

# SAARTHI SAMVAAD

Suraksha Aur Samman Ki Raah

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

“

Building a safer, healthier  
and more dignified future  
for India's truck drivers. ”



## THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE



**15**  
Camp Sites



**10**  
States  
Covered



**24**  
District  
Covered



**97,042**  
Drivers  
Screened



**52,377**  
Refractive Errors  
Found



**48,503**  
Spectacles  
Provided



**81,046**  
Social Security  
Linkages



**₹911 CR**  
Cumulative  
Insurance Linked

\*data reflect cumulative numbers of pilot & on-going phase



## EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Saarthi Samvaad—your window into the world of India's trucking community and the efforts to make their journeys safer, healthier, and more dignified. Through this newsletter, we aim to share stories, insights, and updates that highlight the achievements, initiatives shaping the future of truck drivers—the backbone of India's economy.

In this first edition, we showcase the growing impact of the Abhay Saarthi initiative, explore the critical link between preventive healthcare and road safety, and examine why improving the health, wellbeing, and dignity of truck drivers is essential to building a safer and stronger transportation ecosystem.



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## News & Events

### Inauguration of new campsites

In the month of June, 4 new campsites became operational at Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar – Delhi-NCR, Indore – Manpur, Madhya Pradesh, Udaipur – Narayanpura, Rajasthan and Sirohi – Hotel Shree Laxmi. We were honored by the presence of Prof. Vivek Kumar, Head, CRDT, IIT Delhi at the inaugural program at Indore, Manpur Campsite. At the launch of these camp sites the local stakeholders were invited to see the camp services and join hands to promote access to health, vision, road safety and linkage to social security for the truck drivers.



### Castrol India

Abhay Saarthi Program design is based on collaborative framework where MoRTH is primarily supporting the program, partial support comes to CSR. We are happy to announce that Castrol India for supporting health camp at JNPA, Mumbai. Through Castrol Saarthi Mitra, this CSR collaboration will strengthen Abhay Saarthi's mission of building a collaborative ecosystem for truck driver well-being. The partnership was formalised in the presence of Prof. Vivek Kumar, CRDT, IIT Delhi, Ms. Rekha Pillai, Head CSR, Castrol India, Praveen Arya, Founder, Foresight Foundation, and Sreejit Nair CSO, Abhay Saarthi.



### Tribal Community Health Camps were organized at Belagavi, Kalyan & Jhabua

As part of the extended outreach of the Abhay Health Camps in tribal districts across different states, Tribal Community Health Camps are organized to bring integrated health screening, vision care, and social security services directly to underserved villages. Each designated Abhay Health Camp conducts four such outreach camps per program cycle, enabling early disease detection and awareness of key government welfare schemes. In June, 10 camps were organized in Hali Gudaganatti & Aralikatti Belagavi, Karnataka, Bandhan Wadi, Vitthal Wadi & Vanveje Thane, Maharashtra, and Rotla, Sadh, Aupura, Satsera & Goriya Khandan Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, reaching more than 350 beneficiaries with limited access to healthcare. Besides health and vision screening, beneficiaries were also linked to ABHA, Ayushman Bharat, PM JANMAN, and made aware of the DAGJUA scheme to promote holistic development of tribal-majority regions.

### ET Now

At the ET Edge Road Safety & Smart Mobility Summit 2026, Prof. Vivek Kumar, Head, CRDT, IIT Delhi and mentor, Abhay Saarthi, joined industry leaders to discuss ADAS, insurance, and the future of road safety. He emphasised the need to instill road safety values through early education and reiterated that preventive healthcare must remain a key pillar of the road safety ecosystem—an approach reflected in the Abhay Saarthi model for safer, healthier, and more informed journeys for India's trucking community.





## About Abhay Saarthi

### THE DRIVER'S JOURNEY — ABHAY HEALTH CAMP



Every Visit. Every Service. Every Record. **Digitally Connected.**



### PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE

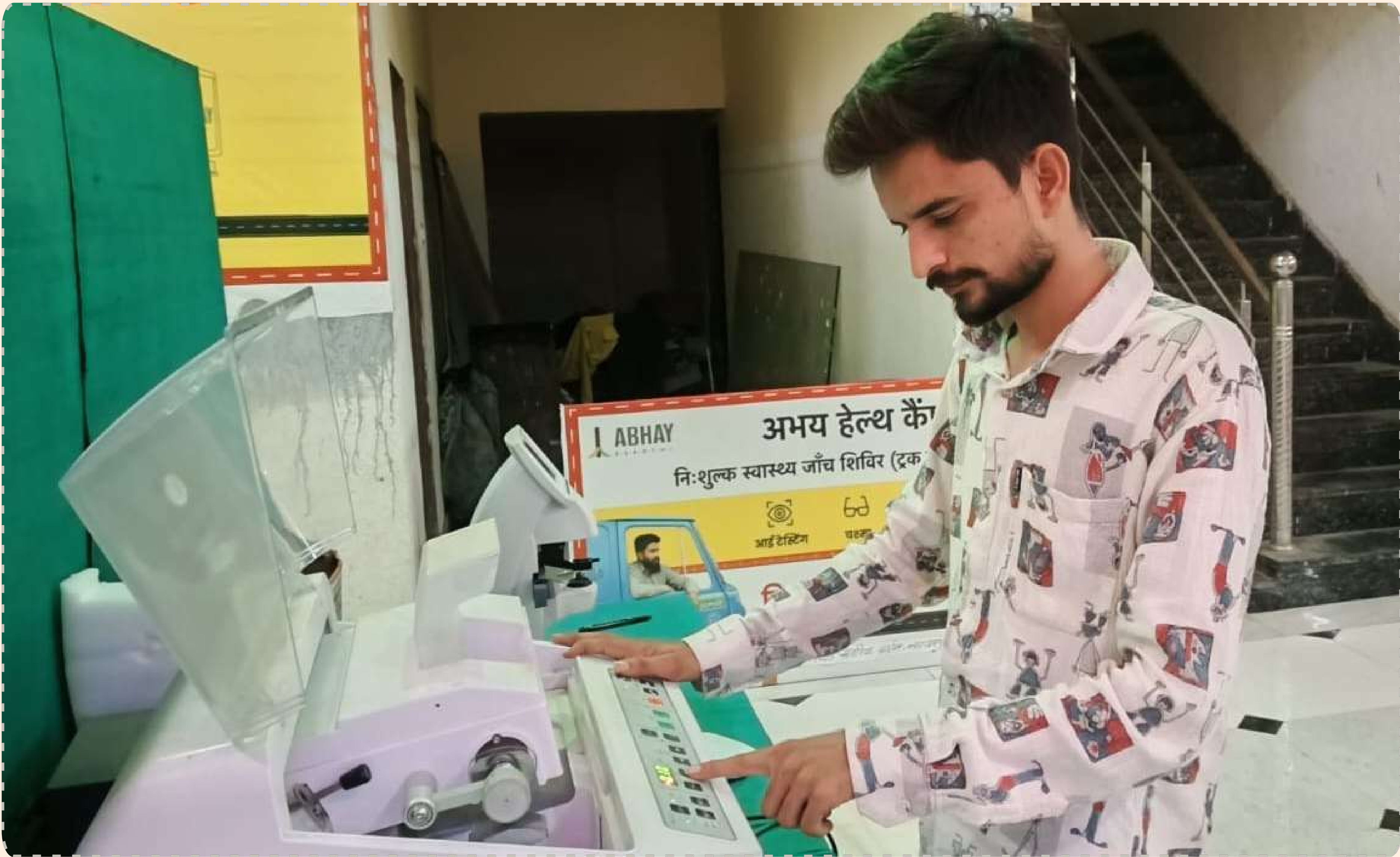


Early diagnostics help address issues before they become critical and affect a driver's alertness and physical fitness. Addressing indicators like BP, blood sugar levels and BMI — with findings from the doctor based on physical examination — not only promotes road safety but also supports sustainable livelihoods for truck drivers.

Preventive healthcare, supported with over-the-counter medication, doctor's advice on lifestyle, and referrals wherever needed, also brings down the burden on the public healthcare system.



## Abhay Fitter Station



### The Fitter Station — One of its Kind, Spectacles On-the-Spot

Instead of simply prescribing spectacles and referring drivers elsewhere, the Abhay Fitter Station provides on-the-spot vision correction, enabling drivers to leave with their prescribed spectacles during the same visit. A full eye exam is followed immediately by on-site dispensing, cutting out the weeks-long gap where most drivers simply never follow up.

**NO FOLLOW-UP VISIT NEEDED · CORRECTION HAPPENS ON THE SPOT AT ABHAY HEALTH CAMP**

#### WHY IT MATTERS

Refractive errors are one of the most common — and most fixable — causes of highway accidents linked to driver fatigue and poor night vision. Yet for a driver constantly on the move, a normal referral pathway (test today, collect glasses in two weeks) rarely closes the loop.

By integrating diagnosis and immediate vision correction, the Fitter Station ensures that drivers leave with more than a prescription—they leave with clearer vision and a safer drive ahead.



## Glimpses Across Campsites



**Hattargi Toll Plaza, Belagavi**  
Karnataka



**Mangliya Toll Plaza, Indore**  
Madhya Pradesh



**JNPA, Parking Area, Raigarh**  
Maharashtra



**Kalyan RTO, Thane**  
Maharashtra



**Khordha - Jankia, Parking**  
Odisha



**Pullur Toll Plaza, Mahbubnagar**  
Telangana



**Manpur, Indore**  
Madhya Pradesh



**Narayanpura Toll Plaza, Udaipur**  
Rajasthan



**Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar, Delhi**  
Delhi



**Uthaman Toll Plaza, Sirohi**  
Rajasthan



**Pullur Toll Plaza, Mahbubnagar**  
Telangana



**Hattargi Toll Plaza, Belagavi**  
Karnataka



## Driver Stories



### Manoj Das | 29 years of driving experience | Kalyan Campsite

At the Abhay Saarthi camp, Manoj Das underwent a preventive health check-up, including blood pressure screening, and learnt about the importance of regular eye care for safer driving. The experience encouraged him to prioritise his health despite long hours on the road.

***"The camp reminded me that taking care of my health is just as important as taking care of my vehicle. I will be more mindful of regular check-ups from now on."***



### Ramkesh Gaur | 43 years of driving experience | JNPA Campsite

At the JNPA camp, Ramkesh Gaur received free spectacles and completed his e-Shram enrollment and ABHA registration - services he said are otherwise difficult to access while constantly on the road.

***"These facilities save us both time and effort. Having them available at one place makes a real difference for drivers like me."***



### Mohammad Salman Khan | 30 years of driving experience | Mangliya Campsite

At the Indore camp, Mohammad Salman Khan received spectacles and completed his e-Shram enrolment in a respectful and efficient environment. He described the visit as worthwhile and said he would encourage other drivers to benefit from the initiative.

***"The time I spent here was truly worthwhile. I will definitely tell other drivers in my WhatsApp groups to visit the camp."***



## Key Initiatives & Partnerships

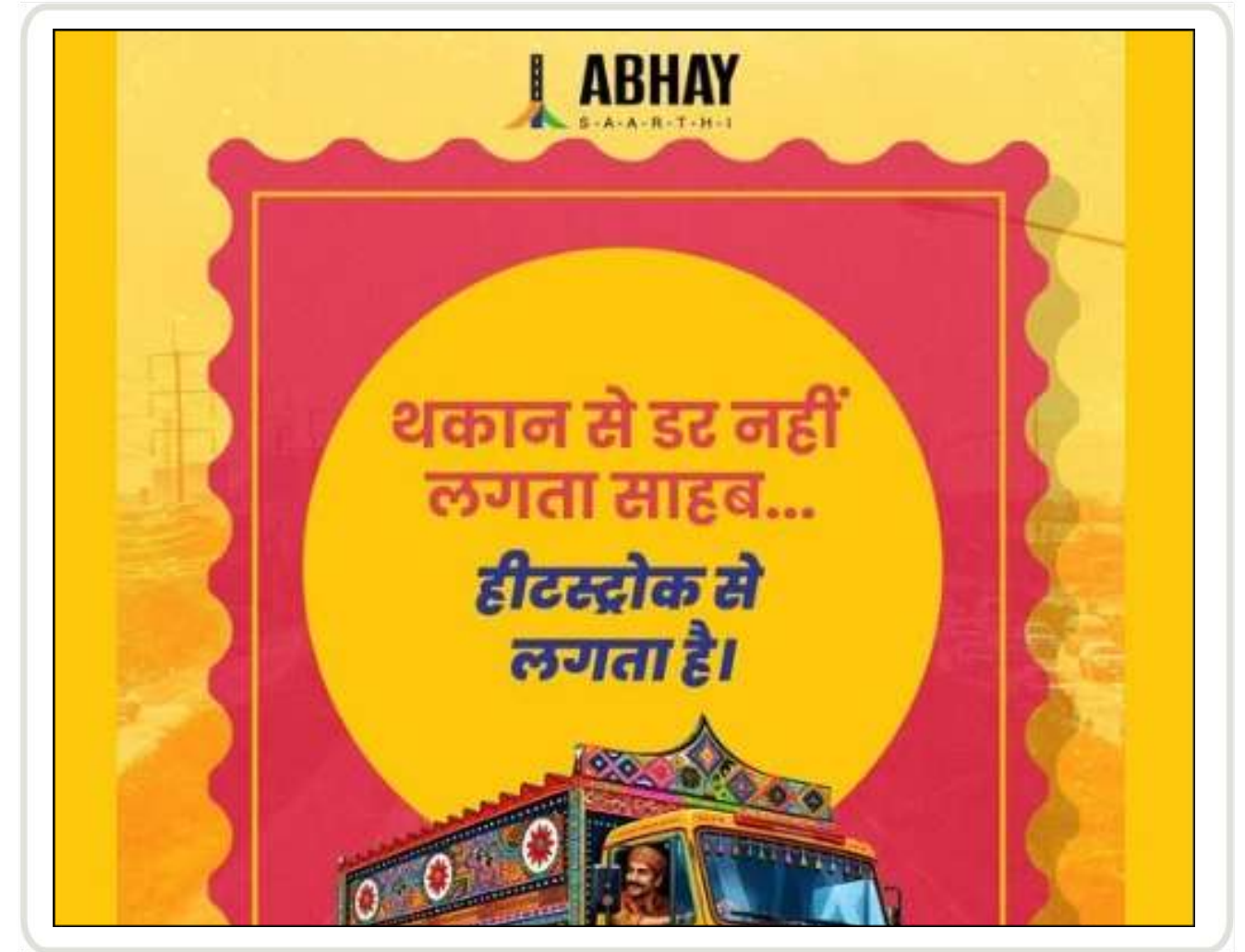
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