

A nation is a society unified by decisions about its ancestry and by common hatred of its neighbors
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Lalu Prasad's show of strength

If the size of the crowd is anything to go by, Lalu Prasad Yadav's Sunday rally at Patna Gandhi Maidan was a resounding success with most first-rank opposition leaders attending it. Sonia, Rahul and Mayavati were three prominent absentees at the meeting but that in no way detracted from the importance of the rally. Next to Lalu the person who, expectedly, drew the loudest cheers from the crowd was West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who has emerged as the most uncompromising crusader against BJP. The Sunday meeting also pointed to another significant fact, namely, that the leadership of the two Yadav parties is passing into the hands of the next generation. Lalu is passing on his baton to his son Tejaswini Prasad who was the deputy chief minister in Nitish Kumar's Government, while Akhilesh Yadav is replacing his father as the leader of the Samajwadi Party.

The success of the Sunday rally, however, does not automatically mean that most if not all the opposition parties will be able to present a solid, united phalanx to the BJP in 2019. There are many hurdles to be overcome, personal ego being a major one. To emerge as a credible alternative to the BJP, the opposition parties will have to convince the people that they are not merely the party of petty party and personal interests to the larger national interests. The people of this country have seen unimpaired number of coalition governments at the Centre and in the States being formed only to disintegrate in no time. To take on and defeat a powerful party like the BJP, backed by the entire Sangh Parivar, the basic thing that a united opposition needs is to make the people believe that they will stick together and give a far better government than the present one.

People's discontent with the present regime is becoming manifest in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and right in the national capital Delhi. The Aam Admi Party which has been in the target of relentless attack of the BJP ever since it came to power for the second time in Delhi, has just won the Bawana by-poll by defeating the BJP with a margin of over 24,056 votes. The AAP polled 59,886 votes, the BJP came second with 35,834 votes while the Congress came a close third with 31,919 votes. The people will not fall the opposition leaders if they feel sure that the leaders will not fall them.

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Municipal team on tour to study solid waste mgmt practices

PORT BLAIR, AUG 29/- Mission. They also visited the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). Solid Waste Management and Processing Facility Centres at Madurai. On Tuesday, the team visited Goa which has one of India's most successful Municipal Solid Waste Processing Plant situated at Calungute in Salgaon. North Goa established and operated by the Hindustan Waste Treatment Pvt. Ltd. The plant was inaugurated by Mr Manohar Farkar, Chief Minister of Goa. The team interacted with the Mayor and PFI members and other dealing staff of North Goa, after that, had a field visit to the Municipal Solid Waste Processing Plant including the Waste to Energy Biomechanation Plant. The Port Blair Municipal Council has plans to establish a plant in the city for scientific management of generated waste after allotment of suitable piece of land in consultation with District Administration, said the Secretary, PBMC, in release.

Huge haul of banned tobacco in surprise raids

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Till now 30 premises have been sealed for the violation of the Act. The Commissioner Food Safety has warned the travellers who are travelling from mainland to Port Blair by air or by ship should not carry the contraband tobacco products with them and also warned the Food Business Operators not to store/stock/display or sell any contraband tobacco products in their premises and storage area and if the enforcement staff on their inspection find any contraband tobacco products, stringent action will be initiated against the errant FBOs including sealing of premises and cancellation of licenses.

All the general public have been hereby requested to pass on contraventions found if any on Food safety to the Commissioner of Food Safety, A&N Islands at No. 02192-231024/94280018 or on District Control Room, 1070 for strict actions against violators.

Clinical Research - An Ethical Research

Clinical research is a branch of healthcare science that determines the safety and effectiveness (efficacy) of medications, devices, diagnostic tests and treatment regimens intended for human use. These may be used for prevention, treatment, diagnosis or for relieving symptoms of a disease. Clinical research is different from clinical practice. In clinical practice established treatments are used while in clinical research evidence is collected to establish a treatment.

Overview
The term "clinical research" refers to the entire bibliography of a drug/device/biologic, in fact any test article from its inception in the lab to its introduction to the consumer market and beyond. Once the promising candidate or the molecule is identified in the lab, it is subjected to pre-clinical studies or animal studies where different aspects of the test article (including its safety toxicity if applicable and efficacy, if possible at this early stage) are studied.

In the United States, when a test article is unapproved or not yet cleared by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or when an approved or cleared test article is used in a way that may significantly increase the risk or decrease the acceptability of the risks, the data obtained from the pre-clinical studies or other supporting evidence, case studies of off label use, etc. are submitted in support of an Investigational New Drug (IND) application to the FDA or review prior to conducting the study. In other words, one human and a test article if the results are intended to be submitted to or held for inspection by the FDA at any time in the future (in the case of an already approved test article, if intended to submit or hold for inspection by the FDA in support of a change in labeling or advertising). Where devices are concerned the submission to the FDA would be for an Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) application if the device is a significant risk device or is not in some way exempt from prior submission to the FDA. In addition, clinical research also refers to Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Research Ethics Board (REB) and possibly other institutional committee reviews, Privacy Board, Conflict of Interest Committee, Radiation Safety Committee, Radioactive Drug Research Committee, etc. approval which or not the research requires prior submission to the FDA. Clinical research review criteria will depend on which federal regulations the research is subject to (e.g., Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) if federally funded, FDA already discussed) and will depend on which regulations the institutions subscribe to, in addition to any more stringent criteria added by the institution possibly in response to state or local laws/

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polices or accreditation entity recommendations. This additional layer of review (IRB/REB in particular) is critical to the protection of human subjects especially when you consider that often research subject to the FDA regulation for prior submission is allowed to proceed, by those same FDA regulations, 30 days after submission to the FDA unless specifically notified by the FDA not to initiate the study.

Clinical research is often conducted at academic medical centers and affiliated research study sites. These centers and sites provide the prestige of the academic institution as well as access to larger metropolitan areas, providing a larger pool of medical participants. These academic medical centers often have their internal Institutional Review Boards that oversee the ethical conduct of medical research.

The clinical research ecosystem involves a complex network of sites, pharmaceutical companies and academic research institutions. This has led to a growing field of technologies used for managing the data and operational factors of clinical research. Clinical research management is often aided by eClinical systems to help automate the management and conducting of clinical trials.

In the European Union, the European Medicines Agency (EMA) acts in a similar fashion for studies conducted in their region. These human studies are conducted in four phases in research subjects that give consent to participate in the clinical trials.

Clinical trials involving new drugs are commonly classified into four phases. Each phase of the drug approval process is treated as a separate clinical trial. The drug development process will normally proceed through all four phases over many years. If the drug successfully passes through Phases I, II, and III, it will usually be approved by the national regulatory authority for use in the general population. Phase IV are 'post approval studies'.

Before pharmaceutical companies start clinical trials on drug, they conduct extensive pre-clinical studies.

Clinical research ethics
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National Sports Day-2017 celebration concludes

PORT BLAIR, AUG 29/- National Sports Day-2017 was celebrated in the Islands together with the rest of the country today to mark the 112th birth anniversary of the Hockey Wizard, Major Dhyan Chand. As such, a valedictory function of the weeklong National Sports Day celebration was held in the auditorium of Tagore Government College of Education (TGCE) here on Tuesday, in which the Chief Secretary, Mr. Anand Mazumdar was the chief guest. He garlanded the portrait of Major Dhyan Chand and paid tribute to the Hockey Wizard.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary said, Major Dhyan Chand was an international legendary figure in Hockey, who epitomized the era of Hockey in India. During his period of playing Hockey, India could thrash all the best hockey teams of the world on many occasions, he said. National Sports Day is being celebrated every year to mark his birthday in these Islands, the Department of Sports & Youth Affairs of the Administration organizes sports events every year to mark his birthday celebration, he said. Referring to the level of sports in the Islands, the Chief Secretary said that the Islands' sportspersons are doing well at the national level competitions. The Nicobarese boys had on many occasions, won the Subroto Mukherji Football Cup while sportspersons like Deborah Herald also shine in national and international level

competitions. However, much more is needed to be done to bring back those glories to improve the standard of sports in the Islands. There is need to spot talents from different islands, nurture them in the right manner by providing proper diet, coaching and conducive environment for them, he said stressing for synergy between the Islands' sportspersons in improving various sports and games in the Islands. He also pointed out, signed and distributed prizes to the winners of the various sport events, organized as part of the celebration. Two veteran sportspersons, Mr. Indresh Joshep (Cycling) and Mr. Jagdish Lalji (up while sportspersons) were felicitated on the occasion. In her address, the Secretary (Sports & Youth Affairs), Ms. Tanvi Garg briefed the gathering about the significance of the day and highlighted the efforts made by the Sports Department in offering a variety of sports for the Islands sportspersons. She said that efforts are being made to improve the standard of sports in the Islands, for which the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been signed to provide facilities and qualified coaches for the Islands sportspersons. An MoU has also been signed between SAI and the A & N Administration in this regard, she added. The students of Andaman College presented a welcome song while the students of TGCE performed traditional dances of Nicobarese and Chota Nagpur to the delight of the gathering.

Admn brings 4 depts under paperless officework

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The Chief Secretary also urged the user Department to make the optimum use of the e-forms and appreciated the work of the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman District for optimum usage of e-forms, which is more than 95% of the total forms processed till date.

The OSD (IT) during the presentation highlighted the State Portal & State Service Delivery Gateway (SP & SSDG) Project funded by GOI which is being implemented in A & N Islands since July 2015 and as on date around 33000 requests have been processed and 75% services were delivered. He also highlighted that 98% of services are related to District Administration.

SVTCH, the State Designated Agency for implementing e-governance project under Digital India Programme of Government of India has developed the e-forms to facilitate and enable citizens to download the forms and submit their applications electronically through the State Portal (SP) routed by State Service Delivery Gateway (SSDG).

Sharp fall in cancer cases after ban on chewable tobacco

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Speaking to EO1, the Medical Superintendent of GB Pant Hospital, Dr SP Burma, minced no words in hailing the initiative of the Andaman and Nicobar administration to ban chewable tobacco in this territory. "Sharp decline in the number of throat and mouth cancer cases is testimony that the Islanders are gradually moving towards adopting healthy lifestyle. People here, particularly the younger generation, was increasingly falling addicted to tobacco and the prohibition came at just the right time. Generating awareness at regular intervals and strict enforcement of the regulation has ensured effective implementation of the ban on chewable tobacco products," said Dr Burma adding that the campaign on tobacco-free Andamans should sustain and intensify in the days ahead.

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considered in the conduct of a clinical trial in the field of clinical research. It borrows from the broader fields of research ethics and medical ethics.

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Governance
Most directly a local institutional review board oversees the clinical research ethics of any given clinical trial. The institutional review board understands and acts according to local and national law. Each country's national law is guided by international principles, such as the Belmont Report's directive that all study participants have a right to "respect for persons", "beneficence", and "justice" when participating in clinical research.

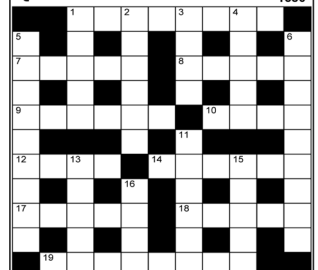
Study participant rights
Participants in clinical research have rights which they should expect, including the following:

- Right to informed consent
- Shared decision-making
- Privacy for research participants
- Return of results
- Right to withdraw

Vulnerable populations
There is a range of autonomy which study participants may have in deciding their participation in clinical research. One of the measures for safeguarding this right is the use of informed consent for clinical researches.[2] Researchers refer to populations which have low autonomy as "vulnerable populations"; these are groups which may not be able to fairly decide for themselves whether to participate in clinical trials. Examples of groups which are vulnerable populations include incarcerated persons, children, prisoners, soldiers, people under detention, migrants, persons exhibiting insanity or other condition which precludes their autonomy, and to a lesser extent, any population for which there is reason to believe that the research study could seem particularly or unfairly persuasive or misleading. There are particular ethical problems using children in clinical trials.

(more on clinical research and Bioanalytical Research to continue in next edition...)
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