 3-km drive to college helps them bond over food, music and girl-talk. Nishu, a resident of Navrangpura, picks up Mamta from Stadium area. Sometimes, Meenakshi joins them, too, since her relatives live near Mamta's house. "Earlier, I had a two-wheeler. So, I would pick Mamta from her house since she was keen on learning to ride my vehicle. Later, my father gifted me a car. That made the journey to college more fun. Besides, if Mamta went to the college in an autorickshaw, she would spend Rs 40 every day. There's no need for her to spend on commuting when I am there," says Nishu. "I offer to fill the fuel many times, but she simply refuses. Our carpool habit is more about friendship than finance," says Mamta.



'Be smart, think smart'

DEESHA BAKSHI, ABHISHEK ACHARYA, RAHUL GONSALVES AND HARSHVARDHAN
SUBREWAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (EDI)

CARPOOL: From Drive-In Road to EDI, Bhat and back
DISTANCE (ONE-WAY): 25 km
MONEY SAVED: Rs 3,500 per month per student

Six months ago, they were complete strangers for each other. But a 30-minute journey to college in the same car every day has made them best buddies. This group of four students travels to EDI from Drive-In Road in Deesha's car. Deesha is a local resident while the other three are outstation students. They enrolled for a new batch in Business Entrepreneurship and formed a Whatsapp group of students. Frequent interaction got the four acquainted, more so because all of them live in Gurukul area. "I am a day scholar and I do not prefer living on EDI campus. Abhishek, Rahul and Harshvardhan also live in a PG accommodation at Gurukul. So, my house is our meeting point. We thought it was a great idea to carpool and save on money," says Deesha. Every day, the three boys meet up at Deesha's place and she drives them down to EDI. Each student gets fuel worth Rs 1,200 filled every week in her car. That is more economical than each student having to spend Rs 4,000 a month had they opted to go to the institute separately. "It takes us about half-an-hour to reach EDI and on the way we discuss our assignments, news, events in the city or simply listen to music," says Abhishek. "Carpool is the smartest way of using fuel. It not only saves us money, but also cuts down on environmental pollution," pitches in Harshvardhan.



'For us, time is precious'

YOGENDRA VISHNOI, RUMANI AGNIHOTRI, DHWANI PANCHAL AND TUSHNA KAPADIA
PANDIT DEENDAYAL PETROLEUM UNIVERSITY

CARPOOL: From Maninagar to PDP
DISTANCE: 25-30 km

TIME SAVED: Six hours a day

The varsity's bus service could have been a good option for this group of four students, but it would mean spending six more hours commuting to the institute and back. So, Yogendra decided to play the chauffeur while the other three decided to take turns to buy the fuel. "Yogendra and I are residents of Maninagar. He picks me up from a junction near my house and we pick up the other two from Shahibaug," says Rumani. The four students leave for college around 9.30 am and reach home at 5 pm. Had they preferred the PDPU bus, they would have had to board it at 6.30 am and would have only reached home around 8 pm. "Going to PDPU in a rickshaw would cost us nothing less than Rs 85 a day. We give that money to Yogendra. It is not about the money, really. We end up saving our time and also enjoy a comfortable journey. The time saved is used in project work and socialising with family and friends. Besides, we learn so much from each other," she says.

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