

Concern expressed over Focus NE's closure



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Electronic Media Forum Assam (EMFA) has expressed concerns over the official closure of Focus NE (formerly NE [TV](#)), which was [launched](#) in March 2004, and urged the management to compensate its employees according to the existing laws.

Identified as the first satellite news channel of northeast India, which once beamed news bulletins in over 16 recognized languages and also dialects for the benefit of 50 million populace of the region, was reportedly owned by [Congress](#) stalwart Naveen Jindal, the former Parliamentarian from Kurukshetra (Haryana). The chairman of Jindal Steel and Power Ltd lastly got the ownership of the vibrant channel from another [Congress](#) veteran, Matang Sinh, who was an Union minister in PV Narsimharao's cabinet.

Unconfirmed source reveals that the news channel would be re-[launched](#) very soon may be with different nomenclature. The EMFA fervently urges the new management to recruit the present staff of Focus NE according to their skill and efficiency.

In another development, the EMFA also condemned the incident of assaults to a [city](#) based scribe. The EMFA urged the authority to take appropriate actions [against](#) the offenders, who had physically attacked Mukut [Roy](#) of Dainik Agradoot on 22 May 2015 when he was on a journalistic assignment. The EMFA reiterated its old demand for a special law to protect the media persons on duty across the country.

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