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### Hepatitis B & C screening camp concludes at press club



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*Guwahati scribes show excellent health status.*

Guwahati: City-based scribes, who participated in a daylong Hepatitis B and C screening camp at Guwahati Press Club on 9 September 2019, showed an excellent health status as none was reported positive in the blood tests.

Organized by Dr Rela Institute & Medical Centre of Chennai, the camp witnessed the participation of over 60 media persons where all the blood samples were tested negative for both the viruses. Marketing officer from Dr Rela Institute in northeast India, Chiranjib Sarma along with health workers Siva Kalita and Mrnmoy Dutta conducted the camp.

Currently, chronic Hepatitis B and C are the major burden of liver diseases in India, which eventually leads to cirrhosis of the liver and hepatocellular carcinoma. However, a simple screening test can provide an opportunity to treat the disease and to identify patients, who are at risk of hepatocellular carcinoma. For the person, diagnosed negative for Hepatitis B can be protected by giving proper vaccines.

The initiative of Dr Rela Institute ([www.relainstitute.com](http://www.relainstitute.com)) can be termed as an important example of social healthcare initiatives, which is expected to empower member-journalists of the press club to fight against Hepatitis B and C virus.



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