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As the lockdown exodus continued from Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR), four persons died either in mishaps or due to hunger and thirst.

In Agra, a man who had walked over 200 kms from Delhi to the Taj City en route his native village in Morena, Madhya Pradesh, died midway. Ranveer Singh worked as a delivery agent in New Delhi and after the exodus started, he walked from Delhi to Agra and collapsed there. On noticing him, a local shopkeeper tried to stabilise him by offering tea and biscuits. But Singh suffered a heart attack and died.

Elsewhere, in Kannauj, three youths working in Haryana left for their homes on a bike after the lockdown. Early Sunday morning, the youth driving the motorcycle lost control and the two-wheeler hit a road divider in which Basant Giri of Chapra in Bihar died on the spot while two others, Sonu of Chapra and Mohit from Gonda, were critically injured. They were shifted to District Hospital and later referred to medical college in Kanpur.

In another incident in Aligarh, Vinod Tewari (32) of Siddharthnagar used to live with his family in Naveen Vihar Colony of New Delhi and eked out a living by selling biscuits and snacks.

After the lockdown was announced, he found it difficult to make two ends meet and decided to return to his native village. Vinod, his wife and two children left New Delhi on a moped to reach Siddharthnagar. He was accompanied by his Delhi-based brother who was on a separate motorcycle. While passing through Aligarh, Vinod suddenly felt pain in his chest and stopped at Sikendrarau area on Saturday, but collapsed soon after. His brother tried to call an ambulance but the victim died before getting any medical aid.

Surprisingly, the local authorities did not even provide the bereaved family any vehicle to take the body to Siddharthnagar. Later, a social worker came to their rescue and gave Rs 15,000 and arranged a vehicle after which the family left for their native village.

Elsewhere in Moradabad, some workers of a shoe factory in Haryana were returning home on a pickup and as their vehicle was passing through Pakbada locality of Moradabad, one of the labourers, identified as Nitin of Ladupur hamlet of Milak in Rampur, fell from the vehicle as it was overloaded with passengers.

The victim's brother Pankaj said that they sought help from the police but as no one came to their rescue, his brother died on the spot.

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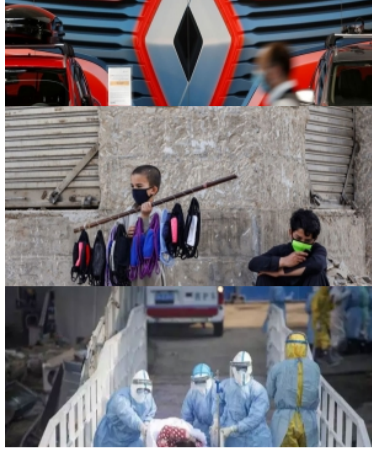
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