

Oct 28: Shortage of food supply for meals meant for admitted patients of North Lakhimpur Civil Hospital by the State Health Department has greatly affected functioning in the hospital in recent times.

The Directorate of Health Services, Assam, had fixed the rate of food meant for one admitted patient at Rs 40/- per day for North Lakhimpur Civil Hospital.

According to hospital rules, an admitted patient is entitled

mutton or chicken with rice on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday at lunch and dinner, fish with rice on Monday, Wednesday and Friday as lunch and dinner, and soybean on Thursday with rice as lunch and dinner.

However, the supplier of food to North Lakhimpur Civil Hospital has to cover all these specified menus with only Rs 40/- per day fixed by the State Health Department. As a result, the quality and quantity of food in the menu for the

This has also affected the distribution of meals among the patients at the hospital. Moreover, the food is cooked with firewood rather than in LPG-fuelled kitchens. The 250-bed North Lakhimpur Civil Hospital has been suffering from this awkward food shortage problem. It is learnt that the authorities of the hospital have already intimated this problem to the Directorate of Health Services, Guwahati.

Hailakandi student to attend national science meet



Child scientist Abu Saleh Arif Hassan Choudhury receiving a certificate. - Photo: Hailakandi Correspondent.

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HAILAKANDI, Oct 28: Child scientist Abu Saleh Arif Hassan Choudhury of Hailakandi district has been selected for the 26th National Children's Science Congress (NCSC) 2018.

Choudhury, a Class-X student of Spring Valley Central School was selected for his innovative project on fibre waste of animals titled, 'Paper production from animal waste'. He did the project under the sub-theme 'Waste to Wealth' under the tutelage of Shirin Akhtar, a TGT of the school.

Promising young scientist

Choudhury made a thin sheet of paper from cowdung and showcased his impressive model before the State-level evaluation committee. His project was highly appreciated as Choudhury made some recommendations like process of separation, cost-effectiveness, chemical analysis, mechanism behind it, et al.

Choudhury will join the select league of around 800 child scientists in the NCSC, 2018 event at Bhubaneswar in Odisha from December 27 to 31 next. Children from the ASEAN and Gulf countries are also likely to attend this programme. The focal theme of this year's NCSC is 'Sci-

ence, Technology and Innovation for a Clean, Green and Healthy Nation'.

In all, nine child scientists represented Hailakandi district in the Congress at Majuli. Altogether, 284 child scientists from 33 districts of the State participated in the four-day event which was inaugurated by Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

It may be mentioned that NCSC is organised every year in different parts of the country since its inception in 1993 to encourage scientific curiosity, creativity and a scientific temperament among students in the age group of 10 to 17, both from the formal school system as well as from those who are out of school or differently abled.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Adil Khan congratulated the little scientist and his guide teacher for making Hailakandi district proud and hoped that he would bring more laurels at the national level science congress.

Inspector of Schools Rajiv Kumar Jha too congratulated both of them and wished Choudhury success at the upcoming prestigious event.

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