

Driver who knocks down boy chased and caught

A car driver who knocked down a boy after jumping a traffic signal here Saturday was arrested after some motorists who witnessed the accident gave chase and caught him a few kilometres away.

The seven-year-old boy was following his father as they crossed a road on a busy Delhi road when a speeding Toyota Innova that did not halt at a traffic junction hit them.

While the car missed the father who had just crossed over, the boy was hit from behind. It later sped away. The boy was flung into the air and landed several metres away.

In a scene straight out of Bollywood, some motorists gave chase to the car that clambered over a road divider in a bid to escape. One of the pursuing cars then overtook it and blocked its way near the Chiragh Dilli flyover.

There, the car driver was overpowered and handed over to the police.

The driver was arrested and the boy has been admitted to the All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) where his condition is stated to be stable, said S.D. Kukreti, the officer in charge the Hauz Khas police station. 'The accused has been taken to AIIMS for medical examination.'

Kukreti said the car involved in the accident had been impounded.

Hit and run cases are not uncommon in Delhi. Last month a speeding Toyota Corolla car knocked down a traffic police constable near the Boat Club in the heart of the city at night and vanished.

The constable was hospitalised with serious injuries. The car driver is still at large.

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