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e-Way Bill system for intra-State movement of goods in the Maharashtra, Manipur and UTs

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e-Way Bill system for inter-State movement of goods has been rolled out from April 1, as per decision of the GST Council, a PIB report said. The report further added that e-Way Bill system for intra-State movement of goods has been rolled out in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya,

Nagaland, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Telangana, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Union Territory of Puducherry on May 23. E-Way Bills are getting generated successfully and till May 23 more than five crore and thirty lakh e-Way Bills have been successfully generated which includes more than one crore and sixty lakh e-Way Bills for intra-State movement of goods. The GST Council has appealed the state of Maharashtra, Manipur, Andaman & Nicobar Islands,

Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep to implement the e-Way Bill system for intra-State movement of goods. Twenty seven States / Union Territories would have implemented the e-Way Bill system for intra-State movement of goods with the roll-out of the same on May 25 this year. Registration/enrolment on e-Way Bill portal namely <https://www.ewaybillgst.gov.in> may be taken at earliest in the remaining States as well since the same would soon be rolled

out in these States also. The system is working smoothly and without any glitches. On an average twelve lakh e-way bills are being generated every day. Trade and industry may approach their respective tax authority for any guidance in this matter. Further, it is informed that trade should get well versed with respect to the provisions of the e-Way Bill rules in order to avoid any difficulty. The provisions of rule 138D of Central / State GST Rules, 2017 may be referred to for any grievance redressal.

3 days training programme for ncd programme managers underway



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State Mission Director, NHM Manipur, IAS N Bandana Devi stressed on the importance of making Manipur an NCD-free state by stating that the 3 days training programme will empower the programme managers to plan for better & effective implementation and monitoring regarding cancer, diabetes, hypertension screening and treatment at population level for all people above 30 years of age. She was speaking as Chief Guest at the inaugural function of the 3-days training programme which began yesterday for NCD programme managers on National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) at Institute of Co-operative Management (ICM), Lamphelat.

Yesterday's inaugural function was attended by Dr.K Rajo, Director Health Services,

Govt. of Manipur as the President, Dr. Chinmoyee Das, DADG, Dte. GHS, MoHFW, Govt. of India and Dr. L Ashananda Singh, Regional Director, MoHFW as the Guests of Honour. It was organised by the Directorate of Health Services, Manipur in collaboration with the State Health Society, Manipur. Briefing the session, N Bandana Devi said that NPCDCS programmes are launched in the state in 2015 in 9 Districts of Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Churachandpur, Bishnupur, Chandel, Senapati, Ukhrul & Tamenglong which is now expanded to the seven new districts since 2017 December. Highlighting on the significance of IEC activities in spreading awareness about the risk of obesity, smoking, sedentary life and alcohol in causing non-communicable diseases like hypertension, diabetes mellitus and cancer, she explained that the district NCD clinic are having special clinic for treating them by

giving proper counselling, physiotherapy, free medicine & laboratory test.

She also updated the trainees by stating that until March 2017, 134364 persons have been screened for NCD out of which 17958 are suffering from diabetes while 23613 and 1101 are cases of hypertension and heart diseases respectively. 398 cancer patients and 151 stroke suffering persons are also enrolled in the programme, she also stated.

"The ASHA will be doing household visit to every home and use a checklist for NCD and further refer to ANM of PHSC with linkage to PHC", she said.

Dr.K Rajo pointed out that the main objective of today's programme is to give promotion on the management of NPCDCS and proper capacity building and training exercise are important to achieve the set target.

Dr.Chinmoyee Das said that the NCD programme is gaining momentum and the 3 roles of a programme manager are planning, implementation and monitoring as we have limited resources and budget.

Dr.Das; Prof. AK Brogen, HOD Community Medicine, RIMS; Dr. Pradeep Joshi, National Professional Officer, WHO and Dr. Y Premchand, State Nodal Officer, NPCDCS are faculties of the training programme.

DNO of NCD, Eperidermology, APMs of NCD of the 17 districts of Manipur took part in the programme.

Blast in an Indian restaurant in Canada injured 15

Agency
Toronto, May 25,

An explosion inside an Indian restaurant in Mississauga, a city in the Canadian province of Ontario, has injured at least 15 people, reports say. Three of the injured are stated to be in critical condition.

Police and paramedics have arrived at the spot and rescue efforts are on. A bomb squad has also reached the site.

The area near the restaurant situated at Mississauga Plaza in the central area of the city has been cordoned off. The cause of the blast is yet to be ascertained.

Photos being shared on social

media shows police vehicles surrounding the restaurant and people being evacuated. Local media reported quoting an eyewitness that two men were seen entering the eatery moments before the explosion.

According to CBS News, the local police is looking for two unidentified men who left "improvised explosive device" in the restaurant. The eyewitness added that there were three loud bangs at the time of the explosion.

The Consulate General of India in Toronto has opened a helpline in view of the explosion. **The number is: +1-647-668-4108.**

Uttarakhand Cop Protects Muslim Boy from Angry Mob in Ramnagar



Agency
Uttarakhand, May 25,

A police inspector saved a Muslim boy from the wrath of a mob in Uttarakhand's Ramnagar, after he was allegedly found with a Hindu girl in a temple.

The couple met in a temple in Girija village, a sparsely populated region, where they were caught by a group of violent men.

In a video that has now gone viral on social media, Sub-Inspector Gagandeep Singh came to the boy's rescue, fearing the angry mob may lynch him to death. The video shows Gagandeep confronting the group of men all alone, while protecting the boy from those who were baying for his blood. Another police officer was seen trying to keep the mob at bay.

When the police officer refused to hand over the boy, the group allegedly started chanting anti-police slogans. The group shut the gate of the temple and continuously tried to beat the boy.

The protection that Gagandeep provided to the boy didn't go down well with the mob. The Lallantop, quoting witnesses, reported that the boy was sitting on the floor after being thrashed by the angry group of men, and the girl was arguing with them.

When the girl asked a man why he had beaten up the boy, the man allegedly responded: "We will chop him to pieces. You are a Hindu and roaming around with a Muslim man. I will chop you too."

An officer from Ramnagar police station confirmed to **The Quint** that the incident had occurred on the said day. "Two boys and a girl were sitting inside the temple. Some of the other attendees and workers at the temple raised an objection. Sub-Inspector Gagandeep Singh happened to be there. He took control of the situation and rescued the boy from the spot," the officer said.

The police also said that they had contacted the families of the boy and the girl. "We called their families and handed them over." The group had allegedly

roughed up the boy and one of his friends by the time police arrived at the scene.

The group also alleged that the couple was "getting intimate," but the police didn't say anything clearly about this allegation.

MASAD Organises discussion programme on present socio-political and economic status of Manipur

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New Delhi, May 24,

MASAD organized a discussion program on the present socio-political and economic status of Manipur under the topic "Identifying Colonial Settlers: A Perspective on Manipur Society through the Lens of Israel-Palestine Conflict." The commitment to organize the said program was ignited by the ongoing Israeli genocide of Palestinians, founded upon Israeli occupation of Palestine using its military might and population transfer where the rightful claim for a free and liberated Palestine is rejected by the Zionist state leading to a systematic killing of Palestinian civilians by Israel backed by its Western allies.

In India, the Kashmiris face a similar plight under the Indian occupation. The voices of the Kashmiris for freedom from India are answered with pellets and bullets resulting in disfigurements, blinding and loss of thousands of Kashmiri lives. More than a hundred of the population have been killed and many more injured and blinded in this year's crackdown on the Kashmiri population. In the name of retaliation, the Indian state uses its military force with absolute immunity to terrorize the Kashmiris.

Under similar circumstances, the people of Manipur have been living a life of terror and uncertainty under India's occupation since 1949. Deterioration of the economy

monopolized by outsiders, forced disappearances, fake encounters, rapes and murder of indigenous women and men, etc. continue to reek Manipur. There has been unchecked migration of non-Manipuris taking place in Manipur and the whole of the "Northeast" region. Many non-Manipuris are being transferred in an organized manner from various parts of India and with their number in Manipur escalating each and every single day, the fate of the people of Manipur is at stake.

In Tripura, the indigenous population has been already reduced to a minority in its own space with little representation, no economic power and no social/community agency. It is also to be mentioned that the Indian government has come up with a bill (The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016) in its parliament which will give citizenship rights to all the foreigners from Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Pakistan, etc. who have migrated to the "Northeast" till now.

Truth be told, Manipur does not see the non-locals as merely non-locals, but as colonial settlers carrying out the project of colonizing the historical, geopolitical space of Manipur. It can't be said that Manipur, in years to come, will not be converted into a "Palestine of India," a gift of India "democracy". MASAD, as a collective voice of the student community of Manipur, takes a solid stand

to safeguard the demographic structure of Manipur or else the days are not far away when we might suffer the same fate as that of the Palestinian people.

MASAD is of the view that the non-Manipuris staying in various part of Manipur are the fruits of state-sponsored migration to Manipur, the result of a constant attempt to change the demographic structure, assimilate the indigenous identities and cultures through this settler population and various other agents, a project executed and framed by India to colonise and "nationalize" the space that is Manipur. The ruling class both from India and Manipur have joined hands to carry out this project of

"nationalizing space" and MASAD takes both these groups as anti-Manipur.

The recent clash at Khurai between the people of Manipur and the outsiders/settlers is nothing but a manifestation of the larger political development happening under Indian rule over Manipur since 1949, after the "takeover" of Manipur.

MASAD urges the people of Manipur to stand united and fight the common oppressor. We urge the international community to stand united and give its solidarity to the rightful claim of Manipur to restore its lost sovereignty and to those oppressed nations and communities all over the world struggling for freedom and liberty.

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174 Children go missing.....

Now that the Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018 is on its way, and as Govt. initiatives like TrackChild, Operation Smile and Muskaan are trying to track detailed status of missing children, one can be hopeful that the country will take robust steps in addressing the issue squarely and for good.

Puja said, "At one level we need to relentlessly work on underlying reasons for various forms of deprivation which grapples our society at large, and on the other hand we need to accelerate our efforts in

varied aspects related to bringing missing children back home - inter and intra state coordination and convergence, solid rescue and rehabilitative mechanism and more importantly invest adequate resources and trained personnel at every level. We have to remember that a missing child is not just a number, it's a missing childhood, a missing experience and missing memories of a lifetime for people close to them."

*Names have been changed to protect the identity of the child and her family.