

# High input prices hit India's corrugated box makers

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## Synopsis

“Paper mills can increase the prices on a daily basis over a phone call, but we don’t have that luxury. We are dealing with corporate consumers in the pharma, FMCG and e-commerce sectors where any change in prices are not implemented promptly,” said Kirit Modi - President Emeritus of ICCMA.



Apart from the rising input costs, the goods and services taxes (GST) on corrugated boxes have also gone up from 12% - 18% from October.

India's corrugated box manufacturers that supply packaging boxes to FMCG, pharma and e-commerce players are severely hit by the coal crisis, which has inflated costs for paper companies.

“Paper mills with captive power plants consume about 1 tonne of coal to produce 1 tonne of paper,” said Sandeep Wadhwa, President of Indian

Corrugated Case Manufacturers Association (ICCMA). “Mills without captive power plants consume around 450-500 kgs of coal per tonne for other