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Every mile - with safety, health, care and a smile

How hard the life of a truck driver in India is? Does it take too much to keep driving hour after hour and at times, day after day? Yes, it is not easy to be a truck driver. It takes a lot of hard work, determination; patience and perseverance to do what they are best at.

The life of long-distance truckers in India is a daring adventure in more ways than one. Yet there is hardly one who is willing to become a driver these days, leading to an acute shortage of truck drivers in India. While the situation is alarming the trucking industry has researched to find the root cause of it.

And, the research revealed that besides poor remunerations, which is anywhere between Rs. 15, 000 to Rs. 25, 000 a month other various aspects have led to the truck drivers' crisis in India. Unlimited working hours; unsafe environment; no job security; no PF, ESI, leave structure, gratuity, pension and risk cover; unavailable healthcare facilities and above all the missing respect from society are compelling drivers to hunt for better job options.

While there were 75 drivers for every 100 trucks a few years back, it has come down to 65 drivers for the same no of trucks today. Further, the unwillingness of the younger generation to not take up commercial driving is adding to the woes. Then isn't it the duty of transport



Ashok Gupta

organizations to fix the issues of truck drivers? All India Transporters' Welfare Association (AITWA) therefore has taken this initiative and launched a campaign 'Highway Heroes' in 2019. This time, AITWA joining hands with Lawyered has taken the campaign to the next level and renamed the project 'Highway Heroes +'.

'Highway Heroes +' is not just a campaign, it is a mission to recognize and commemorate the sacrifices of the drivers' community for the nation's well-being. The project would try to reclaim the respect for truck drivers in society - the real heroes of highways.

For sure, they are not just drivers, who put their lives at stake every time they are on the road to meet the delivery deadlines and to keep the economy moving. Regularly, they are under constant threats of a road accident, being attacked by highway gangs, theft of loaded cargo, harassment by police and tax inspectors, safety and security of his family in his absence due to long separations and falling sick

due to constantly eating roadside food. Therefore, the role of Lawyered becomes very critical and AITWA expects Lawyered to address the challenges of truck drivers on the road promptly through its Legal Helpline services.

On the employers' front, they should always think if the package for the driver is enough for him to take care of him and his family's well-being. In addition, they should stop paying the driver's salary in instalments, not only it is fair but it is also difficult to plan a budget for the family.

Through the 'Highway Heroes +' campaign AITWA hopes to uplift the lives of drivers. Following are a few benefits that drivers can avail of with the help of this project.

- Personal accident coverage of up to Rs 5 lacs
- Accidental hospitalization coverage of up to Rs 1.5 lacs
- 1 per cent of the sum insured weekly for 100 weeks max in case of temporary/total disability
- 24x7 highway support helpline: for legal aid, harassment issues, and emergency connections
- Financial assistance: can access a zero per cent interest credit limit up to Rs 25,000 (eligibility-based)
- Nationwide access to drivers-specific camps, promotions, and events, supported by AITWA

Hope the campaign 'Highway Heroes +' can transform the lives of drivers, like its baseline suggests: Every mile - with safety, health, care and a smile!



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Honoring India's Unsung Heroes of the Highway: A Tribute to Truck Drivers

In the vast and intricate machinery that drives India's economy and daily life, there exists a crucial yet often unnoticed cog – truck drivers. They are the unsung heroes who tirelessly traverse the nation's highways, making enormous sacrifices and enduring significant risks to keep the country running smoothly. It is high time that we acknowledge their invaluable service, and this call to recognition and honor has found a powerful voice in the form of the Highway Heroes+ initiative, led by the All India Transporters' Welfare Association (AITWA) in collaboration with Lawyered. The core objective of the Highway Heroes+ initiative is to bring about a fundamental shift in the societal

perception and treatment of truck drivers. Shri Ramesh Agrawal, the President of AITWA, inaugurated the event with a heartfelt introduction, highlighting the organization's remarkable journey. Founded in the year 2000, AITWA started with a vision to expand trade, understanding that it would, in turn, boost government revenue. However, they took a step further by recognizing the welfare of the workers associated with the industry.

Over the years, through relentless dedication and struggle, AITWA has grown into an apex body, recognized by the government and actively engaged in policy reform. The organization strives to balance the interests of all stakeholders, whether it be the government, traders, or the



Ramesh Agarwal
National President, AITWA

drivers themselves. As a result of these efforts, India now boasts a remarkable 14.8% GDP, significantly outpacing many European countries, which hover around 8.5%.

A significant aspect of AITWA's successful journey has been its



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collaboration with Lawyered, a partnership that has added tremendous strength to the welfare objective of the association. Lawyered, through its legal expertise and commitment, has played a pivotal role in advocating for the rights and well-being of truck drivers. This collaboration has enabled AITWA to provide essential legal assistance and support to drivers, ensuring that they receive the respect and protection they deserve.

Shri Agrawal then turned his attention to the central theme of the event - the "Highway Heroes." These drivers are the lifeblood of the nation, responsible for transporting goods as diverse as the tea we savor and the newspapers we read. Yet, their contributions are often met with meager returns. According to

recent surveys, the average life expectancy for truck drivers is just 68 years, compared to the national average of 79 years. These heroes, who should rest for at least 6 hours a day, manage a mere 2 hours and 52 minutes of sleep on average. An astonishing 38% of them remain unmarried and are at high risk of various health issues.

Shri Agrawal also recounted a poignant event in 2012 that sought to restore the lost honor of truck drivers. In Jaipur, OP Agrawal, a prominent figure, invited a truck driver as the Chief Guest and performed a symbolic ritual of rinsing the driver's feet in a brass plate. This touching gesture was reminiscent of Lord Krishna washing the feet of his devotee, Sudama. It

marked the beginning of a concerted effort to restore the dignity and respect that truck drivers rightfully deserve, a dignity that had somehow eroded after India gained independence in 1947.

As the event drew to a close, Shri Agrawal reaffirmed AITWA's unwavering dedication to the welfare of the trucking industry. With the Highway Heroes+ initiative as a beacon of hope, AITWA pledges to leave no stone unturned in its pursuit of a brighter future for truck drivers. Through a combination of recognition, support, and collaboration with partners like Lawyered, the association aims to not only improve the lives of these heroes but also contribute to the prosperity and well-being of the nation as a whole.

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Bettering Standard of Living of 'Highway Heroes' for Their Hero-like Efforts

Without giving a thought, the people of India will agree that the trucking industry plays an integral role in driving the growth of India. And, that the truck drivers are the real heroes behind this accomplishment, who ensure that the consignments reach their destinations on time without any damage even while risking their lives at times. They know if the trucks do not reach the scheduled place on time the businesses will suffer and hence will affect the overall economy. For All India Transporters' Welfare Association (AITWA) they are the real heroes of highways and hence the idea of a campaign was conceived as 'Highway Heroes'.

AITWA, which has been helping transporters since 2000 meet their goals, understands the role of truck drivers and is always willing to recognize and reward them for their hero-like efforts. The non-profit organization believed that the unselfish attitude of truck drivers who are on roads for days, without bothering for their food, sleep and family deserve much more than what they receive.

So, the 'Highway Heroes' - the welfare program was designed to uplift the lives of truck drivers and their families. A truck driver who lives an unprivileged life of stigma is always looked down upon in society and not treated, unlike any regular professional. Through the campaign 'Highway Heroes' AITWA aimed at offering a respectful position to drivers in society. Also, the project set a goal to provide an accidental policy

of Rs. 3 lacs to all truck drivers who get themselves enrolled. The amount is set to be offered in case of death or permanent disability. Further, a 24x7 helpline was created to offer nationwide assistance to truck drivers/truck owners. Through this helpline, AITWA is targeted to resolve queries/calls of truck drivers and fight against corruption on the highway and other hindrances.

'Highway Heroes +' is an advanced version of the earlier project. Launched recently in September 2023 with the helping hand of Lawyered, the project is believed to do something more to fight corruption and solve transporters' issues, to make life easy for transport operators. While the 24x7 helpline services of Lawyered are expected to resolve most of the issues that transporters face, AITWA has come up with some attractive benefits for truck drivers.

Lawyered is likely to offer resolutions to;

- E-way Bill
- Road Accidents
- Insufficient Document
- Unlawful Detention of Trucks
- Lodging of False FIRs, Arrests, Unnecessary Stoppages
- Frauds committed against the drivers
- Thefts and Robberies

And, AITWA is offering the following benefits to drivers, who can avail of after getting registered with the welfare organization:

- Personal accident coverage of up to Rs 5 lacs
- Accidental hospitalization coverage



Abhishek Gupta
General Secretary, AITWA

of up to Rs 1.5 lacs

- 1 per cent of the sum insured weekly for 100 weeks max in case of temporary/total disability
- 24x7 highway support helpline: for legal aid, harassment issues, and emergency connections
- Financial assistance: can access a zero per cent interest credit limit up to Rs 25,000 (eligibility-based)
- Nationwide access to drivers-specific camps, promotions, and events, supported by AITWA

AITWA believes the campaign 'Highway Heroes +' will transform the lives of drivers and offer a normal life to lead. Also, the project is expected to inspire people to pick up the driving profession once again. 'Highway Heroes +' much like its baseline 'Every mile - with safety, health, care and a smile' will be able to better the standard of living of drivers and to contribute towards resolving the crisis of shortage of drivers. As for the Government, AITWA presumes that it initiates certain steps to do something remarkable for the truck drivers and the industry.



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A Driving Force Behind the Highway Heroes+ Initiative



In a momentous event that marked the launch of the Highway Heroes+ Initiative, Mr. Mahendra Arya, a staunch supporter and contributor, played a pivotal role in celebrating the invaluable efforts of truck drivers across India. Serving as a prominent speaker and advocate for the initiative, he unveiled a program that transcends recognition and instead focuses on rewarding the invaluable contributions of truck drivers to India's society and economy.

During his address at the Highway Heroes+ event, Mr. Mahendra Arya passionately articulated the core principles and the grand vision behind the initiative. His speech underscored

the urgent need to create awareness and enhance public understanding of the challenges and responsibilities shouldered by truck drivers. He passionately highlighted the pivotal role they play in maintaining the seamless flow of the Indian economy. His words resonated with compassion, empathy, and a profound sense of duty toward the unsung heroes who tirelessly navigate the nation's vast highways.

An integral facet of Mr. Arya's involvement in the Highway Heroes+ Initiative is his deep connection with LAWYERED, a commercial organization dedicated to assisting truck drivers on the highways. Mr. Arya places immense trust in

LAWYERED and its leader, Himanshu, acknowledging their vital role in providing legal support and assistance to truck drivers. LAWYERED offers a safety net, ensuring that truck drivers have immediate access to legal counsel when confronted with challenging situations, and Mr. Arya wholeheartedly endorses this endeavor.

Under Mr. Arya's astute guidance and as a key supporter, the Highway Heroes+ Initiative introduces a comprehensive set of benefits for truck drivers. This includes expanded accident insurance coverage, increased hospital expense allowances, compensation for income loss due to accidents, and the introduction of a 24/7 professional helpline. Notably, the program also issues credit cards to drivers, without the need for a guarantor, boosting their self-esteem and financial security.

Mr. Mahendra Arya stands as a dedicated advocate for the welfare of truck drivers, and his unwavering support within the Highway Heroes+ Initiative is the embodiment of transformative change. His dedication to promoting education, awareness, and support for those who power India's economic engine is both commendable and inspiring. Through his endorsement of LAWYERED, Mr. Arya underscores the holistic approach of the initiative, ensuring that truck drivers are not merely recognized but also empowered, safeguarded, and respected.

As a luminary of positive transformation, Mr. Mahendra Arya's role within the Highway Heroes+ Initiative stands as an inspirational tale of leadership, compassion, and the relentless pursuit of enhancing the lives of those who often labor unnoticed but remain indispensable to the nation's advancement.

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From the Shadows to the Spotlight: The Truck Driver's Journey with Highway Heroes+



New Delhi, India – September 14, 2023 – A groundbreaking event took place at the Indian Habitat Centre on Lodhi Road in New Delhi, and it wasn't just any event—it was a celebration of our unsung heroes, the truck drivers. The occasion marked the successful launch of the Highway Heroes+ program, a remarkable initiative brought to life by the All-India Transporters' Welfare Association (AITWA) in partnership with Lawyered. This program, designed to revolutionize the lives of truck drivers, holds special significance for you—our valued truckers and transporters.

Recognizing the Unseen, Saluting the Essential

This celebratory event brought together eminent personalities from AITWA and Lawyered to applaud the achievements of the Highway Heroes+ campaign. The program, with your interests at heart, seeks to reshape

the public's perception of truck drivers and the vital role you play in our nation's economy.

Mr. Mahender Arya, Co-Chairman of AITWA, highlighted the program's focus on education and awareness, stressing the importance of increasing public understanding of the indispensable role truck drivers play in our economy. The Highway Heroes+ Initiative aims to not only recognize but also reward the significant impact you have on Indian society and its economy.

Powerful Partnership for Truckers

Mr. Himanshu Gupta, the CEO and Founder of Lawyered, expressed his delight regarding this partnership and its potential to benefit truck drivers across the country. This partnership is set to transform truck drivers from mere workers to national heroes, equating your contributions with those of our warriors and farmers.

Highway Heroes+: A Blueprint for

Transformation

The Highway Heroes+ Initiative has set five significant goals that align with your needs and challenges:

1. **Recognize and Reward:** Acknowledge the immense contribution of truck drivers to the Indian economy and society.
2. **Welfare and Well-being:** Provide truck drivers access to essential benefits and services often deprived of due to the mobile nature of your job.
3. **Education and Awareness:** Create mass awareness about the integral role you play.
4. **Policy Influence:** Collaborate with the government to implement policies that enhance your working conditions and dignity.
5. **Sustainable Future:** Address the declining number of truck drivers and ensure that this profession remains appealing for future generations.

The tagline, "Salute to Jawan, Kisan, Saarthi, and Bharti," underscores the

crucial role of truck drivers alongside our soldiers and farmers, recognizing your importance in modern India.

Empowering Truckers with the Highway Heroes+ Card

One of the most significant benefits of the Highway Heroes+ Initiative is the Highway Heroes+ card. This card is available to you at a nominal cost and offers a range of crucial benefits:

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- Financial Support: You can avail a credit limit of up to ₹25,000 with zero interest and zero processing costs through the partner mobile app.

- Access to AITWA-sponsored Events: With the Highway Heroes+ card, you gain entry to driver-specific camps, promotions, and events happening across the country.

Distinguished Guests Elevate the Occasion

The celebration was graced by esteemed guests of honor, who added a special touch to the event. Smt. Sumita Dawra, IAS, Special Secretary (Logistics), DPIIT, Government of India, was in attendance as a special guest. Shri Madhusudan Agrawal, Honorary Consul General of The Republic of Uganda and Vice Chairman of Ajanta Pharma Limited, as well as Chairman of the Mamta Madhusudan Foundation, was



a distinguished guest of honor. Shri Susheel Gupta, CA, General Secretary, Sewa Bharti, Delhi, delivered an insightful keynote address, emphasizing the significance of the Highway Heroes+ Initiative.

Changing the Narrative: From just drivers to National Heroes

The AITWA and Lawyered's Highway Heroes+ Project are poised to significantly influence your lives, transforming you from employees to national heroes. By recognizing your selfless dedication, sacrifices, and the dangers you face daily to advance our nation, this initiative is making a profound difference.

The Highway Heroes+ program, a result of the partnership between AITWA and Lawyered, is set to bring

about a fundamental shift in the way truck drivers like you are perceived and treated in society. These unsung heroes are now getting the recognition and support they truly deserve. You are the backbone of India's economy, and as the Highway Heroes+ initiative gains momentum, your status as national heroes is bound to grow even further.

Supporting Female Truck Drivers and Education

The celebration also saw a heartfelt tribute to Yogita Raghuvanshi, the first woman truck driver in India. She shared her inspiring journey, revealing the challenges faced on the highways, including corruption. AITWA Highway Heroes+ announced a generous donation of ₹5 lakhs to support her future, symbolizing their commitment to uplifting women in this profession. All women truck drivers in India will receive the Highway Heroes+ card and its benefits free of cost.

Furthermore, IDFC First Bank has partnered with Highway Heroes+ to support the education of daughters of truck drivers from grades 9 to 12. AITWA announced that they have already registered 100 daughters on the launch date of this initiative, underlining the positive impact of the program on the community.

A Brighter Future for Truckers and Transporters

In conclusion, this celebration marks a significant milestone in the journey to honor you, the truck drivers, who keep our nation moving. As the Highway Heroes+ program gains traction, the future looks promising for you, our unsung heroes, who are vital to our nation's prosperity and well-being. The Highway Heroes+ initiative, with its robust partnership and transformative goals, is set to uplift and empower you, the backbone of our nation's logistics industry.

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“Empowering India's Truckers: A Vision for a Brighter Future”



In a resounding show of support for India's unsung heroes of the road, the Highway Heroes+ event, held on September 14, 2023, shone a spotlight on the indispensable truck drivers who keep the nation's commerce and daily life running seamlessly. Spearheaded by the All India Transporters' Welfare Association (AITWA) in partnership with Lawyered, this groundbreaking initiative aims to elevate truck drivers from mere workers to national heroes, akin to the revered status of soldiers and farmers.

One of the prominent speakers at the event, Smt. Sumitra Dawra, a distinguished '91 batch IAS officer and the Special Secretary of Logistics under the Ministry of Commerce, lauded the Highway Heroes+ program as a beacon of hope for the trucking community. She emphasized the significant potential of the initiative, which provides a vital 24/7 helpline,

legal assistance, insurance, compensation, financial support, and more for truck drivers. Smt. Sumitra recognized the critical role played by Lawyered's Legal Helpline, acknowledging the constant challenges that truck drivers face on the road and the importance of addressing their issues promptly.

Highlighting the government's commitment to the logistics sector, Smt. Sumitra Dawra spoke about the National Logistic Policies launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. These policies aim to enhance efficiency in the movement of goods and prioritize "Gati" (speed) and "Shakti" (strength). She stressed the importance of prudent investment in infrastructure, roads, railways, and other essential components to achieve efficiency in the logistics department.

The vision of making India a developed country by 2030, as championed by the Hon'ble PM,

hinges on the pivotal role played by logistics. Smt. Sumitra Dawra underscored how the economy relies on the smooth movement of goods facilitated by the highway heroes who tirelessly drive the trucks, transporting everything from raw materials to daily essentials.

Discussing government initiatives, Smt. Sumitra highlighted "Gati Shakti," a program that streamlines road construction planning. This initiative led to the construction of 7500 km of roads in a mere 1-1.5 years, ensuring connectivity between national highways, state highways, and district roads. Such planning optimizes the truckers' journey by mitigating traffic congestion and considering road conditions.

Another innovative initiative, the Logistics Data Bank, was praised for its real-time cargo tracking capabilities. By affixing tracking stickers to containers, this system provides invaluable real-time information, helping identify issues like road conditions and congestion. Its success has garnered recognition from the World Bank.

Smt. Sumitra Dawra also highlighted the Unified Logistics Interface Platform, which empowers transporters and truck owners to verify driver authenticity and track vehicle movements. With over 600 businesses already onboard, this platform is transforming the industry.

In closing, this event served as a clarion call to recognize and celebrate the tireless efforts of India's truck drivers. It was a testament to the transformative power of Highway Heroes+ and the unwavering support of partners like Lawyered. As the torchbearer of legal rights for truckers, Lawyered's contribution was lauded and celebrated, reinforcing the commitment to a brighter future for these essential highway heroes.

“Madhusudan Agarwal: Bridging the Gap Between Pharma and Transportation for Highway Heroes+”



Mr. Madhusudan Agarwal

In a heartfelt and insightful speech at the recent Highway Heroes+ event, Mr. Madhusudan Agarwal, Co-founder and Vice Chairman of Ajanta Pharma and Honorary Consul of Uganda in Mumbai, drew striking parallels between the pharmaceutical and transportation industries. He emphasized the critical bond between these sectors, likening it to a deep friendship, which resonated deeply with the audience.

Mr. Agarwal recounted the challenges he faced in his early days in the pharma industry, where trucks carrying essential medicines often disappeared en route to their destinations. This posed significant hurdles, as replacing the lost goods was no simple task. This experience led him to recognize the intrinsic connection between the

transportation and pharmaceutical sectors. In essence, the timely arrival of trucks is as crucial as the medicines themselves, as any delay could have severe consequences for patients in need.

The distinguished speaker shed light on the close-knit relationship between these two industries and how his involvement in healthcare motivated him to support truck drivers during the pandemic. His foremost concern was the health and well-being of these unsung heroes. Drawing from his experience with the US FDA's stringent criteria, which includes not only the health check-up of workers but also their families, Mr. Agarwal proposed implementing a similar system in India. He suggested establishing a dedicated healthcare fund for truck drivers and highlighted

the lack of accommodations for drivers on long journeys, a pressing issue that requires immediate attention.

Mr. Agarwal underscored the social responsibility of companies, citing the CSR department of his own company, which amounts to a substantial contribution. He stressed that companies should support the Highway Heroes+ initiative as it revolves around the welfare of truck drivers who are the backbone of the transportation sector.

Acknowledging the innovative work of Lawyered, he praised founder Himanshu Gupta for providing on-road legal assistance to the logistics industry. Mr. Agrawal emphasized the need for such disruptive products and commended Lawyered and AITWA for leading the way in this regard.

He also lauded Smt. Yogita for her advocacy in addressing the drivers' issues and emphasized that healthy drivers are essential for a healthy industry. Mr. Agrawal touched on the topic of financial support for drivers' families in case of unfortunate incidents, citing an example where compensation was calculated based on the workers' potential years of employment.

In closing, Mr. Agrawal emphasized the importance of listening to the drivers' voices, recognizing that now is a crucial time to speak up for their benefit and for the greater good of the nation. He encouraged collaboration with the government, stressing that there are willing ears within the government machinery, ready to act in the interest of national welfare.

Madhusudan Agarwal's speech at the Highway Heroes+ event served as a poignant reminder of the indispensable role played by truck drivers in the nation's economy and underscored the need for collective efforts to improve their lives and well-being.

“Yogita Raghuvanshi: A Trailblazing Journey from Homemaker to Truck Driver”



Yogita Raghuvanshi
(Female driver)

Yogita Raghuvanshi, the first female truck driver in India, hailing from Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, has not only shattered stereotypes but has also become an inspiration for many. Her remarkable journey from an ordinary citizen to a proud truck driver is a testament to her determination and resilience. Speaking at the Highway Heroes+ event, powered by Lawyered, Yogita shared her incredible story, highlighting the challenges she faced and the triumphs she achieved along the way.

Yogita's journey began with adversity when the sudden demise of her husband left her with the enormous responsibility of providing for her two children, Yash and Yashika. She initially explored opportunities in her field of dress designing and even took up a job at a boutique. However, the

meager salary was insufficient to meet their needs. Despite having a degree in LLB, her career in law didn't yield substantial financial rewards.

The turning point in Yogita's life came when she represented herself in a legal dispute over her husband's property and emerged victorious. Her husband had also been involved in the transport business, which piqued her interest in the industry. Determined to make a change, she embarked on a new path and decided to become a truck driver.

Yogita's journey into the world of truck driving was not without its challenges. She began by working as a conductor for the first two months, learning the ropes of the profession. Along the way, she faced taunts and skepticism from fellow truck drivers. Despite these obstacles, Yogita held onto her belief that building a protective wall around oneself and

allowing others' words to bounce off it is key to success.

Her decision to become a truck driver was met with reluctance from her family, but Yogita persisted, driven by her unwavering determination to provide a better life for her children. She obtained her driver's license and gradually stabilized her finances. Her first priority was to improve her children's lifestyle, and today, both of them are successful engineers working at reputed companies.

Even after achieving financial stability, Yogita continued her journey as a truck driver. She recently completed a challenging 22-day trip to Meghalaya, a testament to her dedication and endurance.

During her speech at the event, Yogita raised important questions about the challenges faced by truck drivers on the road. She called for the removal of corrupt RTO officials who exploit drivers through unwarranted toll charges and fines. She shared her personal experience of encountering such officials and emphasized the need for accountability in such matters.

Yogita also praised the partnership between AITWA and Lawyered for empowering truck drivers with legal awareness, accessibility, and affordability. This collaboration has provided truck drivers like her with the confidence to address legal issues while on the road.

In closing, Yogita acknowledged the progress made by the government but highlighted the pressing issues at the grassroots level that still require attention. Her journey from homemaker to truck driver exemplifies the resilience and determination of individuals in the face of adversity. Yogita Raghuvanshi's story serves as an inspiration to all, reminding us that with determination and courage, we can overcome any obstacle and achieve our dreams.



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Empowering Highway Heroes: A Journey of Change and Compassion



Mr. Sushil Gupta

In a heartfelt address at the Highway Heroes+ Event held on September 14, 2023, Mr. Sushil Gupta, an influential figure, expressed his gratitude for being part of an extraordinary cause. He commended the All India Transporters' Welfare Association (AITWA) and their Highway Heroes+ initiative for shedding light on the often-overlooked heroes of India's economy – truck drivers. Gupta acknowledged that it's rare to see industry leaders coming together to discuss the well-being of those behind the wheels, emphasizing the importance of recognizing their contributions.

One of the key takeaways from Gupta's talk was his appreciation for the essential role that legal and insurance support plays in the lives of truck drivers. He applauded AITWA's partnership with Lawyered, highlighting the significant impact it has had on empowering drivers. The

collaboration between Lawyered and AITWA, according to Gupta, has created a powerful tool for the betterment of drivers' lives, setting a new standard for support and assistance in the industry.

Drawing inspiration from the motto of the G20 summit, "Vasudev Kutumbakam - Universe is One Family," Gupta likened the Highway Heroes+ Event to an extension of this global gathering. He noted that the work carried out by AITWA is akin to the principles upheld by Seva Bharti, an organization dedicated to selfless service. For Gupta, both institutions share a common core focused on compassion and social responsibility.

Delving into the work of Seva Bharti, Gupta showcased their extensive projects spanning various fields such as health, education, self-employment, and social support across 28 states and 8 union territories. He emphasized their efforts in urban slum areas, where they have established

schools, medical units, and even dialysis centers to serve underprivileged communities. Gupta highlighted Seva Bharti's commitment to serving abandoned newborns through certified adoption agencies, showcasing their impact by facilitating over 1155 adoptions to date.

Another remarkable initiative discussed by Gupta was a residential, free-of-cost school in East Delhi. This school provides education to children from rural, tribal, and Naxalite backgrounds, creating a unique environment where students from diverse cultures and languages interact, fostering the spirit of unity in diversity.

Gupta also touched upon Seva Bharti's endeavors to support sex workers and their children. They established Aprajita, a hostel for young girls who are often caught in the cycle of exploitation. Additionally, they opened a weekly clinic for the health needs of sex workers and introduced a preschool program for their young children.

In a commendable effort to empower women further, Seva Bharti, in collaboration with the Delhi Police, established a driving school for girls. This initiative not only promotes skill development but also contributes to women's independence and safety.

As Mr. Sushil Gupta concluded his enlightening talk, he reiterated the significance of collaborations like the one between Lawyered and AITWA in transforming the lives of those who tirelessly contribute to India's economy. He underscored the importance of recognizing and supporting the unsung heroes of the transportation industry and hailed the efforts to elevate truck drivers to the status they rightfully deserve. In this journey of change and compassion, Lawyered's partnership with AITWA shines as a beacon of hope and progress, promising a brighter future for highway heroes across the nation.

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Mrs. Sheena Kalra: Balancing Business, Education, and Family



Mrs. Sheena Kalra

I am Mrs. Sheena Kalra, one of the proud partners of New Shalimar Roadways, an organization based in the vibrant city of Indore. At New Shalimar Roadways, we specialize in the containerized movement of goods across the length and breadth of India. It's a journey of passion, perseverance, and continuous growth.

My own educational journey began in Indore, where I completed my graduation and earned my MBA in 2010. However, my thirst for knowledge didn't stop there. My passion for teaching and interacting with children led me to pursue a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) degree in Indore as well. This blend of business acumen and a love for education forms the core of my diverse pursuits.

I am fortunate to be the daughter-in-law of Mr. Vijay Kalra, a prominent

figure who served as the Ex-Vice President of the West Zone AIMTC (All India Motor Transport Congress). This familial connection, coupled with my educational background, laid the foundation for my journey into New Shalimar Roadways.

Within our organization, I have the privilege of heading the Admin & Customer Relations department. It's been over a year since I began this role, and I can confidently say that I relish the challenges of this industry. The fast-paced, ever-evolving nature of the logistics sector not only keeps me on my toes but also offers invaluable opportunities for personal and professional development.

Under my guidance, there is a dedicated team of 20 individuals, comprising a mix of senior executives and assistant managers. Together, they serve as our customer relationship managers, ensuring that our clients' day-to-day requirements and concerns are addressed promptly and efficiently.

Beyond my professional commitments, I am an advocate for holistic growth and learning. During my free time, I extend my knowledge and expertise by delivering lectures on topics like spiritual pregnancy and child brain stimulation. Sharing these insights with eager minds is a fulfilling experience that enriches my life.

Additionally, I serve as a part-time

faculty member at the esteemed Malwa Institute of Science and Technology in Indore. Here, I conduct sessions on personality development and corporate grooming for students pursuing engineering, BBA, and MBA programs. Guiding the leaders of tomorrow is a responsibility I embrace wholeheartedly.

In my personal life, I am a devoted mother to two wonderful children, for whom upbringing and education hold a special place in my heart. Balancing the demands of my professional and personal life is indeed a challenge, but it's one that I embrace with determination and enthusiasm.

During my moments of leisure, I find solace in the pages of books, cherish the company of friends and family, and dedicate time to exercise to maintain both my physical and mental well-being. This delicate balance is a testament to my commitment to holistic living.

In conclusion, my life is a tapestry of diverse roles, each of which I hold dear. As Mrs. Sheena Kalra, a partner at New Shalimar Roadways, an educator, and a mother, I strive to excel in every facet of my life. The journey has been arduous, but the rewards of personal and professional growth, coupled with the joy of nurturing young minds and my family, make it a journey worth every step.

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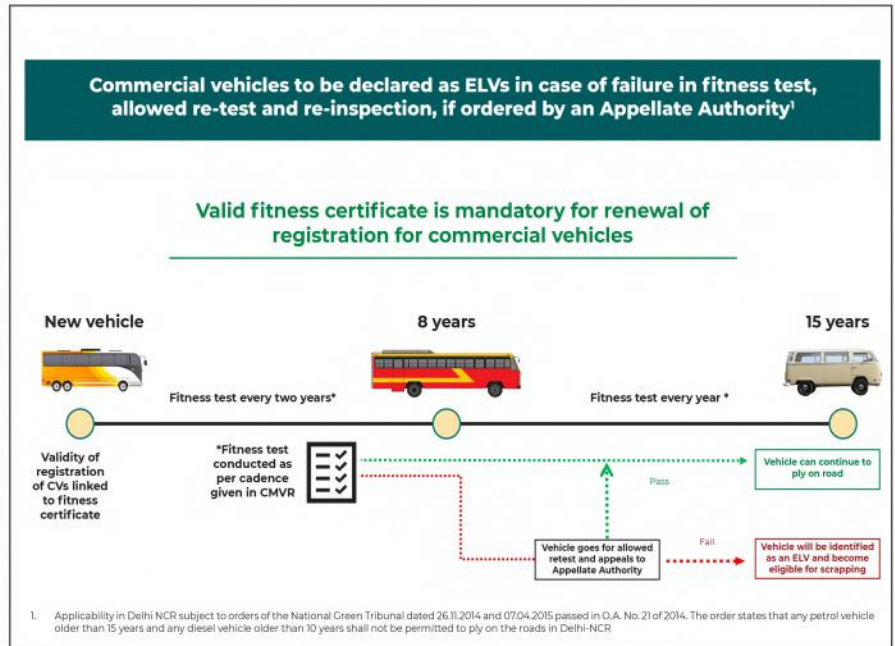
The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has formulated the Vehicle Scrapping Policy that includes a system of incentives/dis-incentives for creation of an ecosystem to phase out older, unfit polluting vehicles across the country. The policy targets scrapping of unfit and polluting vehicles strictly based on their fitness ascertained through Automated Testing Station.

GSR Notification 29(E) dt 16.01.2023 provides that Certificate of registration for vehicles owned by Central, State and UT governments and their Departments, Local government (Municipal Corporations or Municipalities or Panchayats), State Transport Undertakings, PSUs and other Autonomous bodies with the Central Government and State Governments, shall not be renewed after the lapse of fifteen years.

Under the vehicle scrapping policy, as per GSR 720(E) dated 05.10.2021, vehicle owners are eligible for Concession in motor vehicle tax of up to 25% for non-transport vehicles and up to 15% for transport vehicles which are purchased against Certificate of Deposit. Implementation of the provision comes under the purview of State/UT Governments.

So far, 15 states/UTs have announced concessions in the Motor vehicle Tax against the Certificate of Deposit. These States are Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam,

| Commercial Vehicles (CVs) | Private Vehicles (PVs) | Fitness would be mandated through Automated Testing Stations for vehicles |
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The fees for conducting fitness test of Vehicles (both manual and automated)

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10-12% Price Hike in Commercial Vehicles Likely: ICRA



Credit rating agency ICRA projected that the Indian commercial vehicle (CV) industry could face a potential price hike of 10-12 per cent due to the implementation of multiple proposed regulatory changes.

The government has been increasing its focus on emission norms, safety systems, and other standards in the automotive industry. In recent years, the industry has adopted stringent emission standards, as well as driver safety and comfort standards such as advanced braking systems (ABS) and speed-limiting devices (SLD).

In addition, there are a number of proposed regulatory changes that could further increase the cost of CVs. These include the mandatory fitment of air-conditioners (ACs) in driver cabins, effective from January 1, 2025. Additionally, there are plans for the implementation of blind spot information systems, advanced

emergency braking systems, roll-over protection systems, and driver alert systems. Specific segments, such as school buses and inter-city buses, will be subject to new regulations mandating the inclusion of fire detection, alarm, and suppression systems, commencing on October 1, 2023. Several key players in the CV sector have already taken steps to adapt to the changing regulatory landscape. Tata Motors raised prices by up to 5 per cent on its commercial vehicles from April 1, 2023, to comply with the more stringent BS6 Phase-II emission norms.

Notably, Tata Motors announced that it will raise the prices of its commercial vehicles by up to 3%, its third hike this calendar year to offset the residual impact of post-input costs, according to a report published by Reuters.

The price hike will be effective from October 1. The increased prices will be applicable across its range of

commercial vehicles, the Indian automaker said.

Previously, the company raised prices by 1.2% in January and by 5% in March to ensure its vehicles comply with the new emission norms.

India implemented stricter norms through phase II of Bharat Stage 6 from April 1, including testing real-time driving emissions, leading to increased costs for automakers, as per Reuters reports.

Earlier, ratings agency Fitch said that India's commercial vehicle sales volume will slow down to low-to-mid-single digits due to rising ownership costs.

The Fitch report further added that the implementation of the latest emission norms will lead to nearly a 5% rise in the prices of commercial vehicles from April 2023.

Meanwhile, Tata Motors is in the process of creating specialized dealerships in India, specifically designed to cater to electric vehicles, as part of its strategy to further strengthen its position in the fast-growing electric vehicle market.

The company is also in the process of finalizing its international strategy, which could potentially involve the export of electric cars; however, specific target markets were not disclosed.

Tata intends to allocate approximately \$2 billion towards the development of battery-powered models by the year 2027.

The company reported sales of 4,613 electric passenger vehicles, including the Tigor, Nexon, and Tiago EV models, in India last month, marking a 65% increase compared to the previous year.

The automaker is reinforcing its domestic electric vehicle supply chain with the construction of a battery factory in the western state of Gujarat, which is projected to have a production capacity of 20-gigawatt hours.



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Small Trucks are Revolutionizing Transportation and Logistics in India

India is a country with a rapidly growing population and economy. One of the key drivers of this growth is the transportation and logistics industry. The need for efficient, cost-effective transportation is more critical than ever, especially for small and medium-sized businesses. In recent years, small trucks have emerged as a game-changer in this industry, revolutionizing the way goods are transported in India. These small trucks have become increasingly popular due to their ability to navigate through narrow streets and tight spaces, making them the perfect solution for urban transportation.

The transportation and logistics industry in India is undergoing a significant transformation, and small trucks are at the forefront of this revolution, as per 91trucks.com. With a growing economy and increasing urbanization, the demand for efficient and cost-effective transportation solutions has become paramount.

One of the major challenges in the Indian market is the congested and narrow road infrastructure in many cities and towns. Larger trucks often struggle to navigate through these roads, causing delays and inefficiencies in the supply chain. Small trucks, on the other hand, offer a more agile and flexible solution, allowing for easier maneuverability in tight spaces.

One of the key factors that have revolutionized transportation and logistics in India is the fuel efficiency and cost-effectiveness of small trucks. With rising fuel prices and the need for



more sustainable transportation options, small trucks have become the go-to choice for many businesses and individuals.

Small trucks, also known as mini trucks or pickup trucks, are designed to be compact yet powerful. They are equipped with efficient engines that offer impressive mileage, allowing businesses to save significantly on fuel costs. This fuel efficiency not only reduces operating expenses but also contributes to a greener environment by minimizing carbon emissions.

Small trucks have emerged as a game-changer in the Indian transportation and logistics sector, empowering small businesses and entrepreneurs like never before. Traditionally, large trucks dominated the industry, making it challenging for small-scale enterprises to compete due to their high operational costs and limited

resources.

However, the advent of small trucks has revolutionized the landscape, offering a cost-effective and efficient solution for transportation needs. These compact vehicles are not only affordable but also flexible, making them an ideal choice for small businesses with limited budgets and varying load requirements.

In conclusion, the rise of small trucks in India is transforming the transportation and logistics industry. These vehicles are reshaping the way goods are transported, offering efficient and reliable solutions for businesses across the country. With continued advancements and support from the government, the future of small trucks in India is set to revolutionize the way goods are moved, ensuring a more seamless and sustainable logistics ecosystem.



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Ashok Leyland Stallion Undertakes Landmark Drive from Kanyakumari to Leh



Ashok Leyland successfully completed the remarkable 4000km+ journey known as “Manzilka Safar” in the Stallion Truck at Leh, reported Financial Express. This expedition, spanning the entire length of India, commenced on July 26 from Kanyakumari to commemorate Kargil Vijay Diwas and the company's 75th anniversary.

Ashok Leyland Stallion has played a pivotal role in fortifying the Indian Army's defence mobility and logistics. With an unparalleled presence, Ashok Leyland remains the chief supplier of logistics vehicles to the Indian Army, with over 75,000 Stallion trucks in active duty.

These trucks manoeuvre adeptly across challenging landscapes,

encompassing icy mountains, scorching deserts, and dense forests. The recent journey undertaken by three Stallion trucks showcased the vehicle's mastery over these diverse terrains.

Shenu Agarwal, MD and CEO of Ashok Leyland expressed immense pride in the completion of the “Manzilka Safar” Stallion Drive, which coincides with the company's 75-year milestone. This event serves as a heartfelt tribute to the Indian Army and the enduring partnership they share. The drive not only connected with esteemed veteran army officers but also embodied the gratitude and commitment towards safeguarding the nation.

Amandeep Singh, President LCV, International Operations, Defense &

Power Solutions at Ashok Leyland, emphasised that the journey from Kanyakumari to Leh embodies qualities of resilience, strength, and unwavering dedication. This journey signifies not only Ashok Leyland's 75 years of excellence but also the deep-rooted association with the Indian Army. The road traversed during this drive becomes a metaphor for progress and unity, highlighting the shared history and collective determination that drives both entities forward.

In attendance during this event were Amandeep Singh, President LCV, International Operations, Defense & Power Solutions, Ashok Leyland; Major General Manjeet Singh Mokha, SM, Chief of Staff HQ XIV Corps; and Major General Sarabjit Singh Bakshi, SM, General Officer Commanding, Leh Sub Area.

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Tata Motors Launches 'Truck Utsav' to Showcase its Advanced Mobility Solutions

Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, announced the launch of Truck Utsav – a unique customer engagement initiative. Truck Utsav is aimed at raising awareness of its latest vehicles and mobility solutions, showcasing innovative and technologically-advanced trucks with unique value-added services. Tata Motors also unveils the all-new LPT 1916 – a class-leading addition, engineered to set new benchmarks in customer profitability, the company said.

Through Truck Utsav, customers will benefit through Tata Motors advanced mobility solutions, tailored to their specific needs, and also offer an opportunity to engage with financing partners for easy and convenient vehicle financing. Truck Utsav will be held in Delhi, Faridabad, Gurugram, Bengaluru, Jaipur and Chennai, among others, the company said in a media release.

Unveiled at the Truck Utsav, the Tata LPT 1916 offers the highest payload in its segment, allowing higher income and profitability to the fleet owners. It is powered by the proven and fuel-efficient 3.3-litre diesel engine and comes with the walkthrough LPT cabin designed for driver comfort, in day and sleeper configurations. The LPT 1916 has been engineered to ensure highest profitability and reliability, and is equipped with latest features like cruise control, Gear Shift Advisor, dual-mode fuel economy switch, low-rolling-resistance tyres and engine brake.

Rajesh Kaul, Business Head – Trucks,



Tata Motors, said, "At Tata Motors, our dedication to provide customer-centric mobility solutions drives everything we do. Truck Utsav, our latest programme, is an event that epitomises our commitment to engaging with our valued customers and partners. The highlight of the show is the all-new Tata LPT 1916, which will set the highest standards in the segment for customer profitability, equipped with fuel-efficient powertrain and best-in-class features. Truck Utsav provides a perfect platform to engage with our customers, fostering invaluable insights and partnerships. We look forward to welcoming our customers for engaging conversations at this distinct event."

Tata Motors range of trucks have been helping build the nation for over seven decades. The company has gone beyond the BS6 Phase 2 mandatory norms to upgrade the vehicles 'bumper to bumper' with more features, efficient powertrains and richer value-adds. Beyond buying the best-in-class

vehicle, fleet owners enjoy better fuel efficiency, lower operating costs, high vehicle uptime, real-time vehicle tracking and analytics for running the fleet efficiently, the release said.

The company has also introduced several industry firsts – world-class cabins, vehicles with highest load carrying capacity in their segment, optimal body styles, longer decks, latest features, and multiple powertrains to offer the widest choice to the customers. The vehicles come with best-in-class fuel economy, performance and drivability, enhanced driver comfort, enhanced service intervals and fluid replacement frequency. With 4G-enabled connectivity and firmware over-the-air (FOTA) capability, the company has taken connectivity to the next level. All of this is supported by India's largest and most reliable sales and service network; manned by trained specialists and backed by easy availability of Tata Genuine Parts, the release added.

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Tresa Motors Unveils eAxle DAX-1 and Upgraded e-truck Model V0.1

Tresa Motors has introduced India's first eAxle, named DAX-1, along with an upgraded Model V0.1 electric truck platform, suitable for loads ranging from 18 tonne to 55 tonne.

DAX-1 integrates Tresa's FLUX350 motor, motor controller, AMT gearbox, and differential into a single compact unit. Powered by Tresa's FLUX350 platform motors, the DAX-1 operates within a wide power range of 150Kw to 350Kw, all while maintaining a lightweight profile under 25 kg.

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Tresa Trucks aim to enhance the driver experience with central seating, air conditioning, airbags, and the use of LIDAR and AI for safety.

Vinod K. Dasari, Chairman of Tresa Motors, emphasized the growth of EV adoption and the company's focus on Indian design and manufacturing.

Rohan Shravan, founder and CEO of Tresa Motors, spoke about the company's innovations and India's role in global EV technology.

In July this year, Tresa Motors, an OEM manufacturer of medium and heavy electric trucks, planned to invest between ₹500–1000 crore in establishing both the manufacturing and R&D facilities.

The company evaluated potential locations for its manufacturing and R&D facility, with Karnataka and Tamil Nadu being the top contenders.

Notably, the Bangalore-based startup was founded in 2022 by Rohan Shravan and Ravi Machani and offers core competencies in industrial design, electric powertrains, and battery-related technologies. It is currently developing electric trucks in the 18- to 55-tonne GVW segment and unveiled its first vehicle, the Model V0.1, on July 3, 2023.

MoRTH Chief Launches Bharat NCAP



Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari launched the Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat NCAP) in New Delhi aiming to enhance road safety by elevating vehicle safety standards for up to 3.5-tonne vehicles in India.

Addressing the gathering he said this is a landmark step towards empowering our consumers for being able to make a better choice for buying safer cars.

Gadkari said BHARAT NCAP will also greatly push the safety and quality of the vehicles in India, while simultaneously promoting a healthy competition among OEMs to manufacture safer vehicles. He said the new safety regime under BHARAT NCAP and AIS-197 is a mutual win-win for manufacturers and consumers and an instrumental step towards safeguarding lives of our citizens and making our Automobile Industry the number one auto manufacturing hub in the world.

The Program is applicable to type

approved motor vehicles of M1 category less than 3.5T GVW. This is a voluntary program in which the base variants of a given model shall be tested.

This program will commence from 1st Oct 2023 and will be based on Automotive Industry Standard (AIS) 197. Program aims to create ecosystem of competitive safety enhancements leading to increased awareness among consumers. Consumers can take an informed decision by making a comparative assessment on vehicle performance under crash test conditions.

NCAP brings the opportunity to the OEMs to manufacture vehicles of global safety standards. Program will be anchored by Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT). This program has been evolved based on stakeholder consultations.

Besides, Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), India's premier test centre for passive safety evaluation with more than 17 years of experience and competent manpower,

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- Lateral UPDs (IS 14682, ECE R73)
- Rear UPDs (IS 14812, ECE R58)
- Front UPDs (AIS069, ECE R93)
- Component fitment and installation tests (AIS023, AIS052, AIS063)

Nandura to Chikhli Section on National Highway 53 Worth Rs. 800 Crore at Malkapur in Buldhana District, Maharashtra

The Union Minister for Roads Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the quadrangement of Nandura to Chikhli section of 45 km length on National Highway 53 worth Rs.800 crore at Malkapur in Buldhana district, Maharashtra. The Member of Parliament (MP) of Buldhana, Prataprao Jadhav, Rakshatai Khadse, MP along with MLAs and officials were also present on the occasion.

The inauguration of 45 km long four-lane project on National Highway 53 will boost the progress and prosperity of the people of Buldhana.

Under the Bharatmala Yojana, Amravati-Chikhali Section Package-4 on National Highway 53 four-lane construction has been completed. This project includes 6 km long Nandura Greenfield Bypass, Malkapur ROB, 4 Major Bridges, 18 Minor Bridges, 11 Culverts, 3 Circular Underpasses, 4 Pedestrian Underpasses, includes 11.53 km long double-lane service road, 20 bus sheds and 1 truck lay-by.

The project will boost mutual trade between four states namely Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. The East-West Corridor will get better connectivity, which will benefit Raipur, Nagpur and Surat.

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Due to the use of soil obtained from the deepening of lakes in the construction of the said highway under the Amrit Sarovar scheme, the water storage capacity of the lakes in the area has increased. Due to this water conservation, the problem of water scarcity of the citizens of Malkapur will be solved. Along with this, the proposed works of Rs 866 crore in Buldhana district were announced in the program.



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3 NH Projects Worth Rs 3695 Crore in Washim, Maharashtra

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 3 National Highways (NH) projects worth Rs 3695 Crore in Washim, Maharashtra.

In the last 9 years 227 km of highway network has been constructed in Washim district connecting Vidarbha and Marathwada. The 4-lane National Highway 161 from Akola in Maharashtra to Sangareddy in Telangana becomes important in strengthening the trade relations between the two states.

Divided into a total of 3 packages, the first package on the highway from

Akola to Medshi or 48 km costing Rs 1,259 crore has four air pools, 10 underpasses and 85 culverts. The second package from Medshi to Washim or 45 km costing Rs 1,394 crore includes 13 bus shelters, 6-lane ROB and Washim city bypass. Also, under the third package from Pangre to Warangafata or 42 km and costing Rs 1042 crore, the main bridge over Kayadhu river, Kalamanuri and Akhara-Balapur city bypass are included.

Many important places in Akola, Washim, Nanded and Hingoli districts will now be connected. It will be easy and accessible to reach religious and tourist places like Shegavche Gajanan

Maharaj Temple, Akola Shahnoor Fort, Antriksh Jain Temple, Eighth Jyotirling Aundha-Naganath, Sant Namdev Maharaj Sansthan, Narsi and Takht Sachkhand Gurudwara in Nanded. The Highway facilitates business opportunities in Telangana and Maharashtra leading to employment growth.

In the construction work of Sadar National Highway 161 under the 'Amrit Sarovar' scheme, ponds in Savargaon Barde, Jhodga Khurd, Chivra, Amani, Saikheda or other villages were opened and the soil and sand obtained from it was used for construction of the road.

Kargil-Zaskar Intermediate Lane on National Highway 301 being upgraded

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said in Ladakh, the Kargil-Zaskar Intermediate Lane on National Highway 301 is being upgraded.

In a tweet Gadkari said the total length of the project is 31.14 kilometers and falls under Package-6. He said the main aim of this effort is to boost economic growth in the area by providing a reliable and accessible link for both commuters and the movement of goods in the interior zones.

Union Minister said the upgraded highway will ensure year-round accessibility, which will greatly benefit the local economy and the inhabitants of the region.



He said under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji, this ambitious project is dedicated to

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Green Initiatives in Construction Sector to Make the Country Carbon Neutral by 2070



Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said green initiatives in the construction sector will be taken to achieve the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make the country carbon neutral by 2070.

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi he said under the leadership of Prime Minister all steps will be taken for making the country clean and garbage free. He said in the ongoing Swachta hi seva fortnight several programs including cleanliness drive along national highways, wayside amenities, Dhabas, Toll plazas have been planned at 13000 locations and work has been completed in almost

7000 locations.

Gadkari said disposal of Solid Waste generated on a daily basis is the major environmental challenge being faced in urban areas across the country. He said about 10000 ha of land is locked in dump sites. He said the ministry is working on solutions to utilize urban solid waste in highway construction. He said creating wealth from waste is possible through technology and visionary leadership.

Talking about the Alternate bio fuels in the country Gadkari said he has been a strong proponent of creating an Ethanol Economy and has been pushing for large scale up-take of Ethanol to boost the agricultural growth by 6%. He said the objective is

to make Ethanol Economy of Rs. 2 Lakh Crore. He said with the launch of World's First BS-6 Compliant Flex Fuel Strong Hybrid Vehicle in Delhi Flex Engines will be operating on 100% ethanol and the savings would surpass Rs. 1 Lakh Crore for the Economy. He said the IOCL plant in Panipat converts agricultural waste, like rice straw, into ethanol and biobitumen.

The Minister said with advancements in bio-ethanol production technologies, 1 ton of rice can yield approximately 400 to 450 liters of ethanol, symbolizing a significant stride towards sustainability and energy independence.

Gadkari said by 2025 there will be a mandate to use 1% Sustainable Aviation Fuel with prospective plans to escalate to 5% blending in India in future. Indian Oil is establishing a plant in Panipat with a capacity to produce 87,000 tonnes of Sustainable Aviation Fuel, he added.

Gadkari said in India the telecom sector operates approximately 6 lakh mobile towers. Traditionally, these towers have been reliant on diesel generator sets for power, with one tower consuming around 8,000 liters of diesel annually.

He said this cumulatively results in a staggering consumption of 250 crore liters of diesel, costing around Rs. 25,000 crore every year. The Minister said the integration of ethanol as a fuel for these generator sets offers a sustainable alternative to diesel and the market has already developed a Generator Set on 100% ethanol. He said he is pushing the GenSet industry to only operate on Ethanol based Generators in the time to come.

Gadkari said hydrogen is the fuel for the future and the most important way through which India can become a net exporter of energy.



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World's First Prototype of the BS 6 Stage II 'Electrified Flex Fuel Vehicle' Launched

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari launched the world's first prototype of the BS 6 Stage II 'Electrified Flex Fuel Vehicle', developed by Toyota Kirloskar Motor in the presence of Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey, MD & CEO of Toyota Masakazu Yoshimura, MD & CEO of Kirloskar Systems Limited Geetanjali Kirloskar, Ambassador, Diplomats from Japan Embassy, higher officials and advisors in New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion Gadkari said Ethanol being an indigenous, eco-friendly, and renewable fuel holds promising prospects for India. He said the emphasis of the Modi Government on ethanol aligns with objectives of attaining energy self-sufficiency, doubling farmers' income, transitioning them to Urjadata while continuing to support them as Annadata, and positively impacting the environment. He said the day ethanol economy becomes of 2 lakh crores agricultural growth rate will reach 20% from the current 12%. Talking about innovations in biofuels Gadkari spoke of refinery in Numaligarh in Assam of Indian Oil Corporation where bamboo is being used for manufacturing bio ethanol.

Gadkari said this innovative vehicle is based on the Innova Hycross and is engineered to adhere to India's stricter emission standards, marking it as the first-ever BS 6 (Stage II) Electrified Flex Fuel Vehicle prototype globally.

He said the forthcoming stages for this prototype encompass meticulous refinement, homologation, and certification processes.

Notably, Electrified Flex Fuel Vehicle integrates both a Flex Fuel engine and an electric powertrain, offering the dual benefit of higher ethanol use and improved fuel efficiency.

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supplement to the main mode of propulsion.

The integration of an electric powertrain reduces reliance on conventional fuels, contributing towards sustainable transportation and India's 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat' initiative as production of ethanol increases. Similar to SHEVs, this vehicle can achieve significantly higher fuel efficiency, optimizing the use of ethanol and electricity. By promoting the use of FFVs, India can capitalize on its abundant ethanol potential, reducing petrol consumption. The vehicle represents a significant stride towards decarbonization and greener mobility, aligning with global efforts to combat climate change.

The BS regulations are based on the European emission standards and the Central Pollution Control Board implements these standards. Presently, every newly sold and registered vehicle in India is required to adhere to the BS-VI version of emission regulations.

Bs6 (Stage II) incorporates Real Driving Emissions (RDE) and Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE 2) and On-Board Diagnostics. The new RDE test figures will provide a more realistic estimation of the amount of emissions likely to be produced by vehicles in real traffic conditions with frequent changes in speed, acceleration, and deceleration. Onboard diagnostic (OBD) systems monitor and report the status and performance of various vehicle subsystems and sensors.



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कारोबारी सुगमता और निर्माण की गुणवत्ता को बेहतर बनाने के लिए एनएचएआई के अध्यक्ष संतोष कुमार यादव ने राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को गड्ढा मुक्त बनाने के लिए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग नेटवर्क के निर्माण के दौरान उच्चतम गुणवत्ता मानकों का पालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग बिल्डर फेडरेशन (एनएचबीएफ) के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ एक बैठक की।

विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट (डीपीआर) की

तैयारी में मानकों में सुधार की आवश्यकता पर भी प्रकाश डाला गया ताकि डिजाइन गैप की पहचान की जा सके और योजनाओं में सुधार करने और जोखिमों को कम करने के लिए परियोजना टीमों को लैस किया जा सके। बाधाओं को दूर करके और सिस्टम में सुधार करके परिचालन दक्षता को बढ़ावा देने पर भी जोर दिया गया। ये उपाय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर सुरक्षा और उपयोगकर्ता अनुभव को बढ़ाने के लिए गुणवत्ता और निर्माण के उच्च मानक

स्थापित करने में मदद करेंगे।

एनएचएआई व्यवसाय करने में आसानी में सुधार लाने और अपने सभी हितधारकों के साथ बेहतर संबंध बनाने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है। प्राधिकरण ने उद्योग निकायों द्वारा दिए गए सुझावों को लागू करने के लिए समय-समय पर पहल की है और एनएचएआई परियोजनाओं के लिए गुणवत्ता मानकों और प्रथाओं को बढ़ाने के लिए कंसेशनियर्स, ठेकेदारों और सलाहकारों की सहायता की है।

एनएचएआई ने बीमा प्रतिभूति बांड पर हितधारकों के साथ चर्चा की

भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण (एनएचएआई) ने एनएचएआई अनुबंधों के लिए बीमा प्रतिभूति बांड को अपनाने में तेजी लाने के लिए हितधारकों के साथ चर्चा करने के लिए विचार-विमर्श सत्र का आयोजन किया। राजेंद्र कुमार, सदस्य (वित्त), एनएचएआई, नीलेश साठे, विशेषज्ञ/सलाहकार, एनएचएआई और मंदाकिनी बलूधी, निदेशक (बीमा), डीएफएस के नेतृत्व में सत्र में विभिन्न बीमा कंपनियों के प्रतिनिधियों, संविदाकारों, उद्योग जगत के विशेषज्ञों और एनएचएआई के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों ने भाग लिया। हितधारकों के साथ विचार-मंथन के इस सत्र में बैंक प्रतिभूति (बीजी) के स्थान पर प्रतिभूति बांड को व्यापक रूप से अपनाने की संभावनाओं का पता लगाने और परिचालन संबंधी बाधाओं को दूर करने के विभिन्न पहलुओं पर चर्चा की गई।

एनएचएआई ने बीमा कंपनियों और संविदाकारों से बोली प्रतिभूति और/निष्पादन

प्रतिभूति जमा करने के एक अतिरिक्त माध्यम के रूप में बीमा प्रतिभूति बांड के उपयोग का विश्लेषण करने का आग्रह किया है। जारी होने पर बीमा प्रतिभूति बांड किफायती होंगे और एनएचएआई परियोजनाओं के लिए पर्याप्त सुरक्षा प्रदान करेंगे।

बीमा प्रतिभूति बांड ऐसे उपकरण हैं जहां बीमा कंपनियां 'प्रतिभूति' के रूप में कार्य करती हैं और इस बात की वित्तीय गारंटी प्रदान करती हैं कि संविदाकार सहमत शर्तों के अनुसार अपने दायित्व को पूरा करेगा। भारत सरकार के वित्त मंत्रालय ने सभी सरकारी खरीदों के लिए ई-बीजी और बीमा प्रतिभूति बांड को बीजी के बराबर बना दिया है। भारत की भागीदारी के बिना वैश्विक प्रतिभूति बीमा बाजार का आकार लगभग 29.5 बिलियन डॉलर है।

भारत के दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा निर्माण बाजार बनने की संभावना है। अकेले भारतीय अवसंरचना क्षेत्र को वर्ष 2023 में अनुमानित 2.70 लाख करोड़ रुपये की बैंक प्रतिभूति की

आवश्यकता होगी, जिसके साल दर साल आधार पर 6 से 8 प्रतिशत बढ़ने की संभावना है। प्रतिभूति बांड, बैंक प्रतिभूति के लिए एक व्यवहार्य विकल्प के रूप में कार्य करते हैं और पारंपरिक बैंकिंग उत्पादों की तुलना में लंबी परिपक्वता अवधि प्रदान करते हैं। प्रतिभूति बांड, अनुबंध प्रतिभूति विकल्पों को वित्तपोषित करने के सबसे किफायती तरीकों में से एक है और अवसंरचना क्षेत्र के लिए 50,000 करोड़ रुपये की अनुमानित पूंजीगत राहत प्रदान कर सकता है।

भारत की 5 ट्रिलियन डॉलर की अर्थव्यवस्था बनने की आकांक्षा के मद्देनजर बीमा प्रतिभूति बांड जैसे उपकरण बोलीकर्ताओं और रियायतग्राहियों की नकदी और क्षमता की उपलब्धता को बढ़ावा देंगे। इससे राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग अवसंरचना विकास को मजबूत बनाने में मदद मिलेगी, जिसका भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था पर व्यापक सकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ेगा।

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -2338
ANSWERED ON – 09/08/2023

LANE KILOMETRE CONCEPT

2338. DR. V. SIVADASAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the new formula adopted for measuring the length of National Highways by the adoption of 'Lane-Kilometre' concept in 2018, the details thereof;
- (b) the formula employed prior to that to calculate the length of multilane highways;
- (c) the length of the newly constructed National Highways during the last five years in the country as per the old formula used before 2018; and
- (d) the length of the newly constructed National Highways during the last five years as per the new Lane Kilometer concept used from 2018?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) The method / formula for calculation of constructed length of National Highways (NHs) in the country has not been changed. However, as per the internationally accepted norms and the suggestion of the NITI Aayog, additional information in terms of lane kilometre of constructed NH length can help in realistic appreciation of NHs constructed in terms of lane wise configuration (2/4/6/8 Lane).

Year-wise length of NHs constructed during the last five years are as under.

| Year | Length in Km. | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Strengthening | 2 Lane | 4 Lane | 6/8 Lane | Total |
| 2018-19 | 1,719 | 6,033 | 2,517 | 587 | 10,855 |
| 2019-20 | 862 | 6,031 | 2,728 | 616 | 10,237 |
| 2020-21 | 4,907 | 4,408 | 2,913 | 1,099 | 13,327 |
| 2021-22 | 2,790 | 3,704 | 2,798 | 1,165 | 10,457 |
| 2022-23 | 2,152 | 3,544 | 3,294 | 1,341 | 10,331 |
| 2023-24 (30.06.2023) | 446 | 828 | 730 | 245 | 2,250 |

'CHECKPOSTS GONE, BUT HARASSMENT HASN'T'

In front of top official, woman trucker reveals graft ordeal

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New Delhi: It took India's first woman truck driver to show exemplary courage and lay bare the corruption and harassments that drivers face on road in the presence of a top central government official in charge of logistics. She feels as if "RTOs don't get paid by the government and run their households with income from drivers".

Yogita Raghuvanshi, who became the first woman truck driver after getting a licence to drive heavy vehicles in 2006, was speaking at the launch of Highway Heroes by a major transporters organisation, AITWA, in the presence of special secretary (logistics) Sumita Dawra.

"RTOs are out on our roads only to harass drivers even after checkposts have been removed. Drivers wait for hours hoping to start after the RTOs go from the spots. That's because we know they are there only to harass us and take money. Why do we need RTOs now when the



Yogita Raghuvanshi, India's first woman truck driver

government has abolished checkposts and all details and payments made to the government are available online?" she said. Her remark received huge applause from drivers and transporters.

Speaking to TOI on the sidelines of the event where she was felicitated, Yogita said she got the licence for driving heavy vehicles in her first attempt. Earlier, she had a two-wheeler licence. "I needed to earn more for my children. I was looking for options when my journey as truck driver started. In the first one week I earned Rs 2,000. So, I thought if I worked for a month, I could

earn Rs 8,000. I was getting Rs 3,000 a month in my earlier job," she said.

Yogita started her first assignment in a truck owned by an advocate who was known to her husband. The trip was from Bhopal to Hyderabad, and she covered this 1,100 km in three days.

Now, Yogita owns a 10-wheeled truck offered by an automobile major for being India's first woman truck driver. "I now run my truck in the open market. I decide the trips... and in one long trip, I save Rs 30,000," she said.

On the ordeals on roads, Yogita recalled her recent trip to Meghalaya. "There is no border (checkpost) in Bihar. But I saw a man in uniform taking money from drivers. I clicked his photo and asked why he was there when the checkposts had been removed. He asked me to show my papers and threatened that he would show me how the checking by RTOs has been done away with. They simply harass people if someone does not pay," she asked.

हाईवे हीरोज+ : AITWA और Lawyered द्वारा एक संयुक्त पहल

मास्कर समाचार सेवा

नई दिल्ली। हाईवे हीरोज+ कार्यक्रम भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था के गुमनाम नायकों को पहचानने और सम्मानित करने का एक महत्वपूर्ण प्रयास है, और इसे Lawyered के साथ साझेदारी में ऑल-इंडिया ट्रांसपोर्टर्स वेलफेयर एसोसिएशन (एआईटीडब्ल्यूए) द्वारा लॉन्च किया गया है। यह अभिनव कार्यक्रम हमारे देश की अर्थव्यवस्था का समर्थन करने वाले ट्रक ड्राइवर्स के जीवन में भारी बदलाव लाएगा। Lawyered के सीईओ और संस्थापक, हिमांशु गुप्ता ने इस साझेदारी के लिए अपनी खुशी



व्यक्त की और इस बात पर जोर दिया कि इससे पूरे देश में ट्रक ड्राइवर्स को कैसे फायदा हो सकता है। AITWA के सीईओ जे.पी. सिंगला ने भारतीय समाज और अर्थव्यवस्था में ट्रक ड्राइवर्स के महत्वपूर्ण योगदान को पहचानने की आवश्यकता पर प्रकाश डालते हुए कार्यक्रम की मान्यता और पुरस्कार घटक पर जोर दिया। AITWA के महासचिव अभिषेक गुप्ता ने ट्रक

ड्राइवर्स के लिए कल्याण और भलाई के मूल्य पर जोर दिया और कहा कि कार्यक्रम उन्हें आवश्यक लाभों और सेवाओं तक पहुंच प्रदान करने का प्रयास करता है जो कभी-कभी

उनके मोबाइल काम में अनुपस्थित होते हैं। ऑल इंडिया ट्रांसपोर्टर्स वेलफेयर एसोसिएशन के सह-अध्यक्ष महेंद्र आर्य ने शिक्षा और जागरूकता पर कार्यक्रम के जोर पर टिप्पणी की, जिसमें ट्रक ड्राइवर्स द्वारा निभाई जाने वाली आवश्यक भूमिका और उनके पेशे की सराहना करने के महत्व के बारे में सार्वजनिक समझ बढ़ाने की आवश्यकता पर प्रकाश डाला गया।



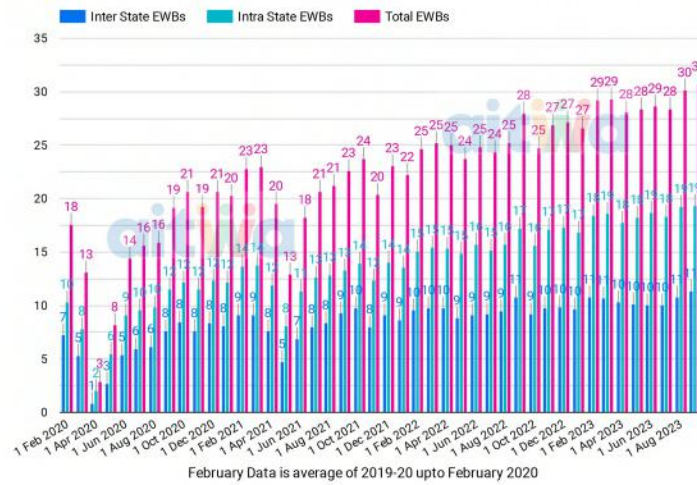
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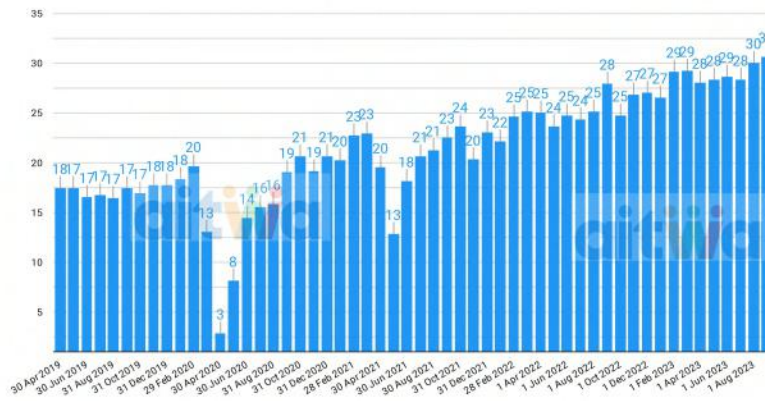


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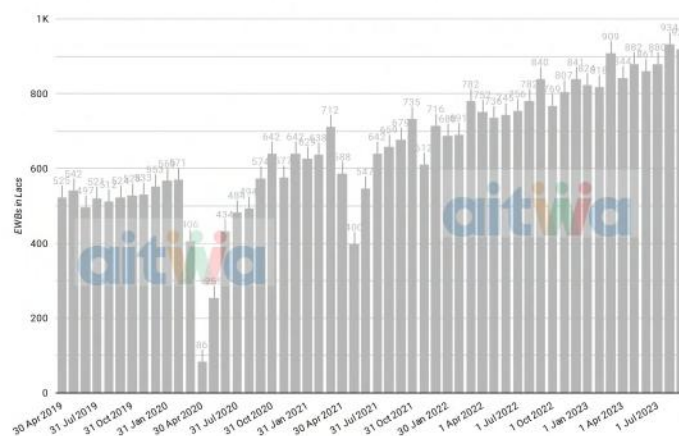
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Total number of monthly EWBs generated (in lacs per month)



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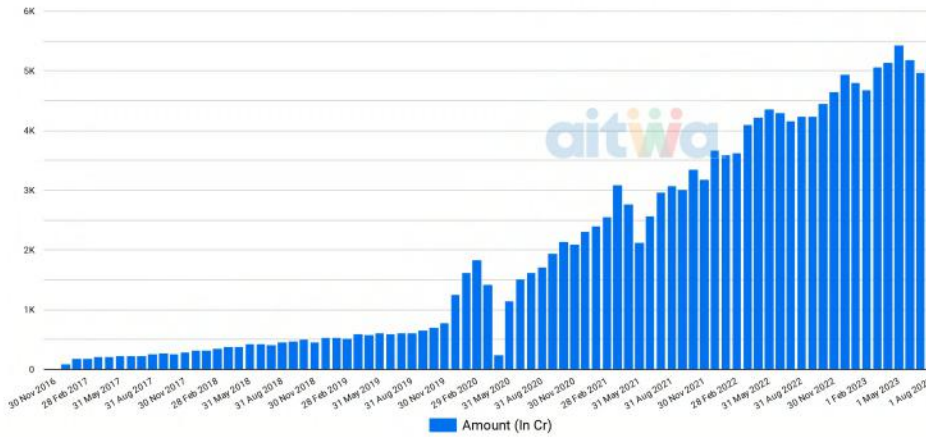
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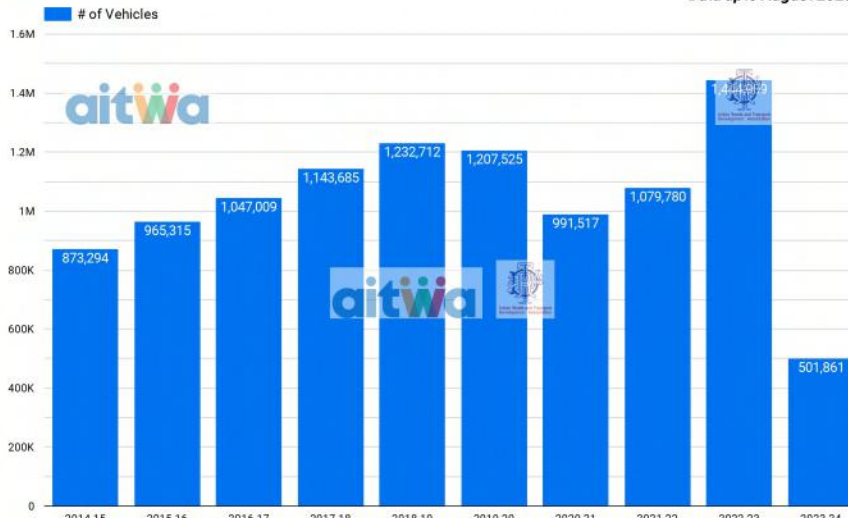
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National Permit Vehicles in India

Data upto August 2023



TOTAL FREIGHT (INT'L+DOM.)

| S. no. | Airport | Freight (in MT.) | | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|------------------------------|---------|----------|
| | | For The Month | | | For The Period April To Aug. | | |
| | | Aug. 2023 | Aug. 2022 | % Change | 2023-24 | 2022-23 | % Change |
| (A) 15 International Airports | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Chennai | 27509 | 29173 | -5.7 | 139761 | 151579 | -7.8 |
| 2 | Kolkata | 13172 | 12178 | 8.2 | 57311 | 60038 | -4.5 |
| 3 | Goa | 402 | 474 | -15.2 | 2443 | 2517 | -2.9 |
| 4 | Srinagar | 680 | 542 | 25.5 | 4564 | 5297 | -13.8 |
| 5 | Bhubaneswar | 882 | 873 | 1.0 | 4262 | 4388 | -2.9 |
| 6 | Calicut | 1618 | 1207 | 34.1 | 7440 | 5653 | 31.6 |
| 7 | Coimbatore | 868 | 852 | 1.9 | 3066 | 3985 | -23.1 |
| 8 | Varanasi | 472 | 492 | -4.1 | 2013 | 1947 | 3.4 |
| 9 | Amritsar | 170 | 115 | 47.8 | 1461 | 945 | 54.6 |
| 10 | Trichy | 599 | 655 | -8.5 | 2707 | 2711 | -0.1 |
| 11 | Portblair | 484 | 548 | -11.7 | 2221 | 2704 | -17.9 |
| 12 | Imphal | 94 | 650 | -85.5 | 950 | 3364 | -71.8 |
| 13 | Vijayawada | 13 | 128 | -89.8 | 209 | 486 | -57.0 |
| 14 | Tirupati | 2 | 8 | -75.0 | 9 | 63 | -85.7 |
| 15 | Kushinagar | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Total | | 46965 | 47895 | -1.9 | 228417 | 245677 | -7.0 |
| (B) 6 PPP International Airports | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Ahmedabad | 8560 | 6922 | 23.7 | 42390 | 38085 | 11.3 |
| 17 | Lucknow | 1884 | 1287 | 46.4 | 8378 | 6395 | 31.0 |
| 18 | Guwahati | 1728 | 1781 | -3.0 | 8882 | 9902 | -10.3 |
| 19 | Jaipur | 1810 | 1523 | 18.8 | 7542 | 7340 | 2.8 |
| 20 | Trivandrum | 1741 | 1558 | 11.7 | 8015 | 6968 | 15.0 |
| 21 | Mangalore | 214 | 459 | -53.4 | 776 | 1843 | -57.9 |
| Total | | 15937 | 13530 | 17.8 | 75983 | 70533 | 7.7 |
| (C) 7 JV International Airports | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Delhi (DIAL) | 84289 | 73806 | 14.2 | 395289 | 376537 | 5.0 |
| 23 | Mumbai (MLAL) | 65808 | 61830 | 6.4 | 332196 | 328182 | 1.2 |
| 24 | Bangalore (BIAL) | 36517 | 34878 | 4.7 | 176749 | 173848 | 1.7 |
| 25 | Hyderabad (GHAL) | 12714 | 11283 | 12.7 | 60943 | 61058 | -0.2 |
| 26 | Cochin (CIAL) | 5560 | 5468 | 1.7 | 24777 | 25988 | -4.7 |
| 27 | Nagpur (MIPL) | 682 | 797 | -14.4 | 2901 | 3990 | -27.3 |
| 28 | Kannur (KIAL) | 348 | 424 | -17.9 | 1548 | 1790 | -13.5 |
| Total | | 205918 | 188486 | 9.2 | 994403 | 971393 | 2.4 |
| (D) 2 ST Govt./Pvt. INTL Airports | | | | | | | |
| 29 | Shirdi | 32 | 91 | -64.8 | 167 | 308 | -45.8 |
| 30 | Goa (MOPA) | 61 | 0 | - | 190 | 0 | - |
| Total | | 93 | 91 | 2.2 | 357 | 308 | 15.9 |
| (E) 10 Custom Airports | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Pune | 3416 | 3540 | -3.5 | 15315 | 17404 | -12.0 |
| 32 | Patna | 887 | 1024 | -13.4 | 3746 | 5628 | -33.4 |
| 33 | Chandigarh | 665 | 904 | -26.4 | 2514 | 6188 | -59.4 |
| 34 | Indore | 846 | 911 | -7.1 | 4283 | 4646 | -7.8 |
| 35 | Bagdogra | 754 | 842 | -10.5 | 3605 | 3888 | -7.3 |
| 36 | Visakhapatnam | 334 | 413 | -19.1 | 1766 | 2174 | -18.8 |
| 37 | Surat | 482 | 474 | 1.7 | 2472 | 2344 | 5.5 |
| 38 | Madurai | 264 | 269 | -1.9 | 1043 | 1357 | -23.1 |
| 39 | Aurangabad | 55 | 88 | -37.5 | 280 | 530 | -47.2 |
| 40 | Gaya | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Total | | 7703 | 8465 | -9.0 | 35024 | 44159 | -20.7 |
| (F) 72 Domestic Airports | | | | | | | |
| 41 | Ranchi | 480 | 438 | 9.6 | 2420 | 3043 | -20.5 |
| 42 | Raipur | 424 | 489 | -13.3 | 2063 | 2375 | -13.1 |
| 43 | Dehradun | 141 | 83 | 69.9 | 1129 | 529 | - |
| 44 | Jammu | 69 | 128 | -46.1 | 301 | 698 | -56.9 |
| 45 | Agartala | 241 | 471 | -48.8 | 875 | 2180 | -59.9 |
| 46 | Udaipur | 11 | 35 | -68.6 | 67 | 108 | -38.0 |
| 47 | Leh | 167 | 131 | 27.5 | 856 | 743 | 15.2 |
| 48 | Bhopal | 229 | 278 | -17.6 | 1197 | 1287 | -7.0 |
| 49 | Vadodara | 186 | 200 | -7.0 | 1013 | 1001 | 1.2 |
| 50 | Jodhpur | 15 | 0 | - | 15 | 0 | - |
| 51 | Rajkot | 76 | 88 | -13.6 | 319 | 375 | -14.9 |
| 52 | Gorakhpur | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 53 | Dibrugarh | 103 | 119 | -13.4 | 527 | 607 | -13.2 |
| 54 | Darbhanga | 41 | 2 | - | 224 | 247 | -9.3 |
| 55 | Prayagraj | 3 | 15 | -80.0 | 12 | 28 | -57.1 |
| 56 | Rajahmundry | 1 | 2 | -50.0 | 10 | 7 | 42.9 |
| 57 | Jabalpur | 0 | 15 | - | 0 | 29 | - |
| 58 | Silchar | 65 | 82 | -20.7 | 273 | 416 | -34.4 |
| 59 | Hubli | 12 | 4 | - | 36 | 24 | 50.0 |
| 60 | Belgaum | 0 | 6 | - | 0 | 24 | - |
| 61 | Dimapur | 199 | 115 | 73.0 | 572 | 570 | 0.4 |
| 62 | Kanpur (Chakeri) | 8 | 11 | -27.3 | 43 | 70 | -38.6 |
| 63 | Jharsuguda | 8 | 4 | - | 34 | 19 | 78.9 |

| S. no. | Airport | Freight (in MT.) | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|------------------------------|---------|----------|
| | | For The Month | | | For The Period April To Aug. | | |
| | | Aug. 2023 | Aug. 2022 | % Change | 2023-24 | 2022-23 | % Change |
| (F) 72 Domestic Airports | | | | | | | |
| 64 | Gwalior | 2 | 18 | -88.9 | 7 | 36 | -80.6 |
| 65 | Tuticorin | 1 | 0 | - | 3 | 1 | - |
| 66 | Mysore | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 67 | Gaggal (Kangra) | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 68 | Jorhat | 18 | 38 | -52.6 | 66 | 58 | 13.8 |
| 69 | Bareilly | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 70 | Juhu | 28 | 24 | 16.7 | 135 | 110 | 22.7 |
| 71 | Agra | 0 | 0 | - | 7 | 0 | - |
| 72 | Kolhapur | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 73 | Jamnagar | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 74 | Barapani (Shillong) | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 75 | Jaisalmer | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 76 | Kalaburgi | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 77 | Kandla | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 78 | Deoghar | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 79 | Pondicherry | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 80 | Pantnagar | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 81 | Cuddapah | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 82 | Bhavnagar | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 83 | Kishanganrh | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 84 | Agatti | 9 | 8 | 12.5 | 30 | 20 | 50.0 |
| 85 | Bhuj | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 86 | Diu | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 87 | Rupasi | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 88 | Hollongi (Donyi Polo) | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 89 | Lakhimpur (Lilabari) | 1 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 5 | -80.0 |
| 90 | Khajuraho | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 91 | Bikaner | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 92 | Hindon | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 93 | Porbandar | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 94 | Bhuntar | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 95 | Tezu | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 96 | Pakyong | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 97 | Keshod (Jirangarh) | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 98 | Shimla | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 99 | Gondia | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 100 | Tezpur | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 101 | Hyderabad (Begumpet) | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 102 | Coochbehar | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 103 | Jalgaon | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 104 | Salem | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 105 | Sholapur | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 106 | Ludhiana | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 107 | Kota | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 108 | Safdarjung | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 109 | Bhatinda | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 110 | Pathankot | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 111 | Adampur (Jalandhar) | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 112 | Kanpur (Civil) | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| (F) 72 Domestic Airports | | 2538 | 2805 | -9.5 | 12235 | 14610 | -16.3 |
| (G) 20 St.Govt. / Pvt Airports | | | | | | | |
| 113 | Durgapur | 68 | 47 | 44.7 | 278 | 340 | -18.2 |
| 114 | Lengpui(aizwal) | 69 | 37 | 86.5 | 267 | 178 | 50.0 |
| 115 | Nasik(Hal ozar) | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 116 | Jagdapur | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 117 | Bilaspur | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 118 | Kurnool | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 119 | Sindhudurg | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 120 | Vijayanagar | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 121 | Bangalore(HAL) | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 122 | Bidar | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 123 | Pasighat | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 124 | Rourkela | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 125 | Jeypore | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 126 | Jamshedpur | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 127 | Nanded | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 128 | Pithoragarh | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 129 | Mundra | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 130 | Ziro | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 131 | Hisar | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| 132 | Shivamogga | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| (G) 20 St.Govt. / Pvt Airports | | 137 | 84 | 63.1 | 545 | 518 | 5.2 |
| (H) Other Airports | | | | | | | |
| (H) Other Airports | | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Grand Total (A+B+C+D+E+F+G+H) | | 279291 | 261356 | 6.9 | 1346964 | 1347198 | -0.02 |

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(*) TENTATIVE (IN '000 TONNES)

| PORT | TRAFFIC PERIOD | P.O.L. (Crude, Prod., LPG/LNG) | Other Liquids | Iron Ore Incl. Pellets | Fertilizers FIN. RAW | Coal Thermal & Steam | Coal Coking & Others | Containers Tonnage | Containers TEUs | Other Misc. Cargo | TOTAL | % VAR. AGAINST 2022-23 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------|------------------------|
| KOLKATA | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 103 | 275 | - | 409 | - | 853 | 5011 | 322 | 1628 | 8279 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 141 | 458 | - | 239 | 3 | 914 | 4273 | 291 | 2036 | 8064 | 2.67 |
| Haldia Dock Complex | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 4703 | 2670 | 562 | 42 | 189 | 9365 | 1062 | 57 | 4287 | 22880 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 4690 | 2276 | 126 | 55 | 192 | 9714 | 1065 | 54 | 4727 | 22845 | 0.15 |
| TOTAL: SMP, KOLKATA | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 4806 | 2945 | 562 | 451 | 189 | 10218 | 6073 | 379 | 5915 | 31159 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 4831 | 2734 | 126 | 294 | 195 | 10628 | 5338 | 345 | 6763 | 30909 | 0.81 |
| PARADIP | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 19094 | 936 | 10872 | 177 | 2529 | 23681 | 100 | 6 | 4386 | 69147 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 17445 | 886 | 7469 | 109 | 2267 | 24222 | 88 | 6 | 4149 | 63729 | 8.50 |
| VISAKHAPATNAM | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 8956 | 917 | 7539 | 911 | 809 | 3698 | 5881 | 363 | 6086 | 39611 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 8018 | 996 | 6945 | 642 | 794 | 2770 | 4049 | 262 | 6032 | 38547 | 2.76 |
| KAMARAJAR(ENNORE) | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 2455 | 77 | - | - | - | 10934 | 6387 | 331 | 1462 | 22478 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 2362 | 62 | - | - | - | 10968 | 5838 | 302 | 2045 | 22092 | 1.75 |
| CHENNAI | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 7037 | 769 | 484 | - | 168 | - | 15112 | 783 | 1733 | 25303 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 7175 | 620 | 58 | - | 138 | - | 14131 | 732 | 2040 | 24162 | 4.72 |
| V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 242 | 641 | - | 465 | 334 | 4582 | 7526 | 376 | 2178 | 19840 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 154 | 593 | - | 414 | 379 | 4748 | 7799 | 390 | 2288 | 19318 | 2.70 |
| COCHIN | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 11144 | 325 | - | - | 147 | - | 4917 | 358 | 700 | 17233 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 10946 | 245 | - | - | 87 | - | 5000 | 347 | 727 | 17005 | 1.34 |
| NEW MANGALORE | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 11972 | 1385 | 1786 | 295 | 30 | 2584 | 1455 | 103 | 469 | 20168 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 12669 | 1068 | 911 | 276 | 34 | 1889 | 493 | 88 | 539 | 19109 | 5.54 |
| MORMUGAO | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 295 | 302 | 1499 | 98 | - | 1774 | 3348 | - | 1306 | 8622 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 299 | 116 | 805 | 53 | - | 1806 | 3403 | 16 | 1746 | 8244 | 4.59 |
| MUMBAI | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 20407 | 867 | 2679 | 217 | 75 | 3752 | - | 106 | 10 | 33013 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 18320 | 818 | 2771 | 155 | 25 | 3431 | - | 123 | 11 | 30515 | 8.19 |
| J.N.P.A. | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 1662 | 1407 | - | - | - | - | 38365 | 3112 | 753 | 42187 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 1564 | 1610 | - | - | - | - | 36448 | 2960 | 548 | 40170 | 5.02 |
| DEENDAYAL | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 31020 | 5682 | 693 | 1801 | 153 | 9896 | 173 | 4531 | 243 | 64971 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 33174 | 5797 | 385 | 1724 | 54 | 10864 | 151 | 4032 | 245 | 70894 | -8.35 |
| ALL PORTS | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2023 | 119090 | 16253 | 26114 | 4415 | 4434 | 62017 | 30036 | 6064 | 40920 | 393732 | |
| | TRF APRIL-SEPT., 2022 | 116957 | 15545 | 19470 | 3667 | 3973 | 66229 | 28299 | 84092 | 5690 | 384694 | 2.35 |
| % Variation from previous year | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1.82 | 4.55 | 34.12 | 20.40 | 11.60 | -6.36 | 6.14 | 7.56 | -11.93 | 2.35 | |

Source: I.P.A.

Government Calls Upon all Stakeholders to Come Forward and Support the Vehicle Scrapping Policy Describing it is a Win-win Situation for All

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari called upon all stakeholders to come forward and support the Vehicle Scrapping policy. Addressing a Stakeholder Consultation in New Delhi he said it is a win-win situation for all. The Union Minister said the Ministry has undertaken multiple initiatives to build resilient demand for vehicles such as building a world-class network of Highways, Electrification of buses, and mandatory automated fitness testing of vehicles. He said the Auto OEMs should work towards increasing their production capacity and support the nation to become the largest auto industry in the world.

Gadkari emphasized that since the Auto industry is the biggest beneficiary of this policy, they must come forward and support on 3 main pillars of more investment in setting up Automated Testing Stations (ATSS) and Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities (RVSFs), more awareness amongst citizens about the policy benefits through their dealer network and a finalized discount % against certificate of deposit obtained by citizens on scrapping vehicles.

Secretary Anurag Jain encouraged the



auto industry to set up scrap centers and automated testing stations across the country. It was emphasized that Vehicle Scrapping Policy is expected to increase auto sales by about 8% and contribute about 0.5% to the country's GDP and hence, Auto OEMs must extend unconstrained support to the policy.

This stakeholder consultation aimed to seek support from the automobile industry to expedite the implementation of vehicle scrapping policy in the form of investment in vehicle scrapping infrastructure of Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities (RVSFs) and Automated Testing Stations (ATSS), generation of awareness among citizens and extension of discounts to vehicle

owners for scrapping vehicles at RVSFs. Representatives from all major automotive OEMs (including Tata, Mahindra, Maruti, Kia, Hyundai, etc.), auto dealers and used car aggregators (including Car Dekho, Cars24) attended the event and shared their perspectives on the challenges and actions required to expedite implementation of the vehicle scrapping policy.

Additional Secretary Mahmood Ahmed welcomed the dignitaries and industry participants and highlighted key benefits of V-VMP. This was followed by a presentation on the status of V-VMP and support required from the auto industry by Director Paresh Goel.

SIAM also presented their views on the incentives for citizens through this policy and good inputs were provided by all other auto industry stakeholders.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) launched the Voluntary Vehicle-Fleet Modernization Program (Vehicle Scrapping Policy) in 2021. This Policy is aimed at creating an ecosystem for phasing out old, unsafe, polluting vehicles and replacing them with newer, safer, and fuel-efficient vehicles.



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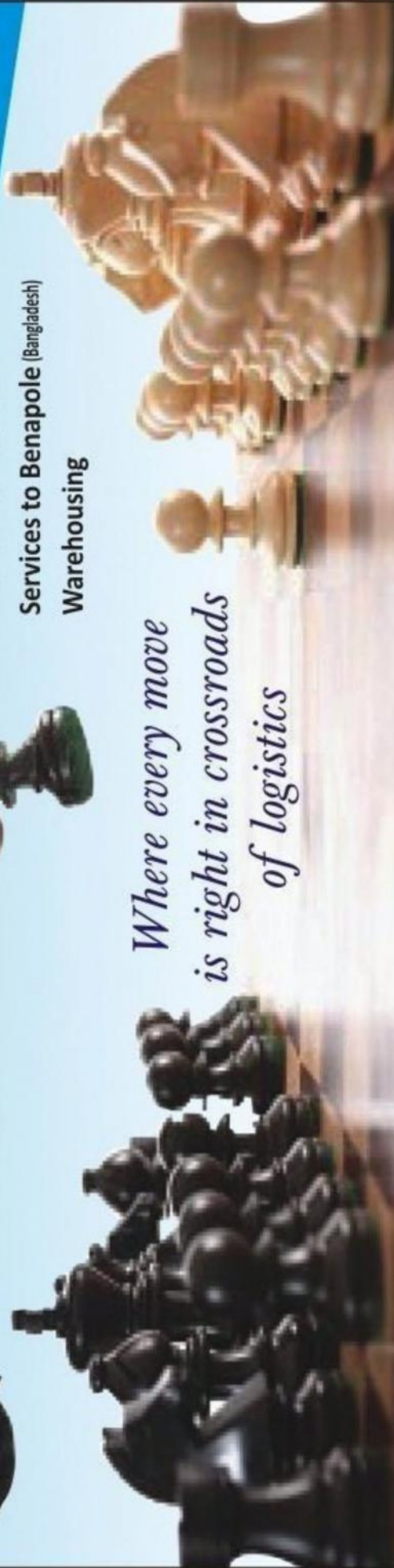
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