

Identify P&RD contractual employees eligible for service up to 60 years: Dispur

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, March 9: As a follow-up action to the Cabinet decision taken on February 26, 2026, the Assam government has asked the P&RD Commissioner, GBSIPRD Director, and ASRLMS Mission Director to identify the employees eligible for the continuation of service up to 60 years of age for certain contractual employees working under their respective jurisdictions.

Resolve pending issues: TET teachers' body

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GUWAHATI, March 9: The Sadou Asom Prathamik TET Utirna Shikshak Samaj (SAPTUSS) has expressed deep concern over the unresolved issues faced by thousands of primary TET-qualified teachers working under the Samagra Shiksha scheme in Assam. Addressing to the media, SAPTUSS president Trailokya Deka and general secretary Kulajit Thakuria stated that, in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Education Act, 2009, the authorities appointed TET-qualified teachers under the Sarba Shiksha Abhiyan (now Samagra Shiksha) with the aim of strengthening the state's primary education system. The teachers have been receiving salaries at par with regular teachers under the revised pay structure (ROP) since 2013. Moreover, as per a directive approved by the Governor of Assam in 2020, the govern-

ment assured them benefits equivalent to those of other regular government employees along with job security up to the age of 60. However, they alleged that the authorities have still not implemented several promised benefits in practice.

The teachers later approached the court seeking regularisation with salary protection, but several related matters remain under consideration within the Samagra Shiksha framework.

According to SAPTUSS, Ranoj Pegu, Education Minister of Assam, held an official meeting on November 12, 2025, with a 30-member delegation of SAPTUSS. During the discussion, the minister reportedly assured that the authorities would resolve long-pending issues within one month. These included correction of anomalies in the pay structure, implementation of Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) time-scale benefits, access to the Chief Minister Lokseva Arogya Yojana, zero-cost insurance

coverage, and loan facilities under the Apun Ghar scheme and Apun Bahan scheme.

However, nearly four months have passed since the assurance, and they claimed that the department has taken no effective steps so far. As a result, around 10,000 teachers across the state have expressed dissatisfaction over what they described as prolonged administrative neglect.

They stated that repeated delays and bureaucratic hurdles have deprived teachers of their legitimate entitlements for years. They have now urged Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to intervene directly and ensure the immediate resolution of the pending issues.

Expressing disappointment, SAPTUSS said that at a time when the government claims rapid development across Assam, the problems of primary TET-qualified teachers—who are working to strengthen the state's primary education system—continue to remain neglected.

Development (GBSIPRD).

As per the Cabinet decision, contractual employees who have rendered continuous service for 10 years or more in the department and attained the age of 45 years or above as of January 1, 2026, will be allowed to continue their service up to the age of 60 years.

The letter stated that all other contractual employees will continue under their existing service conditions without any change.

Three arrested with stolen copper items

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GUWAHATI, March 9: A team from Dispur Police Station apprehended three persons during an operation linked to a theft case and recovered several stolen copper items from their possession. The arrested individuals were identified as Mehedi Alom of Lahorighat, Ajmal Ali of Patacharkuchi and Sahabuddin Khan of Notboma Panchali.

Police said the operation led to the recovery of stolen copper pipes along with a large quantity of other copper materials believed to have been taken from different locations. The seized items were taken into custody and the accused were arrested in connection with the case.

Man arrested with heroin

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GUWAHATI, March 9: A team from Basistha Police Station arrested a suspected drug peddler after recovering heroin during a raid carried out at Natus Bazaar in the city.

The accused, identified as Mimin Touthang alias Alex, 33, a resident of Khanapara in Meghalaya, was apprehended from a hide-out during the operation. Police recovered four soap boxes containing heroin weighing around 47 grams from his possession. Officers also seized a scooter bearing registration number MN01Y9415 along with a mobile phone believed to be used by the accused.

BSF's 67th Pension Adalat on March 11

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, March 9: The Border Security Force (BSF) Guwahati Frontier will organize the 67th Pension Adalat on March 11, at the Frontier Headquarters in Patgaon, Assam. The session will run from 9.30 am to 5 pm and will provide a forum for BSF pensioners and their family members from the seven states of the Northeastern region to address pension-related grievances. Officials and pension authorities will attend the Adalat and will review issues related to documentation, payments and other pending matters.

Police arrest 4 for 'defamatory leaflets' against CM



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GUWAHATI, March 9: Dispur Police arrested four individuals during a late-night operation in the city for allegedly possessing and preparing to distribute a large quantity of printed materials containing allegations against Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma. Deputy Commissioner of Police (East) Tabu Ram Pegu said the recovery was made during routine patrolling at a housing society in Rukmini Gaon and an investigation has been

launched to determine the source and intended distribution of the printed materials.

"When the vehicle was checked, a huge quantity of printed leaflets, around 10 lakh, was discovered. The materials contained allegations against Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and were meant for large-scale distribution. Considering the sensitive time ahead of elections and possible law-and-order ramifications, we registered a case and started an investigation," Pegu said.

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Ref No. ARMB/GUWAHATI/E-Auction/Sale-notice/06 & 07/2026

Date: 07.03.2026

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable /Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) / Partner(s) / Proprietor(s) / Mortgageors(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable/movable property/assets mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

Lot. No.	Name of the Branch	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagors of property(ies)	A) Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002		B) Reserve Price	C) Bid Increment Amt.	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
			B) Outstanding Amount					
	Name of the Account		C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002		B) EMD (last date of deposit of EMD)	C) Bid Increase Amount		
			D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/ Constructive					
1	Morigaon (029120)	M/s Sri Krishna Bhandar, Prop: Biman Dutta 1. Mr Biman Dutta, S/o Narayan Ch Dutta, Ward No. 1, Rajagaon, Morigaon, Assam 782105 (Borrower) 2. Narayan Chandra Dutta S/o Sashi Mohan Dutta, Ward No. 1, Rajagaon Morigaon, Assam 782105 (Guarantor and Mortgagor)	Equitable mortgage of all that piece and parcel of land and measuring 2 Katha 05 Lechas covered by Dag No. 403 (Old) 2430 (New) and Patta No. 452 (Old) 1125 (New) situated at Morigaon Town, Mouza Morigaon Dist Morigaon PIN 782105 in the name of Narayan Chandra Dutta S/o Sashi Mohan Dutta. Bounded by:- North: Gauranga Karmakar, South: Purchaser's land and Ramesh Deka, East: Sunsingh Bora and Bhola Mistri, West: Gauranga Kundu.		A) 12.07.2023 B) Rs. 98,74,282.37/- as on 01.07.2023 plus further interest w.e.f. 01.07.2023 and other charges C) 05.10.2023 D) Symbolic Possession	A) Rs. 66.83 Lakhs B) Rs. 6.69 Lakhs (26.03.2026 upto 4PM) C) Rs. 0.50 lakhs	Date: 27.03.2026 Time: From 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM	Not Known to Bank
2	Bhuragaon (077920)	M/s H A B Industry, Prop: Rofiquil Islam 1. Rofiquil Islam S/o Hussain Ali, Vill Balidunga, PO & PS Bhuragaon, Dist Morigaon, Assam 782121 (Borrower) 2. Md Hussain Ali, Vill Balidunga, PO & PS Bhuragaon, Assam 782121 (Guarantor) 3. Nur Nehar Begum, Vill Balidunga, PO & PS Bhuragaon, Assam 782121 (Guarantor)	All that part and parcel of the properties consisting of Land and Building structures, fittings, fixtures, erections, installations etc situated at area 02 (Two) Kathas and 01 (One) Lessa covered by Dag No. 391, 387 Patta No. 62, 69 of Vill Bhuragaon Mouza Bhuragaon Dist Morigaon in the name of Md Hussain Ali bounded by:- North: Gopinath, South: Imran Ali, East: Govt Road, West: Manna Das.		A) 08.05.2024 B) Rs. 45,84,554.49/- as on 08.05.2024 plus further interest w.e.f. 08.05.2024 and other charges C) 10.07.2024 D) Symbolic Possession	A) Rs. 41.96 Lakhs B) Rs. 4.20 Lakhs (26.03.2026 upto 4PM) C) Rs. 0.50 lakhs	Date: 27.03.2026 Time: From 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM	Not Known to Bank

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE:

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions.

- The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".
- The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
- The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://www.baanknet.com> on 27.03.2026 for Lot No-1 & 2 from 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM.
- For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://www.baanknet.com>.
- The authorised officer or the bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances or any other dues to the government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-auction) not known to the bank. The intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues, etc.
- The authorised officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
- It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspects the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided.

Date: 07.03.2026
Place: Guwahati

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Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor, Branch Name & Description of the mortgaged property	Demand Notice Date		Property Inspection Date & Time	Date/Time of E-Auction	QR Code for Property Image	QR Code for Service Provider
		Outstanding Amount (Rs) + future interest & other expenses thereon.					
1	BRANCH NAME: FANCY BAZAR Account Name: Mr. Devraj Das (Borrower) Description of vehicle: Honda City 5th Gen VMT (VTEC) (Platinum white P), Chassis No. MAKGN252AN4100008 (PHYSICAL POSSESSION)	Notice Date: Notice Date: 02.09.2025 Rs. 14,66,774.92/- as on 31.08.2025 and interest and other chg thereon Balance O/S Rs. 15,41,760.42 as on 31.01.2026 plus further interest & chg thereon		13.03.2026 12.00 PM to 2.00 PM	25.03.2026 2.00 PM to 2.00 PM		
2	BRANCH NAME: KARIMGANJ Account Name: Md. Muzzakir Hussain Tapadar (Borrower) Description of vehicle: Commercial Truck of Ashok Leyland GP4825 COWL registration no. NL01 AH 6560 in the name of Md. Muzzakir Hussain Tapadar. Chassis No. MBINECHD5PPEY01 (PHYSICAL POSSESSION)	Notice Date: Notice Date: 10.09.2024 Rs. 48,27,334/- as on 10.09.2024 and interest and other chg thereon. Balance O/S Rs. 53,85,132.96/- as on 28.02.2026 plus further interest & chg thereon.		13.03.2026 12.00 PM to 2.00 PM	25.03.2026 12.00 PM to 2.00 PM		

EMD Submission Last Date: 24.03.2026

For detailed terms & conditions, please visit our website: <https://punjabandsindbank.bank.in/module/sarfaesi-list> and online Auction portal: <https://baanknet.com>. Name & contact of Authorized Officer: M. Kenedi Singh, Mobile: 9707311100, Contact Person: Ms. Rwitika Bhuyan (+91-8253920885) / Mr. Khagendra Debbarma (+91-7085058873).

This Notice is also to be treated as 15 days statutory sale notice to borrowers as per norms.

Date: 07.03.2026
Place: Guwahati

Authorized Officer,
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Teachers' body calls off March 12 protest

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, March 9: The Assam State Primary Teachers' Association (ASPTA) has called off its proposed protest programme of burning the academic calendar scheduled for March 12 after the authorities revised the dates of the Foundational Literacy Survey (FLS) on March 7. In a statement, ASPTA president Nilakshi Gogoi and general secretary Ratul Chandra Goswami said the protest had been planned in response to a directive issued on February 25 by the State Council of Educational Research and Training Assam (SCERT), which altered previously scheduled dates in the academic calendar for conducting the Foundational Literacy Survey in 458 schools across the state.

Young girl jumps from Saraighat Bridge

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, March 9: A young girl jumped from the Saraighat Bridge into the Brahmaputra River in Jalukbari on Monday morning, police said. The incident occurred at around 9.40 am, triggering panic among commuters and pedestrians on the bridge. Eyewitnesses reported that the girl suddenly leapt into the river, prompting immediate efforts by bystanders and rescue personnel to save her. One eyewitness present at the spot said rescue teams quickly attempted to assist the girl after she fell into the water. According to the witness, rescuers threw a rubber tube into the river in an effort to help her stay afloat, but the attempt proved unsuccessful. Personnel from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) were soon deployed and launched a search and rescue operation in the river near the bridge. Despite their efforts, the girl could not be rescued in time. Authorities stated that the identity of the deceased has not yet been established, and efforts are under way to determine the circumstances that led to the incident.

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, March 9: Cotton University signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) to join the NER-Japan International Academic and Research Consortium at Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG).

The agreement was signed by Vice Chancellor Ramesh Chandra Deka along with IIT Guwahati Director Devendra Jalihal and President of Gifu University Kazuhiro Yoshida.

Charge sheet row: Congress questions over police action

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, March 9: The Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) has strongly condemned the incident in which copies of the Congress charge sheet were seized by the police in Guwahati last night while they were being transported for distribution.

Reacting to the matter, APCC President Gaurav Gogoi said that the Bharatiya Janata Party government is running an authoritarian regime and is preventing the Opposition from taking the charge sheet against the government to the people. He also said that the people of Assam will give a fitting reply to this in 2026.

Speaking at a press conference in Delhi today, Gogoi said, "The Chief Minister of Assam tries to portray himself as a very brave and powerful leader. But today, some pamphlets published by the Assam Congress have been seized by Himanta Biswa Sarma's police. The Chief Minister was so frightened by a few sheets of paper that he had them confiscated through the police. The BJP has failed to fulfil the promises it made to the

people of Assam. The charge sheet highlighting the failures of the ruling party has been seized. Is this the strength and courage of Himanta Biswa Sarma?" Meanwhile, following the incident, Assam Mahila Congress President Meera Borthakur and Media Department Chairman Bedabrat Bora visited Dispur Police Station to inquire under what circumstances the charge sheets were seized.

After learning that the BJP government had allegedly used the Assam Police as its instrument, Meera Borthakur said, "We had formally released the charge sheet through a press conference. We had explained what the BJP has done and what it has failed to do for public welfare. The charge sheet was released on the day Priyanka Gandhi visited Assam. The copies were printed yesterday and were being transported in a truck. However, the Assam Police detained the vehicle and took four youths to the police station."

Borthakur also said that the Congress will take legal action against the detention of innocent youths and the seizure of the charge sheets. She said the BJP government is running an authoritarian regime and is preventing the Opposition from taking the charge sheet against the government to the people. He also said that the people of Assam will give a fitting reply to this in 2026.