

National News

Rs 1,000 for jumping red light: Hefty fines for traffic violations from today



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Come September 1, as many as 63 clauses of the newly amended Motor Vehicle Act will be implemented and motorists when they are caught violating traffic norms will have to cough up hefty penalties. The new Act has substantially increased penalties for traffic violations such as drunk driving, driving without helmets. Significantly hiked fines for

traffic violations and traffic teams of the Delhi Police have been briefed about the new rules and regulations as well, according to news agency Agency. As part of the new changes, if a person is found driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs he will have to pay a penalty of Rs 10,000, an amount that is steeper than the earlier Rs 2000. A similar amount of Rs 10,000 will be charged for not giving way to emergency vehicles and

drivers without helmets will need to pay Rs 1000 instead of Rs 100 which is applicable currently. The provisions of the new MV Act also recommend that the parents of a juvenile caught for traffic offences should be jailed for three years and fined Rs 25,000. The new law states that a juvenile accused of violations would be tried under the Juvenile Justice Act. Penalties for traffic violations had not been raised since

1988 when the fine for general offences such as red-light jumping was fixed at Rs 100. The low amount hardly acted as a deterrent for errant drivers, who continued to flout traffic norms with impunity. Now, under the amended MV Act, violators have to pay Rs 1,000 for jumping red lights.

The new act replaces the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. A similar bill to amend the Motor Vehicles Act was cleared by the Lok Sabha in April 2017, but got stuck in the Rajya Sabha, where the opposition protested against several provisions of the bill. It then lapsed after the 16th Lok Sabha was dissolved. President Ram Nath Kovind had earlier this month approved the Bill, making way for the new law.

The amended Motor Vehicles Act also takes into account rules governing cab aggregators such as Uber and Ola. However, the regulations for cab aggregators mentioned in the Act and a few other measures will take a few months more to be implemented, according to transport ministry officials.

Media OPD clinic conducted by Chennai doctor



By a Correspondent
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Chennai based multi-speciality hospital of international repute, Dr Rela

Institute & Medical Centre today (31 August) conducted the weekly media OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club, where Dr Paraneetharan Marimuthu (brain and spine surgery) was

available for free consultations to scribes along with their relatives. Chiranjib Sarma from the hospital was also present on the occasion, where around ten journalists took part.

Sports News

Virat Kohli celebrates wildly after Ishant Sharma slams maiden Test fifty at Sabina Park - Watch



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Fast-bowler Ishant Sharma put on a sensational display with the bat to help India post a commanding 2nd day of the second Test at Sabina Park in Jamaica on Saturday. Ishant put together a century stand for the eight wicket with Hanuma Vihari to help the visitors post 416 in their first essay. In the process, the lanky lad from Delhi also registered his maiden Test fifty in his 126th innings. Only James Anderson is now ahead of Ishant in the list of most innings taken by a cricketer to score his first Test half-century. Also Read: Jasprit Bumrah

becomes third Indian to scalp Test hat-trick After going past the 50-run mark, Ishant came up with a peculiar celebration, where he looked at dressing room and did something with the bat. It must be an inside joke as skipper Virat Kohli too joined in from the dressing room, celebrating wildly. Other members of the team also applauded Ishant's heroics with the willow. India took full control of the Test after Jasprit Bumrah scalped a sensational hat-trick to break the backbone of Windies batting line-up. Bumrah (6/16) produced a lethal opening spell and rattled West Indies by picking up the first five wickets, three of which came in successive balls in

the ninth over to leave West Indies tottering at 87 for seven at stumps. Also Read: Hat-trick hero Bumrah, centurion Vihari put India on top at Sabina Park Bumrah became only the third Indian after Harbhajan Singh and Irfan Pathan to register a hat-trick in Test cricket. Shimron Hetmyer (34) was then cleaned up by Mohammad Shami before Bumrah came back to dismiss West Indies skipper Jason Holder. West Indies still trail India by 329 runs with three full days play remaining. Not to forget the contribution of Hanuma Vihari, who slammed his maiden Test ton (111 off 225 balls) with the help of 16 boundaries to hold India's innings together.

Guest Column

Falsehood or Hypocrisy of “The Federation Of Haomee”

By: LK Kuki

The press released by the so called FOH (Federation of Haomee) vide its Ref.No.F2/8/190H dated 26.8.2019 in which it spelled out the statement of lies with venomously communal tone against the Kuki peoples of Manipur needs to be rebutted in the best interest of the general public of Manipur. This press statement signed by one Lishemba Mangang, Secy, Publicity, Federation of Haomee was against the Kukis with advice directed to the two Kuki armed organisations; KNO (Kuki National Organisation) and UPF (United Peoples' Front) to drop their demand for a territorial council. In its earlier press statement issued on 25.08.2019, Mr Ramthing Tangkul on behalf of FOH had stated that Kukis are refugees in Manipur. The press statements being laced with lies, hate, communal and misinformation with the sole aim of misleading the uninformed general public of Manipur, I as a peace loving citizen of Manipur cannot remain a silent reader but to rebut and clarify the said statement. To begin with let us first look at the name of the organisation “Federation of Haomee”. As the name goes, it must have been christened to project the indigeneness of its members and to point fingers at others randomly as foreigners. However, it is pitiful to learn that its self-styled spokesman, Ramthing Hungyo, who had made vociferous statement before the TV camera against the

Kukis as from Myanmar is himself from Somra of Myanmar. Since the identity of its spokesman being known, the general public of Manipur should be aware of falsehood disseminated by FOH. In the second press statement of FOH, the self styled Secretary Publication of FOH, Dr. Leishemba Mangang has made boastful statement that FOH is of the indigenous people, by the indigenous people and for the indigenous people. Then, how come a man from Somra is made its spokesman? Has FOH or Dr. Leishemba Mangang got confounded in his research for the meaning of indigenous people of Manipur with that of Somra, Myanmar? The University which has awarded him the doctorate degree must feel downgraded and sorry for his failure to even comprehend basic/ordinary social science. The self-styled secretary also bragged about the 2000 years old history of Manipur while terming the Kukis as foreigners which only reveals his ignorance about the true and correct history of Manipur. The general public of Manipur should not be carried away by such kind of hoax or communal propaganda which only does disservice to the unity and integrity of Manipur. It is pertinent to note that the word “Kuki” finds a respected position in the Chronicles of Meitei Kings. In the Cheitharol Kumbaba, we find that a Kuki by the name Taohthingmang became the King of Manipur in 186 Skabda (264 AD). Again in 33 CE, two Kukis by the name

Kuki Ahongba and Kuki Achouba were allies to the Nongba Lairen Pakhangba. King Irengba who reigned Manipur between 1107-1127 AD had contacts with Kuki Villages North of Imphal Valley. (Asim Roy, 1997). L Joychandra (Lost Kingdoms 1995:1), noted that Manipuri King Naothang who reigned between 624 AD and 714 AD had Friendship Treaties with Kuki Chiefs East of Imphal. The above mentioned Indigenous Historical Evidences clearly proves that Kukis were present in Manipur long before the colonial British had come to our land. The accounts of colonial writers which often contain partial information cannot be relied upon as the only source of our research work on the indigenous people of Manipur. Therefore, disregarding the indigenous historical account of ‘Cheitharol Kumbaba’, the Royal Chronicle of Manipur and placing sole reliance upon the accounts of outsiders to declare who the indigenous people of Manipur is nothing but an anti-indigenous exercise aimed at creating disruption to communal harmony in the state. Further, the statement of FOH is full of self-contradictions or double standards that it has rendered itself a public mockery. Some of the contradicting statements are enumerated as under:

(i) While claiming that it tries to bring love, mutual understanding, mutual respect, mutual trust, unity and solidarity on the one hand, all FOH does is the

other way round i.e. it tries its best to create hatred, misunderstanding, mistrust, disunity, etc.

(ii) While opposing by stating that the people of Manipur will never agree to the formation of a separate Kuki Territorial Council even with the condition of maintaining the integrity of Manipur, FOH completely remains silent on the NSCN-IM's demand to break away from Manipur and form Nagaland.

(iii) While cautioning the Kukis not to fall trapped by what it states as the hidden agenda of the government of India to create ethnic divide among the communities, it has already created ethnic division at the worst against what it advises by irrationally pointing fingers at the Kukis.

(iv) While stating that the Kukis have no right to demand for their own Territorial Council, FOH did not realise that it has never been authorised by the Kuki peoples to speak on their behalf and as such it has no right to talk about the rights of the Kukis. Finally, it is a prudent advice to FOH that if it still thinks the Kukis as foreigners and should not live in Manipur, the only way it can help is to help expedite the creation of Kuki land or Zalemang which is the solution available. FOH is also advised to appoint indigenous persons with knowledge of history of Manipur as its executive members instead of appointing someone from Somra, Myanmar as its spokesman or fake degree holders as its secretary, publicity.

Yashaswini Deswal wins gold at ISSF World Cup



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Young shooter Yashaswini Singh Deswal won gold in the women's 10meter Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil last night. With the win, she

has also secured an Olympic quota for India. This is India's ninth quota in shooting for 2020 Tokyo Games. World no.1 Olena Kostevych of Ukraine claimed the silver, while Serbia's Jasmina Milavonic bagged the bronze.

RC Book, driving license lost

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that, I have lost my wallet containing my driving license and Registration Certificate of a i-20 car (four Wheeler) of my brother-in-law, **Irom Jibai Singh** of Mayang Imphal Kokchhai, Imphal West district, bearing registration No. MN -01 AK 6848, Engine No. G4LAHM645235, Chassis No. MALBMS1BLHM462649, on the way between Moreh Bazar to Moreh Gate No. 2 on 25/8/2019. Finders are requested to hand over it to the undersigned.

Sd/-

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