

## GST to improve India's ease of doing business ranking further, says PM Modi

**New Delhi, Nov 4:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi today exuded confidence that India's ease of doing business ranking will further improve next year when the impact of GST is taken into account. Speaking at an event-India's Business Reforms in New Delhi, Mr Modi said, India has in three years jumped 42 places to break into top 100 countries on World Bank's ease of doing business ranking. He said, this ranking takes into account reforms initiated only till May-end and does not reflect the impact of the GST, which was implemented from 1st of July. Prime Minister said, the GST has not just integrated the nation of 1.2 billion into one market with one tax rate but also provided a stable and transparent taxation regime.

He said, ease of Doing Business will lead to Ease of Life for every Indian. Mr Modi said, GST is a commendable reform done by the country and it will benefit the ease of doing business. Prime Minister said, he is committed for the development of the country and to further improve India's ranking in ease of doing business. He said, he does not want to sleep over 30 place jump in ease of doing business ranking but want to do more.

The Prime Minister said, the issues raised by traders and businessmen on GST have been positively accepted and GST Council will make necessary changes at next meeting. Mr Modi said, technology should be used to improve governance and efforts are being made to make India technology driven society. He said, India is moving towards becoming a knowledge based, skill developed and technology driven economy. Mr Modi said, more than 90 per cent FDI approval are taking place through automatic route.

## Gunman arrested

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 4:** A combined team of CDO Thoubal and 5 JAK Rifles arrested Md. Yahya, 29 years S/O (L) Md. Majauddin of Keibung Mathak Leikai today at 5.15 am from Lilong Dam area and recovered one .32 pistol from his possession.

## CM inaugurates 5 government structures including 50 bedded district hospital in Chandel district; cabinet meeting held



**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov 4:** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today inaugurated 5 newly constructed government structures including 50 bedded Chandel district hospital today. Those government structures inaugurated today are Liwachaning Girls Hostel of Komlathabi, Science Laboratory of United College, Chandel, ADC office Complex, Monsang Pantha and Maha Union Girls Hostel. The Chief Minister also laid foundation stone for construction of Tawn hall of Panchai and Women Market Chandel.

As a part of the government initiative to develop hill district of the state a cabinet meeting was held at the conference Hall of Chandel district DRDA. Earlier, the Chief Minister

along with the cabinet colleague was also given warm reception by the Maha Area Chiefs Association Chandel at Japhou Bazaar Chandel.

Speaking on the occasion Chief Minister N. Biren Singh announced new schemes for the disabled people of the state. In the scheme announced under the Chief Ministers' Assistance to the needy, a sum of Rs. 500/- will be assisted to disabled person who are bed ridden. He also announced assistance for the aged people and said that those aged people who are deprived from getting the assistance of the government will be dealt with extra care.

The Chief Minister said that memorandum submitted to him will be discussed and fulfilled whatever is genuine. He said that his government believe in action and for that

the works and programme that the government decided to implement in 100 days has been distributed in writings. The Chief Minister also announced scheme for construction of rain water harvesting in chandel district. he further said that Rs. 80 lakhs has been sanctioned for construction of water body in the district.

Works and Power Minister Th. Bishwajit who is also attended the reception function while speaking on

## Run for Unity postponed

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov. 4:** A mega marathon under the banner Run for Unity organised by Struggle Committee Manipur along with Socialist Students' Union of Manipur and Manipur Proletariat Peoples Democratic Union on Novemehr 5 has been postponed indefinitely due to the scheduled general strike called by the Maoist Communist Party of Manipur on Nov. 5. In a press conference held today at Manipur Press Club organiser of the Run for Unity said that already many clubs and organisation of the state had showed solidarity to the mega marathon organised by the three organisation. And staged for the mega marathon was already set but due to the general strike called by the Maoist the general strike had to be postponed. he said the organisers will soon fix another date for the mega run.

## NIPCO organise one day discussion on Frame Work Agreement

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov. 4:** A one day discussion on the issue of Frame Work agreement between the Government of India and the NSCN-IM was held today at Uchiwa Awang Leikai in Imphal West district today.

The discussion programme was jointly organised by National Identity Protection Council (NIPCO) and Students Welfare Club

(SWC) Uchiwa. President of NIPCO, Oinam Premjit chaired the discussion programme. Vice President of NIPCO Th. Manihar attended as resource person. Around 150 people including representatives of Meira Paibis and local club took part in the discussion programme and reiterated its stand for the protection of the territorial integrity of the state.

## General strike is against Minister and UGs – Maoist

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov. 4:** Maoist Communist Party, Manipur has stated that the general strike called on Novemehr 5, from 5 am to 5 pm is against the CAF & PD Minister and Underground groups who are involved in the looting of the PDS items. The statement further said that the general strike called against underground by an underground group is perhaps the first of its kind in the history of Manipur, however it is a step to clean the wrong in the struggle for freedom. It stated that even as the leaders of the underground group has been appealing the people to forgive if any wrongs are

committed, but till today nothing has been changed. The Maoist said that they don't have any fear to stand against the looters of the poor. It said that till today the chronic disease of nexus between Minister and UGs has not been cured. It said that Maoist too committed mistakes but the party corrected the mistakes and did not commit the mistake again. The statement further said that in a month the state gets 120327 Metric ton of rice for distribution to the public. The statement of the state government which stated that these rice are made available to the people through PDS is nothing but a daylight

robbery. If this rice is distributed every month to the people then there will be no poor who does not have meal in a day, the Maoist statement said. It further added the share of the people has been hijacked by the nominee of the Ministers and the underground bodies for a long time. The Maoist statement also blame the opposition party saying that they never take interest in the movement for protection of the indigenous people or for protection of the territorial boundary or against the rise of price of essential commodities. It said that the Maoist will extend support to all movement for the rights of the common people.

## Take Prior Approval From UGC Or AICTE For Distance Learning Courses: SC

**Courtesy NDTV**

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Friday said no deemed-to-be-university can run open and distant learning courses from the next academic year (2018-19) unless it is permitted to do so by the concerned authorities. "We restrain all deemed-to-be-universities to carry on any courses in distance education mode from the Academic Session 2018-2019 onwards unless and until it is permissible to conduct such courses in distance education mode," a bench of Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel and Justice Uday Umesh Lalit ruled.

The court said they could not start any course in distance education mode unless "specific permissions are granted by the concerned statutory/regulatory authorities in respect of each of those courses and unless the off-campus centres/ study centres are individually inspected and found adequate by the concerned statutory authorities".

"The approvals have to be course-specific," the court stressed. Pointing to commercialisation of education by some deemed-to-be-universities, Justice Lalit, speaking for the bench, said: "The commercialisation of education seriously affects credibility of standards in education, eroding power and essence of knowledge and seriously affects excellence and merit."

"The present case further displays lack of effective oversight and regulatory mechanism for the deemed-to-be-universities. The UGC has completely failed to remedy the situation. Serious question has therefore arisen as to the manning of the UGC itself for its effective working," the judgment said.

Having pointed to flaws in the system, the court directed the Centre to constitute a three-member committee comprising eminent persons who have held high positions in the field of education, investigation, administration or law at national level within one month.

"The committee may examine the issues ... and suggest a road map for strengthening and setting up of oversight and regulatory mechanism in the relevant field of higher education and allied issues within six months," the court said.

The committee, the court said, could also suggest "oversight mechanism to regulate the deemed-to-be-universities".

It said that Centre could examine the report of the committee and "take such action as may be considered appropriate within one month thereafter and file an affidavit in this court of the action taken on or before August 31, 2018."

The court said this as it suspended the degrees granted in the engineering course through distant education mode by certain deemed universities by enrolling students in 2001-2005 without any approval by the AICTE.

Taking note that since Udaipur-based JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth had taken the approvals later, the court set this aside and said that the candidates would be given two chances to clear the tests for the courses for which they were holding the degrees.

For the irregularities committed by the officials in statutory bodies and by the four deemed-to-be-universities, the court asked the government to address the question of "action for failure of system, inter alia, on account of misconduct of some of the functionaries who failed to uphold the law and granted approvals contrary to the policy and the rules".

It called for looking into the manning of the UGC and putting in place appropriate oversight and regulatory mechanism, dedicated to distance education degrees especially those relating to technical education by the deemed-to-be-universities in future.

Miscreants wrote 'WC to Southern Nagaland' on the way to CM at Chandel district but Police rub it before the visit of the CM

the occasion said that development of Chandel district is a priority for him. Showing concern to the depilated condition of roads, Th. Bishwajit, who is in charge of PWD said that the government will try to renovate the road from the fund sanctioned by the center. However that will be done after submission of a proposal by the local MLA.

## Red badge protest demanding ST status for Meitei/Meetei staged

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov. 4:** As a part of the agitation by Scheduled Tribe Demand Committee for Meitei/Meetei community of the state, a Red badge protest was staged today at Bishnupur district head quarter. Volunteers of the Scheduled Tribe demand Committee of

Bishnupur district today distributed red badge to all the staffs of government offices in the district head quarters. The volunteers and its supporters earlier staged a rally from Yangoi Ningshou Sanglen to Bishnupur Mini Secretariate Office. The volunteers also distributed red badge to all the commuters in the district.

## MSF burnt Omar's book



**IT News**  
**Imphal, Nov. 4:** Manipuri Students' Federation (MSF) along with members of UKAL, Kangla Phamthol 66, Kanglei Salai Apunba Lup, Yelhou Enat Kanba Lup, Manipur Enat Kaba Lup and Phuruplakki Khunnei Punsikol today burnt the book called 'The Writers of Mahabaratta & Ramayana as the Religious Scientist' written by one Omar Singh Wangkhem in front of the Office of MSF at Sega Road Imphal. Representatives of the MSF

said that the copy of book published by the publisher is 1000 and among these the volunteers collected around 800 books. Those collected have been burnt. MSF appealed people to submit the remaining of the books if someone has them to the office of the MSF.

The book was already banned by the MSF few days back and the author of the book have been warn for writing such book which might malign the good image of the Manipuri history.