

Ramesh Agarwal Is Saving Lives Of Many Truck Drivers. Thousands Of Them Die Due To Lack Of Sleep

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The untold story of lorry drivers losing their lives

While travelling in the buses and comfortable SUVs, we see the convoy of huge lorries plying across the highways day and night with big loads of supplies. Decked with colourful decors, reflectors and signs these lorries run hundreds of miles everyday to deliver goods from one place to another. But hardly we feel apathy for the drivers, who, without any sleep or rest, relentlessly carry out the responsibility of driving these giant machines to deliver our needs to our cities.

transporters, an estimated 26,650 people died (out of a total of 139,091 deaths) as a result of drowsy driving in 2012. In 2013, this figure was 24,081 (out of a total of 137,423). This was a matter of concern for Mr. Ramesh Agarwal, the Managing Director of Agarwal Packers,

According to a study by All India Transport Welfare Association (AITWA), an industry body of

India's leading packing and moving service. To address this problem, in 2012 Agarwal built a 500-bed 'Nindra Daan Kendra' — a free rest house for the truck drivers so that the truck drivers get sufficient rest and sleep. Located on National Highway 8 between Jaipur and Ajmer, this rest house has bathrooms, barber shops, a laundry room, ambulances, parking and security guards. As many as 30,000 trucks pass through this area and the service is open for drivers 24×7 and completely free of charge. All they have to do is sign a statement that says they will use the facility for six hours to sleep.

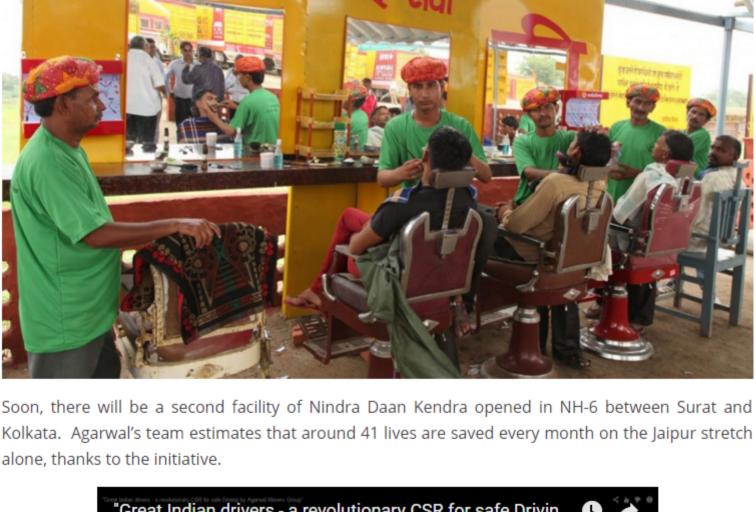
off, is the revelation in a transport presentation in Istanbul when India was leading the number of

He came back to fix the problem

road deaths in the world. After coming back to India Agarwal started researching about it. He found that thousands of people die in road accidents every year and in most of the cases these happen due to lack of sleep. Drivers of the commercial vehicles who travel for long distances are the ones most deprived of sleep and adequate rest and for that's why they are the victims of these accidents in most cases.

What made Mr. Agarwal to come up with this noble effort to help those who are never been thought





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The Logical Indian appreciates this noble effort of Mr. Agarwal and we request the government to do something about the deprived section of the lorry drivers, who are a section of invisible heroes crossing all the daunting challenges of the road to provide us with our requirements.