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SEBI's Credibility

Strengthened by Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of India has delivered a resounding vote of confidence in the regulatory capabilities of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).



Devotees perform ritual on Kartik Purnima festival, at the Dashashwamedh Ghat in Varanasi, Monday, Nov. 27.

Why don't parents trust government schools?



PRIYANKA SAURABH

A recent study by the Right to Education Resource Center of IIM Ahmedabad has confirmed that due to the poor quality of education, parents do not trust government schools.

The courts have to give orders for the work that they should do themselves. The plight of education in primary schools is not hidden from anyone.

Launched in 2021, the program focuses on the adoption of educational technology in the form of smart and digital classrooms, e-libraries, modern science laboratories, improved sanitation facilities, and sports facilities in all high schools.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Renaming Debate

BJP promises to rename nearly 450-year old city Hyderabad as "Bhagyanagar" in just 30 minutes if voted to power in Telangana.

Forest's vulnerability

Tropical and sub tropical forests are more vulnerable to temperature rise than there counterparts in polar as well as desert areas.

Arka Goswami, Bidhannagar

Parliamentary Accountability

Members of Parliament (MPs) face a multitude of responsibilities beyond their legislative duties, including engaging with constituents and addressing their concerns.

MK Nair, Raipur

A Cautionary Tale from Argentina

Yash Pal Raihan



The recent presidential election in Argentina offers a stark lesson in the perils of overindulgence in freebies and subsidies. Javier Milei, the newly elected President, secured a resounding victory with a clear stance—he would not resort to offering freebies or subsidies.

WHAT A MORAL FALL!

Kajal Chatterjee

It was indeed a matter of extreme shame and disgust for the genuine cricket admirers among the Indians to witness how Ahmedabad remained absolutely silent even after witnessing such a stupendous century by the Australian opener Travis Head.

cle-flexing (with additional boost of communalism also) and undiluted "hatred" towards the "Others" (be it in matters of religion or colour and nationality) in this "liberal" country named "New India" with Gujarat/Ahmedabad performing the worst.

apex in all international sectors by hook or by crook! And surely this is the reason why the respected umpires were treated as "villains" of sorts for "not allowing" India to defeat the Aussies and thereby preventing the "nationalists" from claiming how "New India" is "ruling" over the world, thanks to the "stupendous leadership" of a particular leader/regime.

"conspiracy against us" out of "sheer envy". And this had "inspired" Virender Sehwag to launch vitriolic diatribe against the Pakistani cricketers with full-fledged awareness that it would turn him a "Macho hero" of sorts in "New India" where all things muscle-flexing, "nationalism" of belittling the "Other" and hatred call the final shot.

even after full-fledged Indo-Pak war of 1965 or 1971; Eden Gardens had not hesitated a bit to stand up and bid warm farewell to Asif Iqbal in 1980 when the Pakistani great was leaving the international cricket arena for the last time.

BRIEF

Plants set up



Thane: Many industrialists are eager to set up plants in Gadchiroli, a place which once evoked fear due to the menace of Left Wing Extremism, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said on Monday. Speaking at the 'muhurat' of a film on his mentor Anand Dighe, the CM said one industrial house has set up a skill development centre in Gadchiroli and it will train around 5,000 people to create job opportunities. Some 10,000 people are employed in the Surajgad mines project and his government has got a request for the setting up of a steel plant that will give jobs to at least 20,000 persons.

Appointment

New Delhi: Tata Steel on Monday announced the appointment of Akshay Khullar as the Vice President Engineering and Projects of the company. Tata Steel has also re-designated Peeyush Gupta as the Vice President TQM, group strategic procurement and supply chain of the company. "In terms of the company's succession plan for Senior Management Personnel, Akshay Khullar is being appointed as the Vice President Engineering & Projects (Designate), effective December 1, 2023 and as the Vice President Engineering & Projects, effective February 1, 2024," Tata Steel said in a regulatory filing. While Peeyush Gupta, currently serving as the Vice President Group Strategic Procurement and Supply Chain will lead the Total Quality Management (TQM) function, in addition to his current responsibilities, it said.

Promotion



New Delhi: Edtech firm BYJU'S on Monday said it has promoted senior vice president for engineering Jiny Thattil as its Chief Technology Officer. Thattil takes over from Anil Goel, who is leaving the company after three years as Chief Technology Officer (CTO). "We are delighted to promote Jiny Thattil as the CTO of BYJU'S. His extensive experience and leadership skills make him the ideal candidate for this crucial role as we continue to rebuild for greater efficiency and sustainability. We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Anil Goel for his exemplary work," BYJU'S India CEO Arjun Mohan said.

Comm min working to remove trade barriers

Boost exports in sub-Saharan Africa, Gulf nations

New Delhi, Nov 27:

The commerce ministry is working to address issues related to non-tariff barriers and market access for domestic products in sub-Saharan African countries like Nigeria, Ethiopia, Ghana and Gulf nations to boost India's exports, an official said.

The official said meetings have been held with Indian missions of the sub-Saharan African countries with which India has significant bilateral trade. The major trading partners of India in that region in 2022-23 were South Africa (total trade USD 18.9 billion, exports USD 8.5 billion); Nigeria (USD 11.85 billion, exports USD 5.15 billion); Togo (USD 6.6 billion, exports USD 6 billion), and Tanzania (USD 6.5 billion, exports USD 3.93 billion).

The other countries were Mozambique (USD 5 billion, exports USD 2.5 billion); Angola (USD 4.22 billion, exports USD 621 million); and Kenya (USD 3.4 billion, exports USD 3.2 billion). "A virtual meeting with Indian Mission of top 10 countries (bilateral trade-wise) in sub-Saharan African region was held in September to discuss the overall economic and commercial relations with those countries, export performance and non-tariff barriers which are acting as impediments to bilateral trade and enhance exports," the official said. A similar meeting was also held with Indian Missions in GCC countries. GCC is a union of six countries in the Gulf region — Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, and Bahrain. The council is

the largest trading bloc of India. The bilateral trade in 2022-23 with these countries stood at USD 52.76 billion with Saudi Arabia; USD 84.8 billion with the UAE; USD 18.77 billion with Qatar; USD 13.8 billion with Kuwait; and USD 12.4 billion with Oman. The ministry has asked exporters to focus on potential key sectors such as food, electronics and engineering, and major markets to boost exports. It has suggested focus on organising fairs and exhibitions at global scale. India's merchandise exports rose 6.21 per cent to USD 33.57 billion in October this year, even as the trade deficit touched a record high of USD 31.46 billion during the month. Imports increased 12.3 per cent to USD 65.03 billion during the month due to a jump in gold imports.

Eutelsat OneWeb first to receive approval from Indian space regulator

For satellite broadband services

New Delhi, Nov 27: OneWeb India has on Monday received the necessary authorisations from IN-SPaCe to launch Eutelsat OneWeb's commercial satellite broadband services in India. OneWeb India is the first organisation to be granted this authorisation. Eutelsat OneWeb, the low earth orbit operator, is part of Eutelsat Group. IN-SPaCe is the agency of the Government of India, responsible for regulating space activities and granting authorisation for conducting the space activities in the country. This authorisation means Eutelsat OneWeb can launch commercial connectivity services as soon as spectrum allocation has been granted by the Government.

Bharti Group Chairman and Vice-President (Co-Chair) of the Board of Directors of Eutelsat Group, Sunil Bharti Mittal, said: "We are pleased to

note the Indian space regulator's green light to launch Eutelsat OneWeb's commercial satellite broadband services in India. This will be a critical step forward to meet India's ambition of providing internet connectivity for all and will enable the Prime Minister's vision of Digital India. Eutelsat OneWeb is ready to deploy as soon as it receives the final spectrum authorization to launch commercial services."

Cyril Dujardin, Co-General Manager of Connectivity at Eutelsat Group, said: "Bridging the connectivity gap around the world requires collaboration across business but also with governments and regulators. We are pleased to have received these approvals from the space regulator that bring the country a significant step closer to providing high speed connectivity to even the most remote locations."

Maruti Suzuki India to hike prices in Jan, quantum not finalised



New Delhi, Nov 27:

Mart Suzuki India on Monday said it plans to increase prices of its vehicles in January 2024, citing cost pressure driven by overall inflation and increased commodity rates. The company, which sells a range of vehicles from entry-level small car Alto to multi-



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman interacts with Congress leader Shashi Tharoor during a business conclave 'Emerging Bharat, Growing Kerala', in Thiruvananthapuram.

Not involved in construction of Uttrakhand tunnel, says Adani group

New Delhi, Nov 27:

Billionaire Gautam Adani's group on Monday said it has no direct or indirect involvement in the construction of Uttarakhand's Silkyara tunnel, where 41 construction workers are trapped since it collapsed more than two weeks back.

In a statement, an Adani group spokesperson said the conglomerate does not own or hold any share in the company involved in the construction of the tunnel.

"We clarify with utmost emphasis that the Adani group or any of its subsidiaries has no direct or indirect involvement of any kind in the tunnel's construction," it said. "We also clarify that we

do not own or hold any shares in the company involved in the tunnel's construction. The construction workers have been trapped 260 meters inside the Silkyara-Barkot tunnel since November 12 when a part of the under-construction tunnel collapsed following a landslide.

The Silkyara tunnel, which is part of the Char Dham all-weather accessibility project, is being built by Hyderabad-based Navayuga Engineering Company Limited. Strongly condemning any "nefarious attempts" to link its name to the collapse, the Adani group said, "At this time, our thoughts and prayers are with the trapped workers and their families".

Fully committed to smooth functioning of Raymond; business as usual: CMD Gautam Singhania

New Delhi, Nov 27:

Amid issues in his personal life, Raymond Chairman and Managing Director Gautam Singhania has assured employees and board members that it is "business as usual" in the company and that he is fully committed to its smooth functioning.

In an internal mail to the employees and the board members of Raymond, Singhania, who announced separation from his wife Nawaz earlier this month, said he has chosen not to comment on the reports in media "about matters pertaining to my personal life", saying "maintaining the dig-



nity of my family is paramount to me." "However, I remain resolute as Chairman & Managing Director and am fully committed towards the smooth functioning of the company and its business. Even in these difficult times for me, I assure you that at Raymond, it is business as usual," he asserted

in his mail. "As you all are aware that over the last couple of months, we have made significant strides towards growing our businesses exponentially and have had our best quarter in history on top of a consistent upswing in performance over the last nine quarters."

Recently, "we have almost doubled our engineering business by entering sunrise sectors of aerospace, defence, electric vehicle components through MPPL's (Maini Precision Products Ltd) acquisition, and have also been awarded two marquee real estate projects in our focus market of Mumbai Metropolitan Region", Singhania added.

Audi India to hike prices by up to 2 pc from January 2024



New Delhi, Nov 27:

German luxury car maker Audi on Monday said it will hike prices of its vehicles in India by up to 2 per cent from January next year citing rising input and operational costs. The price hike will be effective from January 1, 2024 and will be across the

model range, Audi India said in a statement. "Due to rising supply-chain-related input and operational costs, we have effected a price correction across our model range, maintaining the brand's premium price positioning," Audi India Head Balbir Singh Dhillon said in a statement. He further said,

"the price correction aims to ensure sustainable growth for Audi India and our dealer partners, and we will ensure that the price hike's impact is as minimal as possible for customers." Audi India sells a range of vehicles from Q3 SUV to sports car RSQ8 priced between Rs 42.77 lakh and Rs 2.22 crore.

E-buses expected to account for 11-13 pc of new bus sales by FY25: Report

New Delhi, Nov 27:

Electric buses are expected to account for up to 13 per cent of new bus sales by FY2025, rating agency ICRA said on Monday. Many state Electric Vehicle (EV) policies have announced specific targets and timelines for e-bus adoption, thereby creating a road map for electrification, it noted. With significant operational savings vis-à-vis conventional diesel buses, ICRA said it expects the demand for e-buses to continue to rise. "ICRA foresees electric buses (e-buses) to be at the forefront of India's electrification drive, with the segment expected to witness healthy traction going for-



ward. ICRA estimates e-buses to account for 11-13 per cent of new bus sales by FY2025," it said in a report.

According to the report, it expects government subsidies and evolving technologies to play a role in further reducing the capital costs involved in e-

buses. The traction in the e-bus segment is already visible over the past couple of years, with e-bus volumes as well as penetration levels improving consistently to 7 per cent in FY2023, ICRA noted. Steady progress has been made towards meeting the e-bus deployment targets

under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME) scheme, and this is likely to gain pace over the coming months till the scheme expires in March 2024. ICRA noted that the government has sought to spur e-bus adoption through bid aggregation under tenders floated by Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL). With the enhanced volumes under these tenders due to demand aggregation, there was healthy interest and participation by the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) in the first two tenders, even without subsidies on offer in the second tender, it stated.

India needs to position itself as global mfg hub as China witnessing repeated outbreaks: GTRI

New Delhi, Nov 27:

With China witnessing repeated outbreaks of respiratory ailments, India can position itself as a global manufacturing hub by enhancing its supply chain capabilities and investing in healthcare infrastructure, think tank GTRI said in a report. India can leverage its workforce and manufacturing potential in sectors like mobile phones and laptops, the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said. According to the report, China has experienced several outbreaks due to close human-animal contact, including COVID-19 (2019), H7N9 bird flu (2013), H5N6 bird flu (2014), and H10N3 bird flu (2021). While these outbreaks had varying impacts, COVID-19 notably escalated into a global pandemic. These outbreaks, especially COVID-19, have prompted a reevaluation of global supply chains and reliance on China for manufacturing.

S&P ups India's FY'24 growth forecast to 6.4 pc on robust domestic momentum

New Delhi, Nov 27:

S&P Global Ratings on Monday raised India's growth forecast for the current financial year to 6.4 per cent, from 6 per cent, saying that robust domestic momentum has offset headwinds from high food inflation and weak exports. The US-based rating agency, however, has cut growth estimates for the next fiscal (2024-25) to 6.4 per cent, as it expects growth to slow in the second half (October-March) of the current fiscal, on higher base impact and subdued global growth. "We have revised up our projection for India's GDP growth for fiscal 2024 (ending in March 2024) to 6.4 per cent, from 6 per cent, as robust domestic mo-

mentum seems to have offset headwinds from high food inflation and weak exports. "Still, we expect growth to slow in the second half of the fiscal year amid subdued global growth, a higher base, and the lagged impact of rate hikes. As a result, we have lowered our outlook for growth in fiscal 2025 to 6.4 per cent, from 6.9 per cent," S&P said. The Indian economy grew 7.2 per cent in 2022-23 fiscal ended March 2023. India's GDP expanded 7.8 per cent in April-June quarter. In its Economic Outlook for Asia Pacific, S&P said growth this year and the next is on track to be the strongest in emerging market economies with solid domestic demand India, Indonesia,

Malaysia, and the Philippines. Fixed investment has recovered considerably more than private consumer spending in India, it said. In India, there was a transitory spike in food inflation in the July-September quarter, but it appears to have had little effect on underlying inflation dynamics. Still, headline inflation remains above the Reserve Bank of India's target of 4 per cent, suggesting it will be a while before the rate cycle turns, S&P said. "In Australia, India, and the Philippines, lingering inflation risks are keeping central banks occupied. The government plans to expand fiscal policies in several countries could complicate central banks' policymaking," S&P said.

Efforts to restore tiger presence in Udanti Sitanadi

Central Chronicle News

Mainpur, Nov 27: In an inspiring conservation effort, the Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve has taken significant steps to revive the presence of tigers in the region. Over the past year, tiger sightings in the area had dwindled, prompting concern.

Now, under the guidance of Varun Jain, Deputy Director of Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, a team of 150 forest department officers has been trained to monitor and search for tigers and other wildlife using cutting-edge camera technology.

The tiger reserve's sprawling forested area has been strategically divided into four parts, with plans to install 250 cameras in each segment. These high-tech cameras will play a pivotal role in the All India Tiger Estimation Phase 4, helping conserva-



tionists track and protect the tiger population effectively.

In a recent training program held at the Koiba Eco Center, forest department personnel and sanctuary officers, situated just 36 km from the Mainpur tehsil headquarters, received comprehensive training on camera installation, opera-

tion, and data collection. The training also covered tactics to safeguard the cameras against theft, an issue that had plagued previous efforts.

The latest camera technology, the details of which remain undisclosed for security reasons, is expected to aid in accurately assessing the presence of tigers

in the Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve. The sanctuary, known for its diverse tiger population, has seen a decline in tiger sightings in recent years.

The last confirmed female tiger sighting in the sanctuary dates back to December 13, 2022, with only feces discovered in February 2023. As Phase 4

of the Tiger Estimation project gets underway, the sanctuary administration remains hopeful that it will shed light on the current tiger presence.

Deputy Director Varun Jain explained that the tigers in the region often traverse a corridor stretching from Gadchiroli in Maharashtra through Bastar and Jagdalpur, all the way to Udanti Sitanadi and Sunabeda Sanctuary in Odisha. The tiger population is known to frequent this corridor, making its conservation vital.

According to the 2014 census, Udanti Sitanadi was home to one confirmed tiger, a number reaffirmed in 2018 and 2022. However, following its disappearance in 2023, extensive searches have been conducted throughout the corridor's sanctuaries to locate the missing tiger and preserve this iconic species.

Bike hits parked tractor, one dies, other is critical

Central Chronicle News

Katgi, Nov 27: When a high-speed bike collided with a parked tractor in Giroudpuri last on Saturday, one person died on the spot and other got seriously injured. The injured is undergoing treatment in Ambedkar Hospital in Raipur and is reported critical.

Gram Darra Police check-post Giroudpuri resident Sarpanch's rep Yashwant S/o Lachiram Sahu (36), along with his friend Panch Leelaram S/o Chatram Sahu (46), went to Tundra in their black colour Honda 110 Dream bike bearing No. CG 10 AM 0792 and were returning to their village Darra, when they collided with a tractor standing near RR Hotel Neem tree in Giroudpuri.

In this Gram Darra resident Panch Leelaram Sahu died on the spot and Sarpanch rep's Yashwant Sahu got seriously injured and was lying in pool of blood. On getting



information about it, the villagers immediately reached the site and called an ambulance and sent the injured person Yashwant Sahu to Kasdol Hospital for treatment. But since his condition

was critical, he was referred to Ambedkar Hospital Raipur and he is reported critical. Till Saturday evening no complaint has been filed in Giroudpuri Police check-post.

Person selling 'gupchup' donates ceiling fan

Central Chronicle News

Kharora, Nov 27: A person selling 'gupchup' in Kharora city and is unmarried and the elder son of his mother and father, donated one set of Ceiling Fan to Government Primary School, Bhejridih, by taking out small savings from his daily earnings and from the amount given to her mother for running household works.

This work of benevolence was done in the presence of Head master Govt Primary School Bhejridih Ramesh Karebia and 'sankul' co-ordinator of 'Sankul

Ghiwara' Kailash Baghel. The head Master of School Ashmesh Karebia ex-



pressed gratitude towards Tarun Gupta on behalf of all the students for his work of generosity. Sankul

co-ordinator Kailash Baghel saluted Tarun Gupta for his thinking and said that for such work of benevolence and good thinking, such youth even from the poor community are examples for others. As it was in front of his thinking, even his economic conditions did not come in-between.

Tarun Gupta putting forth his views said that it was within his reach and condition, that he was able to donate this small piece of good work and finding himself honoured and would be making all efforts to do such work of benevolence in the near future as well.

- To benefit common people
- Directions issued in Virtual Meet

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Nov 27: Maximum number of cases of Pre Litigation and Compoundable Pending Civil and Criminal Cases, matters concerning Compensation, Labour, Land Acquisition, Public Utility Services under Permanent Lok Adalat and Revenue Cases needs to be settled as per guidelines of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) for benefit of common people in upcoming National Lok Adalat.

The said directions were imparted by Justice Goutam Bhaduri, Executive Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority during virtual meet with all District Judges/Chairman, Secretary, DLSAs, Judges of Family Court, Chairman Permanent Lok Adalat, Chief Judicial Magistrates and Judges of Labour Court.

While addressing the Video Conferencing meet, Executive Chairman, Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, Justice Goutam Bhaduri cited that 42082 cases were settled in previous Lok Adalat held on 09-09-2023 and directed



for increasing settlement of cases with resolution of more Pre Litigation matters, as the same results in settlement of disputes at the inception itself, thereby ensuring lower institution of cases before Courts. Further directions were also imparted for meetings of Judicial Officers at regu-

lar intervals for proper guidance and support.

The said Video Conferencing Meet was also chaired by Justice Sanjay K Agrawal, who directed for settlement of cases concerning Family disputes, Cases under Sec. 138 of NI Act and MACT Claims Cases focusing upon

pending old cases above 05 and 10 years in upcoming National Lok Adalat.

It is pertinent to mention that upcoming National Lok Adalat was scheduled on 09.12.2023, however due to ongoing Legislative Assembly Elections in State of Chhattisgarh and its probable impact in Lok Adalat, the said date was rescheduled for 16.12.2023 as per directions of Justice Goutam Bhaduri.

As per instructions of NALSA, National Lok Adalat is organized across all Courts at all levels being High Court, District Courts, Tehsil Courts, Family Courts, Forum and Tribunal including all Revenue Courts wherein Administration and Police play a vital role.

More number of cases to be settled in upcoming National Lok Adalat: Justice Bhaduri

'Nadia Madhai' organised at the confluence of 3 rivers

- In front of Shri Kuleshwar Mahadev mandir in Rajim
- On occasion of 'Kartik Poornima'

Central Chronicle News

Rajim, Nov 27: On occasion of 'Kartik Poornima', 'Madhai' was organised at the confluence of three rivers near Shri Kuleshwar Mahadev's temple in Rajim on Monday morning. With this the procedure of 'Madhai' among the villagers will start.

The 'Madhai' passed through Malviyapara of city amidst drum-beats and music and passing through Sahupara and then reached house of ex-Janpad President Raghoba Mahadik. From here it



took along Mahadik and passed through Shri Rajiv



Lochan Mandir to Laxman Jhula and was placed in

front of Shri Kuleshwar Mahadev Temple in front

of the river.

Here prayers were offered to 'Madhai'. During 'Madhai' the shops are decorated with variety of food items and there was a sugarcane shop as well and it sold like hot-cakes. The sugarcane juice too was high on demand and the people enjoyed the 'Madhai' enthusiastically.

It is said that since ancient times itself, the 'Madhai' is organised on the 'Kartik Poornima' in the river. This is known as 'Nadia Madhai'. It is worthwhile to mention here that with this the harvesting of paddy crop starts in the rural areas.

It is after harvesting and cleaning of paddy, the organisation of 'Madhai' in villages is held in the form of happiness. This year this procedure has started now in the villages.

Husband turns out to be wife's murderer

Taken into arrest from his another house

Central Chronicle News

Dhamtari, Nov 27: It was on information that a person named Dhaneshwari Kunjam S/o Devsingh Kunjam (30) in Gram Kurridih has been murdered in Patharapara Kamar Dera Bazar under Keregaon Thana of Dhamtari, the police staff reached the site and conducted inspection suspecting it to be a murder and sent the body for post-mortem.

As per instructions by SP Prashant Thakur and under guidance of Addl. SP Madhulika Sinigh and DSP Bhavesh Sav, TI was asked to conduct investigation into the case and take ac-



tion. It was finding evidence of murder at the site of the murder, the police started inquiring nearby persons and started their search for the accused.

After the incident the accused husband was hiding in his another house and he was taken into arrest by Karegaon police and on interrogation he accepted his crime. He informed that on

Nov 26 at 5:00 am he murdered his wife using a country iron made weapon known as 'Tangiya'.

On asking family members, they informed that the person loses his mental condition from time-to-time. It was based upon the memorandum by the accused and on the basis of sufficient evidence and eye-witnesses that a case under section 302 was filed against him and he was taken into arrest and sent to judicial custody.

In the above action, TI Karegaon Pradeep Singh, Head constable Kanti Lal Sahu, Dikesh Sinha, R Manohar Singh, Lalit Raghuvanshi, Ramesh Sonber played an important role.

Road contractor charges of illegal recovery

- By RTO flying squad of Durg div. without weighing of goods in vehicles

Central Chronicle News

Dalli-Rajhara, Nov 27: Contractor of Chikhalkasa Ashutosh Mathur has charged the RTO flying squad of Durg division of making illegal recovery. He charged that the RTO flying squad Durg division has charged Rs 24000 from four trucks without getting it weighed and that too are involved in the government works for construction of

road from Gram Avari to Doundi. The contractor of road construction work Ashutosh Mathur and the vehicle owners have demanded the local administration to take action against the RTO's flying squad involved in illegal recovery and issuing challan.

The Contractor got information about the illegal recovery when the vehicle riders saw RTO staff standing on the road going from Avari to Doundi. Here the RTO employees were checking all the trucks, pick-up Vans and other commercial vehicles about their vehicle documents and carried out illegal recovery without get-

ting the weighing of the trucks done. In this regard when the correspondent had words with the vehicle riders, then he informed that the RTO Flying squad has issued their challan without getting the weighing of the vehicle done.

One of the RTO employees without issuing any receipt, is charging Rs 2000 from trucks coming from outside and Rs 1000 from pick-up vehicles of the region. Truck owners informed that they are having all valid vehicle documents, viz. Registration papers, permit, pollution certificates and others and despite this they are made to pay to



the RTO squad and failing to make payment, they seize their documents in the name of inquiry.

On demanding back their documents, the employees show their influence and then they say that first they will have to pay and then only documents will be returned. Truck drivers say that they travel by carrying only the transportation cost and are not having so high income that they can pay money free of cost to RTO employees.

As per information in this regard, this flying squad of RTO Durg division is carrying out illegal recovery at different check-

points in the division and the vehicle drivers have urged the administration to free them of this illegal recovery problem.

When the RTO squad officer Prakash Ravate from Balod was contacted, he informed that challan work of vehicles has been cut by the squad and said that without getting the weighing of vehicle done, no illegal recovery of Rs 24000 should be made, as there is no such provision and action can be taken only if the weight is found more after weighing of the vehicle.

Instructions by Central Transport Ministry at bay: The Transport Ministry

of the Central Government had issued orders to stop putting check-points by the RTO in Chhattisgarh and other states from 10 Sept 2021.

In the order it has been mentioned that with GST imposed from 2017, the data of all the vehicles has been made online all over the country. Therefore there is simply no objective of conducting checking of vehicles through such check-points by RTO anywhere. But despite this order, the RTO officers by holding check-points are involved in illegal recovery keeping this central order away.

