

JFA insists on comprehensive health insurance scheme for scribes



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[Journalists'](#) Forum Assam ([JFA](#)) expresses worries [over](#) the serious health conditions of two young scribes undergoing treatments in the city based hospitals and wishes their early recoveries. The forum also appeals to the government to immediately launch a comprehensive health [insurance](#) scheme for the benefit of all working journalists of the State.

It may be noted that Gautam [Hazarika](#) from DY365 news channel is presently admitted at [GNRC](#) Six-mile campus after a brain stroke on the night of last Monday. On the other hand, Kushal Lahan from Amar Asom newspaper faced an accident in [Meghalaya](#) on 15 August and currently admitted at Apollo Hospital Guwahati.

The [JFA](#) also urged the chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal to sanction necessary funds for the treatment of both Gautam and Kushal, besides requesting other media [welfare](#) organisations to contribute for the two ailing journalists' treatment.

“We also request the owners/managements of various newspapers and news channels of the State to extend supports in realizing the contributory health [insurance](#) scheme for scribes at the earliest,” said a statement issued by [JFA](#) president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria.

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