

Corrugated box makers' token strike tomorrow

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Members of the Eastern India Corrugated Box Manufacturers Association (EICBMA) have decided to observe a day's token strike on March 30 to protest spiralling raw material prices, particularly the price of kraft paper.

EICBMA feels that the price rise of kraft paper - the extent of increase being as much as Rs 6,000 per tonne since last December - is due

to cartelisation of paper mills. It appealed to the paper mills to desist from "irrational and indiscriminate hike of the price of kraft paper".

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The price of imported waste-paper at Haldia too has jumped, from \$210 to \$362 a tonne due to various reasons such as cold wave affecting forests in the US and Europe, withdrawal of the US Govern-

ment subsidy and a massive earthquake in Chile devastating two of the world's biggest pulp manufacturing mills which accounted for eight per cent of the world supply.

In such a situation, prices of corrugated boxes must rise, but the consumers of corrugated boxes have so far refused to accept any price rise. EICBMA has also urged the State Government to implement a scientific waste management system.

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