

Press Release

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Organizing of Workshops / Awareness programmes focussed on Consumer Awareness and MSME Sector

The Prime Minister's Office has underlined the need for enhancing publicity campaigns targeted at Small and Medium Sector Enterprises as well as the general consumers.

Accordingly, in a meeting taken by the Revenue Secretary, it was decided to launch re-energized **Manthan - GST Awareness Campaign** focussed on three themes viz. (i) Consumer Awareness; (ii) Small and Medium Sector Enterprises; and (iii) GST Return filling. It is a biweekly camp, which is being held in GST offices throughout the country.

In Marathwada, the **Manthan - GST Awareness Campaign** will be held from 6th October to 13th October 2017 at various locations like Aurangabad, Jalna, Nanded and Latur as per following schedule:

Place	Date	Venue	Topic
Aurangabad	6 th October	N-5, Town Centre, CIDCO, Aurangabad	Consumer Awareness
Jalna	9 th October	Niddhish Tower, Above Cosmos Bank, Bhokardhan Naka, Jalna	MSME
Nanded	10 th October	Plot No. 5, Airport Road, Gandhi Nagar, Sarkar Nagar, Nanded	MSME
Aurangabad	12 th October	N-5, Town Centre, CIDCO, Aurangabad	GST Tax Return filing
Latur	13 th October	1 st Floor, Padile Complex, Ambejogai Road, Latur	GST Tax Return filing

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As a part of Consumer Awareness Programme today at Aurangabad, the GST department wants to bring following points to the notice of consumers.

- (1) Consumers to be alert to ensure that they are not charged on essential items like fruits and vegetables, although they are exempted from GST.
- (2) As MRP includes all the taxes, it is illegal to charge GST over and above MRP.
- (3) GST ranging from 5% to 12% is leviable on branded and packed food items, vegetables and fruits, while no GST is chargeable on unbranded and unpacked food items.
- (4) The shops should display the pre GST and post-GST rates of various items, giving a comparative list.
- (5) In case discounts are being offered, GST should be charged on the total value excluding the discount amount.
- (6) In respect of items manufactured / cleared pre-GST, prices should be reduced to reflect the tax reduction, wherever applicable. In fact, new price stickers are to be affixed on the products.
- (7) There is need to display the breakup of CGST and SGST in the Tax invoices separately.
- (8) The Government has laid emphasis on avoiding raids or searches in order to ensure that there is no harassment of traders.