

Healing visit of Union ministers



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One after another Union ministers are visiting the state at a time when BJP and [Congress](#) are equally feeling the heat of the Indo-Bangla land [deal](#). Boxed by the circumstances, the BJP leadership are maintaining stoic silence allowing the Union [leaders](#) an ministers to speak out in support of the [deal](#) than runs into a hail of protest.

The Centre sent Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Colonel Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore on Saturday who strongly advocated the [deal](#) saying that it would be instrumental to help both the countries resolve the perennial infiltration and border issues.

Rathore who talked to the media in the sidelight of a function to mark the nationwide launch of three social security schemes said, “the biggest problem is immigration. If the boundary is not demarcated, there cannot be fencing. Now that the international boundary has been defined, fencing work can be completed and infiltration will stop.”

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GUWAHATI, October 1, 2026 — The Department of Applied Biology, University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM), in association with the Microbiologists Society, India (MBSI) and the Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS), concluded International Microorganisms Day 2026 and a national workshop on “Academic Writing and Scholarly Publications” on Thursday.

The programme, held from September 17, focused on strengthening academic writing, research communication and scholarly publishing skills among Master's students, research scholars and early-career researchers.

USTM Vice Chancellor Prof G D Sharma inaugurated the programme. Prof Kumananda Tayung, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, Gauhati University, and Dr Niraj Singh, State President, MBSI (Assam & Meghalaya), attended as Chief Guest-cum-Resource Person and Guest of Honour respectively.

Experts from India and Saudi Arabia conducted sessions on scientific writing, manuscript preparation, publication ethics, scholarly communication and journal selection. Participants from USTM, The Assam Royal Global University and Cotton University attended the programme.

A Poster and Model Competition was also organised, with prizes distributed to the winners.

The programme was organised under the chairpersonship of Dr Sony Kumari, Head, Department of Applied Biology, with Dr Yugal Kishore Mohanta as Convener and Dr Tamanna Bhuyan as coordinator.

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