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### ORS Week celebration 2019 Inaugurated



**DIPR**  
**Imphal July 24,**

The 'ORS Week Celebration 2019' was inaugurated today at JNIMS's Conference Hall, Porompat. The celebration was organized by Pediatric Association of India (PAM), with the theme "ORS: The Amrut in Dehydration".

On the occasion, Director, JNIMS Prof Th. Bhimo Singh, Medical Superintendent, JNIMS Hospital, Prof. N. Jitendra and President PAM, Dr. Kh. Ratankumar Singh graced as Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and President respectively. Secretary PAM, R.K. Rupabati Devi was also on the dais.

As part of the programme, Chief Guest of the celebration Prof Th. Bhimo Singh released a leaflet, 'The role of Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) in Diarrhea in Children' and Dr. M. Meenakshi presented a power point presentation on 'Oral Rehydration Therapy'. It may be mentioned that the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) observes ORS week every year in July including July 29 as ORS Day. IAP is saying to increase awareness on the importance of ORS. ORS saves lives of children having diarrhea. The meaning of this year's theme "ORS: The Amrut in Dehydration" is holy water that can give immortal lives to children.

## Assam Rifles Celebrates Kargil Vijay Diwas



**IGAR (South)**  
**Imphal July 24,**

In continuation with the ongoing events being organised by Assam Rifles to commemorate 20th year of Kargil War (Operation Vijay), various programmes and events were organized at different locations of the State under IGAR (South) on yesterday.

Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles organised an Educational and Patriotic event on Kargil War at Sainik School, Imphal. The event commenced with an inspirational lecture during which the students of the school were informed about the saga of Kargil War. The students were enlightened on the bravery and sacrifices made by the soldiers of the Indian Army who fought the war against Pakistani intruders in an inhospitable terrain and inclement weather conditions of Kargil, Dras and Batalik Sub Sectors in Jammu and Kashmir. This was followed by screening of a short movie on Kargil War and an interactive session for the students.

## Assam Rifles Conducts Chiefs' And Secretaries Conclave

**IGAR (South)**  
**Imphal July 24,**

In an endeavour to reach out to the local population and render all possible help to locals, Moltuk Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a conclave for the Village Chiefs and Secretaries in and around Khenjoigoi on yesterday. The congregation of the chiefs, secretaries and the elders was aimed at identifying areas where the Army could pitch in with its efforts to alleviate the hardships being faced by the locals in such remote parts. Various issues related to lack of basic

medical facilities and water shortage amongst others were highlighted. A consensus regarding implementation of rain water harvesting was arrived at. The officer of Moltuk battalion took the opportunity to inform the chiefs about the forthcoming recruitment rally for women and regarding the Battalion's planned pre-recruitment training for aspiring women. The officer assured the Village Chief regarding conduct of regular medical checkup rounds to compensate for lack of basic medical infrastructure. The conclave concluded with a church service.

## IMA opposes NMC bill 2019, concerns raised last year still unaddressed

By a Correspondent  
New Delhi July 24,

The emergency Action Committee of IMA, today has decided to oppose NMC Bill 2019. Fighting against the NMC bill since 2016, IMA believes that the bill has only undergone cosmetic changes and the core concerns raised by IMA is still unaddressed.

Though the deleterious clauses have been retained in the bill, but the addition of Section 32 that legalizes quackery by empowering health providers to practice medicine will only endanger the lives of people. This is the single largest threat to the Health of the nation.

"The decision to couple NEXT and NEET lacks vision and clarity and is absurd. While the Licentiate examination will license the minimum qualified person to practice medicine, NEET will be selecting the best students aspiring for post graduate medical education. This will prevent over 50 percent of the qualified MBBS graduates from practicing modern medicine. This will also give rise to quackery as the Government will allow the quacks, who are hardly 30% of the total doctor's population to



**Said Dr Santanu Sen, National President, IMA.**

"IMA at all costs is against this decision as this will also increase the health safety concerns of the common public. The Government in their wisdom are refusing license to practice to qualified MBBS graduates coming out of our Medical Colleges every year, but promoting indirect quackery." He added

The other clause includes - Provision to fix fee of private medical colleges aspiring for 50% of the seats has been further diluted to framing guidelines only.

"Now 100% of the private medical seats will be deregulated regarding the fees subject to nonbinding guidelines. Medical education in the country will become expensive placing the lower socio-economic groups in great disadvantage. This effectively removes poor and middle class reckoning for such seats. However lack of clarity on implementation has jeopardized the decision itself."

**Said Dr RV Asokan, Hony. Secretary General, IMA**  
IMA opposes NMC Bill 2019 since it violates the following 6 cardinal principles of autonomy, exclusivity, patient safety, right to democracy, federalism and equal opportunities.

Taking into account that more than 279 out of India's 500 plus medical colleges are in private sector and the eligibility criteria to open a medical college has been further diluted to include all companies and even private partnerships the commercialization of India's medical education is complete.

"There has never been a blatant pro rich bias of this intensity. The NMC bill is a pro-private management Bill paving the way for widespread corruption. This goes to say that all arguments of the Government are hollow and its intention is malafide and harmful. Rural healthcare is bound to improve only by starting new Government medical colleges and wisely deploying the medical manpower." Added Dr Rajan Sharma, National President - Elect, IMA

## The District Legal Service Authority Lakhimpur distributes flood relief in three areas

Courtesy Northeast now  
North Lakhimpur July 24,

The District Legal Service Authority of Lakhimpur in Assam has conducted three flood relief camps in different areas of the district since Sunday. The DLSA-Lakhimpur led by its secretary Bichitra Dutta distributed flood relief material in Kawoi Bhuruka gaon and Borgoyan-Gendhali gaon in North Lakhimpur and in Bhet Toli gaon in Dhakuakhona.

The DLSA-Lakhimpur launched a flood relief material collection drive from second week of July and with full public cooperation and services by para-legal volunteers, members of Lakhimpur District Bar Association,



Lakhimpur district administration, police and student organizations distributed the relief materials among the flood affected people of the district. The relief materials included clothes, rice, lentils, mustard oil, salt, potato, onion,

packaged drinking water, milk, puffed rice, flattened rice, soaps and mosquito repellents. Notably the relief materials by DLSA-Lakhimpur were distributed in non-plastic wrappers.

The Chief Judicial Magistrate of North Lakhimpur Justice Narayan Kuri, additional CJM Justice F U Choudhury, the sub-divisional judicial magistrate of Dhakuakhona, Justice Angshuman Bhattacharya and judicial magistrate Justice Jayanta Saikia participated in the flood relief camps.

## Mein asks to expedite construction of road in Changlang

Courtesy Northeast now  
Itanagar July 24,

Arunachal Pradesh deputy chief minister Chowna Mein has asked the rural works department to expedite the construction of the road connecting remote Vijaynagar with Miao in the Changlang district.

Mein, who on Monday, sat for a meeting to review the status of the road construction with RWD minister Honchun Ngamam and chief engineer D Nyodu at his office said that Vijaynagar, being one of the major border towns of the State located strategically near the Myanmar border needs



proper road connectivity and the government is seriously concerned over the providing the same. The deputy chief minister said that the State Government is ready to provide an additional fund of Rs 39 crore for re-alignment and construction of culvert and bridges in the road as sought by the department. He, however, stressed that

the department should judiciously use the funds and complete the road project within the stipulated time. Earlier, minister Ngamam while requesting for the additional fund informed that due to the soil conditions and a shortfall in the sanctioned detail project report, a new alignment has to be made and that required the additional funding.

The meeting also saw chief engineer Nyodu has brief the deputy chief minister on the other difficulties and issues faced in the construction of Miao-Vijaynagar road like harsh topography, repetitive cloud burst, frequent rainfall, forest regulations etc. He, however, informed that the department has already taken several steps to remove and resolve these issues.