

Cucumbers today are not safe for human consumption: A telephonic conversation between two friends revealed

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Perhaps, with no intention to sabotage human health, but due to requisite for family maintenance besides, heavy demand in the market, farmers are reportedly using some kind of insecticide, that may cause serious health hazard to consumers.

A telephonic conversation between a person who live in an area where many cucumbercultivation and his close friend reveals that – eating cucumber may cause serious kind of health problem like stomach aching, diarrhea, headache etc. Who does not want to make money? But for Kunjeshwar (not real name), who live in the area for the love of his friend Rajen (not real name) told him that he will not allow him to enjoy cucumber party which the two use to share every season. There are many farmers who use to earn by



cultivating cucumber. As the village that he live is appropriate for cucumber plantation almost all farmer plant it as maintenance is also reduced. As per the telephonic conversation between the two, due to scarcity of water and rise in the mercury level, most of the cucumber shrunk and the farmers were worried as they will be left with no

option to feed their family. "Many diseases were notice to the cucumber plant this year due to lack of proper rainfall", Kunjeshwar said. He added that they bought some medicine for the plant from a shop called 'Agri Tech' located at Uripok. The farmers also consulted some expert and as per their advice they spray medicine to the cucumber plants.

"I was shocked to see many empty bottles lying in and around the cultivation site and I am sure that it will do no good to human being", Kunjeshwar said. He added that farmers who are planting the cucumber do not allow their children to eat the cucumber that they were planted as they know that it will be harmful to them. Some children who have no

idea of the things happening at the cultivation site sometime stole and enjoyed the cucumber fruits. These children developed symptom of stomach pain and finally diarrhea and other diseases. "Just a few moment back I had help one child who have complaint of loss motion after he consumed the cucumber and I gave him some medicine". Kunjeshwar said while talking to his friend Rajen. Use of pesticide or any other medicine to fruits and vegetable is likely cause serious health problem if not immediately it will cause after some times. As the harmful medication is not only confined to a specific cultivation site, this reporter did not disclosed the location of where the situation happened. **This report is a wakeup call to those in the Food Safety department as well as to the people of the state.**

Rongmei students demand fresh recruitment of staffs for Eklavaya Residential Model School

By a Correspondent
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The Rongmei Students' Organisation Manipur (RSOM) has demanded fresh recruitment of both teaching and non-teaching staffs of Eklavaya Residential Model School (EMRS) particularly in the Tamenglong district by advertising the notice in all major local newspapers. The demand of the RSOM was conveyed by its General Secretary Jeanthui Panmei of RSOM during a press conference at the Manipur Press Club in Imphal this afternoon. The students' body also demanded immediate cancellation of the recruitment process of 210 teaching and non-teaching staffs of EMRS located at Moreh, Saparameina and Tamenglong. RSOM secretary Panmei also alleged that the recruitment notification of the said 210 posts including both teaching and non-teaching staffs has not been published in any state daily local newspaper or print media. Similarly the holding of the recruitment process during election time is also a violation of election model code of conduct as Election Commission of India, he alleged. Condemning the alleged

"misconduct and practice" in education sector, the student leader also appealed to the concerned authorities of the state government to check the recruitment process. Alleging that concerned authority of the EMRS in the above areas conducted the recruitment process "on their behest and favour," the leaders of the student body who were present at the press conference threatened to launch various forms of democratic agitations in collaboration with like-minded students bodies of the state if the concerned authorities in the state fails to address the matter within a month's time.

EMRS for Scheduled Tribe students are set up in States and Union territories with provisioning of funds through "Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution", according to official sources. The establishing of EMRSs are based on demand of the concerned States and Union territories with availability of land as an essential attribute. As per the budget 2018-19, every block with more than 50% Scheduled Tribe population and at least 20,000 tribal persons, will have an Eklavaya Model Residential School by the year 2022, the sources added.

Rape convict sent to jail

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Additional Session Judge First Treck Court (Crime Against Women Manipur) Bini Ngangom to sentence Kongsam Poirai @ Inaoton of Charangpat Maning Leikai for 10 years imprisonment on charge of rape. The petition was filed by his second wife who married to Kongsam Poirai. Mentioned may be made that the convict is survived by 3 children. Two of his daughters tried to commit suicide after hearing the news of their father announced as rapist by the court. The Court also directed concerns to look after the children of the convict.

Order to shut down road irked shop owners

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Following the crumbling of a portion of shops at BT Road near Pologround Imphal, where a person died and another three injured, authority has been forcing the owners to shut their shops. "We are facing lots of inconveniences, we don't know how we are going to recover our lost. The tragic accident occurred on May 10 where a part of an old building of shops near fly over bridge collapsed killing one person and injuring three others. And as an aftermath the shops were forced to shut down till the whole buildings were checked properly by the concerned authorities. Unfortunately the building was not checked even after two days after the incident. Because of the closure of shop the owners felt discontentment over the order for closing the shops to inspect the building

where they haven't checked it till the time of the report even after the two days incurring a huge loss on their business. It can be mentioned that around 80 percent of the total building in the Imphal area especially the market areas need repairing. Meanwhile the sun shed of the shops were also taken down yesterday upon the order of the authorities. Speaking to media person a shop owner who waited on the footpath of BT road waiting for the authorities to checked their shops said that they have incurred heavy loss on their business around 30-40 thousands per day after their shop was forced to close down. He added that they have faced a lot of inconveniences. All the shops which were on the stretched of BT road where the unfortunate incident took place were all closed except for a few ones. Speaking to media person one

of the shop owner questioned how the authorities can meet the people if their shops were closed. He further said that as they were hand to mouth people they incurred heavy loss which affect their livelihood.

Regarding the taking down of sun shed he added that as it were all taken down they shops will get flooded as the level of their shops is below the road. He also appealed to look into the matter also.

District level orientation course for functioning of Panchayats held

By a Correspondent
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A day long training programme on 'Orientation course for trainees/support team of district level for functioning of Panchayats like Right to Information (RTI), Panchayat Act & Rules, Social audit etc' was held in Imphal on Monday. The orientation programme cum training course which was held at the Kuki Inn in Imphal was organised by the State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) Manipur. The training course was

attended by around 45 key representatives of the village authorities under Island tribal development block under Saikul sub-division, Kangpopi district. In his key note address, the Joint Director (Training) Okram Lokendro Singh of SIRD highlighted the importance of holding such training to jointly understand the various rural development programmes and schemes of the government and the public participation in its implementation process for a better livelihood.

Some resources persons in diverse fields made different presentations on the issues relating with the rural development. Former additional secretary W Nimaichand Singh of the Manipur Public Service Commission made a presentation on RTI and its importance in the implementation of development programmes while Under Secretary Kh Chaoba Singh of the Rural development and Panchayati Raj government of Manipur on Panchayat Act and Rules/

Autonomous District Council. Kh Ibochou Singh State nodal officer (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) also delivered a lecture cum presentation on key issues in the implementation of Rural Development programme and preparation of labour budget under MGNREGS. Island block under Kangpopi district has around 86 recognised villages, according to the village representatives who attended in the day's programme.

Violence against doctors should stop immediately - 'Save the savior'

By a Correspondent
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In India, doctors have traditionally been regarded highly by society. The present impression of private business-mindedness of some in the profession has led to a poor image of doctors. However, one of the factors that contribute to this poor image of doctors is the sensationalization of every news item, often ignoring information that would gloss over mundane details, exonerating a doctor in an incident of alleged medical negligence. There are many causes for the increase in violence against medical personnel, not restricted to a general increase in aggression in society as evidenced by incidents of road rage and other acts of violence witnessed in schools and colleges across India. "Violence against doctors and other medical practitioners in India has been reported as an increasing problem. On an average, one in 2 doctors faces violence at hospitals. Violence is much more common in healthcare industry compared to any other, taking up a variety of forms. There are many ways to reduce the potential for violence and total episodes. One of the most serious problems in worldwide healthcare, it needs

to be addressed in a well-thought-out way" Said **Dr Vinay Aggarwal, Past National President, Indian Medical Association and Chairman, Pushpanjali Medical Centre, New Delhi.** Violence may stem from patient dissatisfaction with care, costs associated with insurance premiums, unrealistic expectations, and overworked and underpaid hospital staff, as well as the rising cost of health care due to the government's inability to subsidize hospital operations. Lack of a third-party formal dispute resolution system in many hospitals has been suggested as a factor, and the acceptance of bribes or good-faith money in the form of red packets has been implicated. Media coverage, and a lack of health literacy amongst the population are also some of the contributory factors. **Violence against doctors – Global Phenomenon** Violence against doctors and hospital is not only restricted to India, but a global phenomenon. In the USA, between 1980 and 1990, over 100 healthcare workers died as a result of violence. Another survey conducted in 170 university hospitals revealed that 57% of all emergency room employees had been threatened with a weapon over a 5-year period before the survey. The main reason behind violence is ignorance about

disease and prognosis, lack of knowledge regarding medical science. Today mob mentality has become a pre-dominant trait. "Among other causes of violence against doctors in India are the pathetic conditions in which patients are treated in government hospitals. There is overcrowding, long waiting time to meet doctors, absence of a congenial environment, multiple visits to get investigations done as well as consult doctors, sharing a bed by two and sometimes three patients, and poor hygiene and sanitation", He added. **Causes of violence** There is lack of communication and overwork leading to numerous patients and understaffing of doctors. The junior doctors mostly get attacked as first responders in critical situation, because they lack training in proper communication. There is also lack of surveillance, security and restriction on movement of multiple attendants inside hospital premises. The government should be very transparent with lack of institutional/organisational policies, and prepare action plans to deal with such violence. There are various types of healthcare violence like verbal abuse, mobbing, threats, psychological

harassment, physical violence, vandalism and cyber trolling. **Put an End – The solution** Aspects of patient-doctor communication such as 'receiving an explanation for the occurrence of the symptom/ sign, likely duration of treatment and the lack of unmet expectations' were found to be key predictors of patient satisfaction. Caregivers must be trained in breaking bad news, empathizing and communicating with their patients. Given the patient load, lack of time, gross deficiency of staff and other resources, these issues receive only lip service in India, especially in the government sector. The relationship between a doctor and a patient is paternalistic where patients are still not considered equal partners by their caregivers. This at times leads to arrogant behaviour, condescending attitude and use of jargon by doctors, which confuses the patient. This is an area where much emphasis needs to be laid especially during medical training. Doctors are taught clinical behaviour but not empathy. Effective patient-doctor communication has been shown to correlate with patient satisfaction with healthcare services.