

Hunger strike by Junior Doctors at Assam Medical College



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The ongoing strike by the Junior Doctors Association (JDA) at the premier institute of North East gets intensified on the 12th day as 9 of the junior doctors of the college went on an indefinite hunger strike. However all emergency duties are on full swing, to ensure the general public gets the service on time. In context the JDA also organized a Blood donation camp here on 23rd Nov. “The blood can be given to any needy patient and also can be transferred for the need of the Nalbari blast victims. People in need of blood can contact us directly.” says Dr.David Pegu, president of JDA. “The Govt. has given a deaf ear to the genuine needs of the Junior Doctors which are mainly - filling of the vacant teachers post, increasing the stipend, security in rural postings and early appointment for rural posting.” said a member of the JDA.

As the hunger strike enters on the 2nd day, the conditions of the students are worsening, but no intimation has been shown by the State Govt. to address the problems of the Junior Doctors. To add more fuel to the fire, the state health minister has also threatened the doctors on strike to vacate hostels.

Questions still looms large on the minds of the doctors who serve dedicatedly day and night why their stipend is not at par with those of their counterparts in different part of the country. Several organizations have come forward in support of the cause and also stressed the need for fulfilling the teachers post of the esteemed institution and the raise in stipend of the JDA.

The silent hunger strike continues believing in the ideology of Ganghiji while their counterparts are on duty wearing badge “Serve without foods”.



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