

IMA opposes Pharmacists from getting doctor Entitlement

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With the reported directions provided by the Pharmacy Council of India to us the prefix Doctor (Dr) while awarding degrees to Pharm D graduates, Indian Medical Association (IMA) strongly opposes any such moves. As this title reflects entitlement and identity, IMA is against all such shift from those who are trained in other streams of Health sector to venture into medical practice. According to IMA, such illegitimate conferment cannot become entitlements, just in case if an advocate or an engineer should be called doctor by an executive order. Such social anarchy only creates confusion in the minds of common man and the impact it has on the structure of a well organized society is clearly evident. Aspiration in any course needs to be legitimate and appropriate to be recognized. The roles and responsibilities of nurses, physiotherapists, optometrists and others in the field of healthcare are irreplaceable and are as per their entitlement. "Bridge courses and illegitimate conferment of the

title of Dr. are two faces of the same issue which defies the sole purpose of NEET. This year the cut-off marks in the NEET for Government seats were 497 out of 700, wherein most of the students, settled for non-medical courses. A Pharmacist by any other name will remain a Pharmacist. Indirect entitlement to practice of modern medicine on human beings by colored exercise of power by bodies created for a limited purpose is unacceptable. Transgressions of entitlement are illegal and illegitimate." **Said Dr Santanu Sen, National President, Indian Medical Association.**

The rules and regulations governing the practice of Modern medicine are settled positions of law in India. The Supreme Court of India in (1) Poonam verma v/s AswinPattel and others reported in 1996 (4) SCC 332, (2) Dr. Muktiar Chand and others v/s State of Punjab and others reported in AIR 1999 (SC) 468, (3) Medical Council of Rajasthan reported in AIR 1996 (S.C) 2073, has clearly held that, only a person holding a registration with the Medical Council of India or the state Medical Councils is entitled to practice Modern

System of Medicine. As per the judgments and the rulings stated above, pharmacists cannot use prefix "Dr" to their name, they can work only under medical supervision and in any case cannot be the first contact person for an illness. "IMA has the duty and privilege to defend the rights of medical graduates. IMA has written to the Union Health Ministry and MCI on the inappropriateness of the announcement by the Pharmacy Council. IMA demands that the Government of India use its authority and settle the issue as per the law

of the land. IMA also urges the Pharmacy Council to take back the unlawful order. The entitlement to a medical graduate comes out of merit and the nature of the course. The whole purpose of the exam is diluted by adding other medical streams." **Said Dr RV Asokan, Hony. Secretary General, IMA.** The Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare bearing No R/ 14015/ 25/96, wherein the Government of India has clearly held the term 'Dr' can be used only by the practitioners of recognized systems of medicine.

Drugs worth 11.35 Crores seized

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In its pursuit of making Manipur a drug free State, Assam Rifles seized a huge quantity of drugs worth approximately Rs 11.35 crores along Asian Highway (NH102). On 28 May 19, at around 1315 hrs based on specific input, troops of Assam Rifles stopped a Silver colour Omni Van bearing registration number MN01AG 2412 travelling from Moreh to Imphal for checking. On

carrying out a thorough check of the vehicle, white coloured powder suspected to be Heroin contained in 33 packets and weighing approx 400 grams, WYI tablets 3,13,000 in number and Orange colour powder suspected to be Brown Sugar contained in 15 packets weighing approx 180 grams were found hidden under the rear seat of the vehicle. The vehicle was being driven by Mr Md Feroz Khan aged 28 years, resident of Ward no 5, Muslim Nagar, Moreh.

GS SCORE in collaboration with TASSAR Education Announces Scholarship test for Civil Services Aspirants on 10th June

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India's most prestigious Civil services Examination calls for thousands of dedicated and strong willed youth to apply for the responsible administrative position here, the aspiring candidates with financial or geographical constraints often fail to receive right training and guidance from professional experts from the field of civil services. To curb this gap between deserving minds and the experts, GS SCORE is

conducting the Scholarship test for civil service aspirants in Assam, Nagaland, Meghalya, Auranchal Pradesh, Manipur, Sikkim and Mizoram on 10TH June 2019. The scholarship test is on the same line to provide 200 meritorious students, where 100% Scholarship will be given for top 5 students, 75% Scholarship for next 20 students, 50% Scholarship for next 75 students and 30% scholarship for next 100 students.

The test is set to strictly follow UPSC Examination pattern and

be objective in nature while following 1/3 negative marking pattern. Questions will be based on current affairs & G.K. Announcing fair slabs of scholarship being awarded to CSE Aspirants, the institute is all set to enroll the selected candidates for GS Foundation Programme and help them prepare under expert guidance in Main Branch Delhi. We are looking forward to find shining stars amidst the pool of talented youth our nation is blessed with. Students can register for the test on bit.ly/30kup0p or call 9811315559

Sport News

French Open: Indo-Japanese pair to play their Mixed Doubles

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In French Open Tennis, Indo-Japanese pair of Divij Sharan and Shuko Aoyama will play their Mixed Doubles matches in Paris today.

The duo will face Mexico-Ukrainian pair of Santiago González and Lyudmyla Kichenok. Three Indians - Divij Sharan, Leander Paes and Rohan Bopanna - along with their partners, have already advanced to the Round of 32 in Men's Doubles event. They are scheduled to play their matches tomorrow.

In Men's singles, former champion Roger Federer and 11-time winner Rafael Nadal moved into the third round



without dropping a set. Federer needed only one hour 36 minutes to see off Germany's lucky loser Oscar Otte.

Spain's defending champion Nadal defeated Yannick Maden of Germany. Sixth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece,

seventh seed Japan's Kei Nishikori, and Swiss former champion Stan Wawrinka also advanced to the next round.

In women's singles, E.Svitolina, K.Pliskova and G.Muguruza won their respective round of 64 matches to move to next round.

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William Pettigrew's contribution

A reaction against it was immense ; many tribals invaded the mission campuses, some missionaries were man-handled, converts were driven out from the villages and boycotted from their communities.

But Christian Missionaries, including Rev. William Pettigrew, despite such opposition, did not leave the tribal areas, instead of leaving they scattered through the country, placing themselves under the protection of the British administrators. The tribals, perhaps, thought it impolite to chase the Missionaries; they did not push matter further beyond their villages; the missionaries kept on preaching, showed 'love' to the tribals and preaching openly to the public ; and their patience, tolerance and tenacity served them all. The success achieved by the Christian Missionaries is a matter of much sociological interest for investigation. It is difficult to say what factors exactly made the Missionaries work successful ; because, the information we get from loose records are scanty. Anyway, whatever method were followed, the early success of the missionary work was astonishing. But I presume, the greatest weapon they used was 'love' and 'patience'. They

identified themselves (e.g. William Pettigrew) with the local people and showed intense human interest ; co-ercion might partly explain of their success, but force exercised by the administrators upon the subjects wielded tremendous influence on the local people. Another important factor which helped the missionary work was "concessions" given to the converts ; for example, free education, gifts and presents, this method was a powerful bribe in religious negotiation with the staunch tribal religious worshippers. The tribals converts to new creed could have easier access to the administrators and the missionaries and this could necessarily give some advantage over the ir tribals rivals who did not have such opportunity and this trick could increase their power at the expenses of their neighbours. But these concessions were actually offered for the privilege of preaching, and sometimes much more than the privilege was demanded and obtained. Once the objective was achieved, the missionaries would asked for land as a gift for their missionaries work, at times threatening, in case of refusal.

Soon after that the missionaries began to prove the character of their creed by furious attacks upon the traditional religion. They (missionaries) condemned the tribal religion, attacked their culture, stopped, even though, their cultural activities such as singing, dancing and festivals which did not have any direct link with religion and did not have religious flavour ; but attributed such acts as the "wrath of God" and after which act, by the zeal of their converts, many tribals ceremonial custom were destroyed ; festivals, local mild rice beer drinking were banned and abandoned ; traditional songs and dances were replaced by alien songs and dances, religious rites were forbidden and replaced by Christian faith. Despite the tremendous damages inflicted on the tribal social milieus by the Christian missionaries, one must admit that Christian missionaries, specially Rev. William Pettigrew brought to the tribals a wider harmonizing influence ; a new gospel of love and tenderness, together with various mundane new benefits like schools, dispensaries, idea of cleanliness, dignity of men and above all, opened vistas to the modern world.

Education Dept targets to plant over 65,000 tree saplings on World Environment Day

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Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam has announced that the Education Department in collaboration with the Forest Department and All Manipur Working Journalist Union (AMWJU) will be celebrating the World Environment Day on 5th June 2019, by planting more than 65,000 tree saplings. He also said that there will be a review during the festival of Van Mahotsav in July and another in November for the number of surviving saplings. The Minister said, this year the Education Department is all geared up to observed the World Environment Day with mass tree plantation in 1042

schools belonging to government, private and CBSE category along with 80 colleges of the State. He made the statement while addressing the media persons in his office Chamber at the New Secretariat, North Block. He explained that the initiative is jointly taken up by the Education Department with the Forest Department is an effort to instill in children the sense of responsibility to care for the environment. It is also the need of the hour that every section of the society join hands to fight the climate change and become aware about the importance of preserving the environment. Th. Radheshyam elaborating the plan and guidelines on how the tree plantation will be

carried out stated that the tree sapling will be provided by the Forest Department. There will be tie up between the nodal officers, teachers and officers of the Directorate of Education for the distribution of the sapling. He said that the task for preparation of plantation sites/pits, number of saplings will be ensured by the schools prior to the plantation. He stressed that wherever possible arrangements for protection of the sapling from animals will be made. Names of students/ class or names of the teachers and other persons may also be projected/pasted on a suitable material against the trees so planted, he added. Detailing the media persons, the Minister also read out the

some species of different seedlings available in the Forest Department that would be planted on the World Environment day. Some of the plants are Oak, Tairen, Yongchak, Heijuga, (Walnut); Pine, Thuja Pareng (Alder), Chorphon (Indian Olive); heitup, Bokul etc). The Distribution of the tree saplings in all schools and colleges is targeted to be completed before the 3rd July, 2019 by the Forest Department. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Task Force, K. Angami, Director, Department of Education, Th. Kirankumar, members of AMWJU, and concern officials of both the Departments attended the meeting.

Assam Rifles Conducts Entrepreneurship Workshop At Ukhrul; inaugurates community Hall

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Continuing with it's series of philanthropic work, Somsai Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted an Entrepreneurship Workshop on 29 May 2019 at Ukhrul. The workshop was aimed at generating awareness amongst the local populace on commercial pig rearing and breeding, community farming, developments in agriculture, dairy and livestock and Integrated Farming System. Ms Zeinorin Stefan of Hill Wild Chocolate fame enlightened the participants with her journey on developing indigenous chocolates in Ukhrul. The farmers were provided guidance and expert advice

by Mrs Yirmila Zimik from Krishi Vigyan Kendra Ukhrul on Integrated Farming. The biggest draw however was an in-depth workshop by Mr Manoj Kumar Basumatary, CEO Symbiotic Foods Pvt Ltd, on commercial pig breeding and rearing. A large number of aspiring entrepreneurs from far off villages attended the workshop and interacted with experts. 20 participants were selected for an on job training capsule of three days at Symbiotic Foods Pvt Ltd at Tezpur, Assam. The expenses will be borne by the Assam Rifles. High level of enthusiasm was visible among the participants. This focused and genuine initiative of Assam Rifles has found immense appreciation among

the local populace. On the other hand, Moreh Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) constructed a community hall at New Mongjang village on 29 May 2019. The hall will serve as a common platform for the people of the community and will bring a spirit of unity, co-operation and harmony. Assam rifles, apart from achieving it's operational mandate on the challenging Indo-Myanmar border, it shares emotional connect with the people and strives to help in all possible ways in border areas. In this direction, when people of the New Mongjang village approached Moreh Battalion for a community hall for the village, the project was

conceived under the Border Areas Development Programme. The work started expeditiously and construction of the community hall was done with in 40 days. Community hall was inaugurated by daughter of Village Chief Thingneithe Haokip in the presence of Commandant, Moreh Battalion Assam Rifles. During the inauguration ceremony civil society organisations of various communities were also present. The Village Chief, civil society organisations and villagers lauded the efforts of Assam Rifles for its noble gesture and appreciated the continued efforts of Assam Rifles in providing basic amenities in village.