

IMA allege anomalies in Covid-19 management



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Guwahati: The Indian Medical Association has strongly criticized the COVID19 care and management in Assam and suggested the government to formulate measures taking the medical experts into confidence.

In a letter to health minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, IMA's state unit alleged a number of anomalies in the system which why, the number of infected doctors and health workers has gone up on every passing day.

The association further questioned the government's intention on the violation of ICMR guidelines for home treatment of the asymptomatic patients.



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To,
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Minister, Health & Family Welfare Department,
Government of Assam, Dispur, Assam.

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IMA also demands a critical review by the government why so many health workers and doctors are affected by the disease while working with the disease.

IMA also advises the government to adhere to ICMR's advice of managing and supervising asymptomatic Covid patients who qualify for home treatment to get themselves treated in their homes as it is not possible with limited resources and facilities to treat the large numbers of cases.

IMA urges upon the government to take experienced healthcare professionals and groups in confidence in proper planning to face the challenges rather than taking closed door and whimsical decisions. Otherwise the much talked about successful Assam model will collapse in no time.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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