

## Effective doctor-patient communication is needed to treat patients- CM

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Sept. 4 :** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said that effective doctor-patient communication is needed and doctors and nurses should console the relatives of the patients while treating the sick persons. This was stated by him at the inaugural function of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Dental Sciences (JNIDS) at the Auditorium of JNIMS today.

Speaking as Chief Guest of the function, N. Biren Singh said that apart from the medications to treat the patients, positive words could heal the sick people. Our doctors and paramedical staffs have great talents, skill and innovative ideas and are being respected across the country for their professional expertise, he added. Chief Minister further stated that at present, professional ethics should be upheld by the doctors and paramedical staffs and collective work and co-ordination among them is very much needed to execute their responsibilities and duties. Stating that human civilization is not only the product of infrastructural developments, N. Biren Singh said that we need to create and maintain a culture of discipline to achieve the path of greatness that can lead to a great human civilization. He stressed that the faculties and staffs of both JNIMS and JNIDS have to work hard so as to gain the reputation of the Institute. Image building is also the need of the hour to attract students and patients from all over the country, he added.

Acknowledging the lack of manpower in JNIMS, Chief Minister urged the officials and administrative staffs of the institute to discuss thoroughly about the situation and the present infrastructure requirements. The requirement of staffs and faculties of the Institute would be filled up soon, he added. Chief Minister said that Neurosurgery Department would be functioned properly after the completion of installation of proper machines and equipments in the institute. He also urged the JNIMS administration to submit a blueprint for the upgradation and construction of JNIMS for proper functioning of the Institute. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) is almost ready for setting up the Cancer Hospital in JNIMS, he added.

Mentioning that there is an importance of sustainability to achieve any goals, Chief Minister expressed that the new government was formed to bring some positive change in the society and is fully committed to execute that has been promised before the elections for the progress and development of the State. He said that the present government would not keep silent on the discrepancies or misuse of public accounts and corruption in the State. He assured that the new government would not let down the wishes and aspirations of the people. The government is committed to help or uplift the poorest of the poor in the State, he added. N. Biren Singh appealed the



people of the State to take a common pledge to do something good for the future generation. The government would warmly welcome the advice or suggestion from the people so that the new government could deliver good governance to the people. He further expressed that money is worth nothing if we don't have peace and prosperity in the State. Chief Minister urged that a collective responsibility is needed for the betterment of society rather blaming or criticising on other's work. He further mentioned that after the rainy season, the government would give top priority for blacktopping the existing roads and repairing of roads in the State. Minister for Health and Family Welfare, L. Jayantakumar said that despite of the financial

constraints and inconveniences faced by the government, the government is planning to increase the manpower and other requirements for smooth functioning of the institute. He further mentioned that professional ethics should be maintained by the doctors and paramedical staffs for providing better healthcare services in the State. Clarifying on the recent FIR lodged against former Chief Minister O. Ibobi Singh and five former bureaucrats of the state for alleged financial irregularities in the Manipur Development Society (MDS), Minister said that the government has taken such step not for political vendetta or political revenge against any political parties or persons but to find out the responsible person or authorities for the

mismanagement, misappropriation and misuse of funds. He said that everybody is answerable to the Rule of Law and no one is above the Law in a democratic State.

On the occasion, the dignitaries also inaugurated the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Unit in JNIMS. Later, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh along with Minister for Health and Family Welfare Shri L. Jayantakumar Singh visited and enquired about the health condition of S. Ringo, former journalist, who is undergoing treatment at JNIMS.

Parliamentary Secretary (Home) L. Susindro Meitei, MLA S. Subhaschandra Singh, Director JNIMS Dr. Th. Bhimo, Principal of JNIDS Dr. M. Angou, faculties and students of JNIMS attended the function.

## Xiamen BRICS declaration strongly deplores terrorism in all its forms, manifestations

**AIR**  
**Xiamen, Sept 4:** The 9th BRICS summit in the Chinese city of Xiamen today strongly deplored terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. In a joint declaration, Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa condemned all terror attacks worldwide, including those attacks in the member states, stressing that there can be no justification whatsoever for any such act.

The countries expressed concern on the security situation and violence caused by the Taliban, Islamic state, Al-Qaida and its affiliates. The declaration also reaffirmed BRICS support to the people of Afghanistan in their as well as international efforts to achieve peace and national reconciliation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who participated in the Summit, raised the issues of international terrorism and ban on all active terror groups among others. Talking to reporters in Xiamen, Secretary

East Preeti Saran said, the Prime Minister proposed an initiative for the BRICS for countering radicalisation. Mr Modi also suggested focus on disaster resilient infrastructure. He also shared his thoughts for deepening BRICS partnership and underlined mainstreaming of youth by the member states. The Secretary East also said, Mr Modi also focused on the reforms of the Security Council and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral meetings with Russian president Putin and Brazilian President Temer on the sidelines of BRICS summit. During restricted session leaders of all five members of BRICS countries focused on global economic situation and international economic governance. In BRICS plenary session the leaders discussed the practical cooperation for common development and institution building.

## Rohingya violence in Myanmar: Malala Yousafzai leads criticism against Aung San Suu Kyi over ongoing ethnic crisis

**Courtesy First Post**  
**Yangon:** Nobel peace laureate Malala Yousafzai and Muslim countries in Asia led a growing chorus of criticism on Monday aimed at Myanmar and its civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi over the plight of its Rohingya Muslim minority. Nearly 90,000 Rohingyas have flooded into Bangladesh in the past 10 days following an uptick in fighting between militants and Myanmar's military in strife-torn western Rakhine state. The impoverished region bordering Bangladesh has been a crucible of communal tensions between Muslims and Buddhists for years, with the Rohingyas forced to live under apartheid-like restrictions on movement and citizenship. The recent violence, which kicked off last October when a small Rohingya militant group ambushed border posts, is the worst Rakhine has witnessed in years with the UN saying Myanmar's army may have committed ethnic cleansing in its response. De facto leader Suu Kyi, a former political prisoner of Myanmar's junta, has come under increasing fire over her perceived unwillingness to speak out against the treatment of the Rohingyas or chastise the military. She has made no public comment since the latest fighting broke out. "Every time I see the news, my heart breaks at the suffering of the Rohingyas Muslims in

Myanmar," Pakistani activist Yousafzai, who famously survived being shot in the head by the Taliban, said in a statement on Twitter. "Over the last several years I have repeatedly condemned this tragic and shameful treatment. I am still waiting for my fellow Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi to do the same," she added. Pakistani politician and former cricketer Imran Khan added: "Shameful acceptance of Rohingyas genocide by Aung San Suu Kyi."

**Muslim neighbours riled**  
The growing crisis threatens Myanmar's diplomatic relations, particularly with Muslim-majority countries in Southeast Asia where there is profound public anger over the treatment of the Rohingyas. Indonesia's foreign minister Retno Marsudi met Myanmar's army chief General Min Aung Hlaing in Naypyidaw on Monday in a bid to pressure the government to do more to alleviate the crisis. "Once again, violence, this humanitarian crisis has to stop immediately," Indonesian president Joko Widodo told reporters on Sunday as he announced Retno's mission in Naypyidaw. Hours before Widodo spoke, a petrol bomb was thrown at Myanmar's embassy in Jakarta while police there have previously dismantled two attempts by Islamist militants to bomb the compound.

## PPFA condemns communal forces in Assam

**Courtesy Sentinel Guwahati, Sept 3:** The Patriotic People's Front of Assam (PPFA) expresses serious concern over the recent communal outbursts glorifying a militant outfit soon after an incident involving a few SULFA members in Nagaon of central Assam. It has urged the authority to investigate the matter properly and thoroughly for taking appropriate actions against those responsible for flaring communal tensions.

The forum has carefully observed that a section of State intellectuals, writers, social activists and some journalists have tried their best to misinterpret the Nagaon incident, where a group of youths were humiliated by another group of businessmen relating to some donations on August 24, 2017, as a fit case against outsiders' domination over the locals.

## NSCN (K) yet to decide on peace talks

**Agency**  
**Kohima, Sept. 4:** While it is being increasingly felt that any agreement between Government of India and NSCN (I-M) would not have substantial bearing in ending Naga insurgency, the Khaplang faction (NSCN-K) is yet to take a call on joining the peace process, The Asian Age report stated.

A top Myanmar-based functionary of the banned NSCN-K on being contacted by The Asian Age said on condition of anonymity: "We do receive calls from several sections asking to return to peace saying with our

involvement in the process no final settlement can be possible, we have however not taken any decision so far." A cross-section of Naga social activists that The Asian Age spoke to also viewed the NSCN (K)'s involvement as well as that of the other factions as very important for a final solution to one of the world's longest running insurgencies.

Many Naga civic organisations like the Naga Mothers' Association, Naga Hoho and the Eastern Peoples' Organisation have been trying to get the NSCN (K) involved

in the talks process. Nagaland chief minister T.R. Zeliang, too, had requested that all "stakeholders" be taken into account before signing of the final agreement.

Since 1999, the NSCN (I-M) and the government have been deliberating on a set of 33 demands which include demands like a separate official flag, a separate constitution, dual citizenship and a physical integration of all Naga-inhabited areas in Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh, the report stated.

While a separate constitution has been ruled out and the last

demand is understood to have been put in the "backburner for now," the framework for the agreement includes a concept of "shared sovereignty" and special constitutional privileges to safeguard the traditional rights of Nagas with due recognition of the uniqueness of their history. The Naga insurgency movement — with independence as the main demand — is more than six decades old.

Government figures say about 3,000 have died in the conflict till now, unofficial figures put the number at about 50,000.

## Blue Whale Game: MP student kneels before speeding train

**Courtesy TNN**  
**BHOPAL, Sept. 4:** The Blue Whale suicide game has claimed its first life in Madhya Pradesh. A schoolboy walked to the railway tracks in near Damoh on Saturday night and knelt down, waiting calmly for an onrushing train to run him over. He was an only child. Police identified the victim as Satvik Pandey of Navjagrati School in Damoh. His friends have told mediapersons and police that they came to know

the Class XI boy was playing the Blue Whale game just two days ago. Police, however, refused to confirm it until they conduct a forensic analysis of his phone and computer. Chilling CCTV footage of the suicide was recorded by cameras placed at a house near the tracks. It shows the schoolboy walking on the tracks around 11pm and waiting for a train. On seeing it, he kneels on the tracks until it crushes him. Police came to know about the

incident at 2am. Satvik's maternal uncle Prakash Dube said the teenager had left home around 9pm on his bike. No one had a clue suicide was on his mind. The family came to know about it when police called them in the wee hours. His father, a government clerk, said he did not know he was playing the Blue Whale game. Two of his schoolmates — Atif Khan and Rohit — confirmed that Satvik was playing the

dangerous game. Khan said, "We came to know a few days back that he was playing Blue Whale. He told us." Rohit, who is shattered by the suicide, also confirmed that Satvik was playing Blue Whale.

However, Kotwali SHO Pradeep Soni, said they are investigating all angles. The actual reason for the suicide will be known once the investigations are completed, he added.