

1,345 bighas of Wakf land are under encroachment: Gorlosa

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Feb 18: Welfare of Minorities and Development Department Minister Nandita Gorlosa informed the House that around 1,345 bighas of Wakf land are under encroachment in different parts of the state.

During the Question Hour, Minister Gorlosa said before the House, “As per records, Wakf estates covering an area of 18,466 bighas had been registered with the Assam Board of Wakfs, and the total area under encroachment is approximately 1,345 bighas, spread across 15 wakf estates in different parts of Assam.”

The minister further said that district commissioners (DCs) were requested to inquire about and submit reports on the illegal encroachment of Wakf properties. The Board also issued notice to all Mutawallis directing them to submit statements of accounts for Wakf estates every financial year, in accordance with the provisions of the Wakf Act & Rules.



Regarding the misappropriation of funds and record-keeping, adequate measures have been taken by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, where a portal has been launched to monitor the wakf properties as well as accounts modules.

Congress MLA Abdul Rashid Mandal and AIUDF MLA Aminul Islam alleged that officials were engaged in misappropriation of income generated from wakf properties. They also wanted to know whether the rents from wakf properties were being monitored and if the Board was receiving the rents regularly. Islam said that if the lease

agreements of only the properties in the Fancy Bazar area of Guwahati are revised, rent worth crores can be realized from these. So, these rent agreements should be revised, and the rent calculated afresh.

The Minister said, “Several actions have been taken by the Assam Board of Wakfs to ensure an increase in revenue generation from wakf estates and to prevent misappropriation of funds. Show-cause notices were issued to several mutawallis due to non-execution of lease agreements with occupants of wakf estates.”

Official sources said that there are a total of 2,654 registered wakf properties. These include various religious and charitable properties such as mosques, mazhars, and graveyards. Out of the 2,654 registered wakf properties, 880 are under the mutawalli system, 724 are under management committees, 8 are directly managed by the Board, and 9 are under administrators. Only Kamrup (Metro) has 1,070 wakf properties.

BJP chief Nabin exhorts booth workers

A CORRESPONDENT

DIBRUGARH, Feb 18: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) national president Nitin Nabin on Wednesday sought to energize booth committees and reinforce last-mile connectivity with voters as he addressed a massive Pristha Pramukh Sanmilan at the Mancotta Field here. This is the first visit of Nitin Nabin to Assam after he assumed the office of the BJP national president.

Around 22,000 booth-level functionaries from the six legislative assembly constituencies of Dibrugarh district were present at the event organized during the two-day visit by the BJP chief.

BJP chief Nitin Nabin's event was attended by Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Assam BJP president Dilip Saikia, state ministers, MLAs, and other senior party leaders.

Addressing the gathering, Nitin Nabin highlighted the critical role of booth-level leaders in shaping electoral outcomes and called upon each booth chief to personally connect with at least 60 voters in their respective areas to deepen public outreach and strengthen voter engagement ahead of the polls.

“The policy of the BJP is Na-



tion First, Party Next, unlike the Congress, which has always placed party interests above the nation. We also follow the principle of zero corruption, which sets us apart from previous regimes.” Nabin said, drawing applause from the packed field.

In his address, the BJP chief emphasized the importance of preserving Assam's cultural identity while pursuing rapid development. He referenced landmarks and traditions such as Lachit Maidam, Bihu, Majuli, and Kaziranga National Park, noting that cultural preservation and eco-

nommic progress must advance hand in hand.

He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for what he termed unprecedented development in Assam over the past decade. Highlighting the state's transformation, Nabin pointed to the expansion of road and transport infrastructure, the construction of new airports, the establishment of additional medical colleges and enhanced healthcare facilities, the strengthening of educational institutions, the implementation of rural development and poverty alle-

vation schemes, and a range of women's empowerment initiatives and youth-oriented employment programs.

“Under Prime Minister Modi's visionary leadership and Chief Minister Sarma's tireless efforts, Assam has witnessed a transformation that was unimaginable under the Congress. Roads, hospitals, colleges, employment—all of this has reached the people because of decisive governance,” Nabin said.

He contrasted the BJP's governance record with what he described as policy paralysis under previous regimes, arguing that the Congress had left Assam stagnant for decades while the BJP had ushered in an era of accountability, efficiency, and inclusive growth.

The BJP chief also laid emphasis on discipline within the party ranks, coordinated campaigning, and greater participation of youth and women in the political process. He urged booth chiefs to ensure that every voter in their area is contacted personally and that the party's message of development and good governance reaches every household. The Sanmilan concluded with a collective call to action, as party leaders expressed confidence in securing a third consecutive term in Assam.

Fast-unto-death by Bishnupriya Manipuris: Two hospitalized

A CORRESPONDENT

SILCHAR, Feb 18: The stalemate over the fast-unto-death launched by the Nikhil Bishnupriya Manipuri Mahasabha took a serious turn on Wednesday, the seventh day, as two agitators were hospitalised and the condition of the four others is deteriorating fast. The Bishnupriya Manipuri Sainik Welfare Organisation also joined the protest.

Earlier, the Mahasabha had

rejected an emissary sent by Minister Kaushik Rai, who had assured them of arranging a meeting with the Chief Minister. They demand nothing short of an assurance from the CM to call off the agitation.

Meanwhile, the health condition of two agitators, Anjana Sharma and Biju Sinha, deteriorated, and they were shifted to Silchar Civil Hospital. The development heightened tension in what had otherwise been a peaceful agita-

tion over the past seven days.

Against this backdrop, members of the Bishnupriya Manipuri Sainik Welfare Organization marched from the Khudiram statue—the site of the ongoing protest—to the office of the District Commissioner in support of the agitation. In a strongly worded letter addressed to Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, the organisation expressed deep resentment, stating that neither any government official,

nor MLA had visited the protest site to hear their demands. They also alleged that by showing a lack of sympathy and initiative to resolve the grievances of the agitators, the Chief Minister has shown his “disrespect towards the entire Bishnupriya Manipuri community”.

The agitators warned that the government's indifferent attitude to the demands of the NBMM could have a significant impact on the forthcom-

ing Assembly elections. NBMM leader Gopidas Sinha, in a separate letter to the District Commissioner, reiterated their key demands. These include a Cabinet decision granting Medium of Instruction status to the Bishnupriya Manipuri language and the creation of 300 posts for Bishnupriya Manipuri language teachers. The Barak Development Front on Wednesday joined the demonstrations to express solidarity with the Bishnupriya Manipu-

ri agitators.

A reporter from Guwahati adds: Following an order from the Gauhati High Court, the issue of putting an end to the stalemate regarding the publication of Bishnupriya Manipuri textbooks through the formation of a committee lies with the Directorate of Elementary Education and State Council of Educational Research and Training. The Bishnupriya Manipuri language will automatically be the medium of instruction at the primary level as and when the government implements teaching and learning in Bishnupriya Manipuri at the primary classes in accordance with NEP 2020. The Department of Elementary Education has already sent a letter to the Directorate of Elementary Education in this regard. Thus, the first of the four demands concerning Bishnupriya Manipuri as a medium of instruction is well within the reach of the government.

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Feb 18: The Congress MLAs staged a walkout from the Assam Legislative Assembly today in protest against the Speaker not taking any action against five Congress MLAs who had left the party. While two of the five Congress deserters joined other parties, three have not joined any party.

Drawing the attention of Speaker Biswajit Daimary, Leader of Opposition (LoP) Debabrata Saikia expressed concern over the Speaker not taking any action under Schedule 10 against the Congress MLAs who had deserted the party, despite an appeal.

In his reply, the Speaker said, “I just received complaints from your side regarding MLAs deserting the Congress. I need to examine the matter thoroughly before taking any action. The examination of the matter is underway. Desertion of his party by an

MLA is an incident occurring outside the Assembly. If any MLA defies the party whip in the House, I can take action as per the rules instantly.”

Abdur Rashid Mandal and Sherman Ali Ahmed joined Rajiwar Dal recently. Three other Congress MLAs—Basanta Das, Sashikanta Das, and Kamalakshya Purkayastha—officially deserted the Congress last year. The trio openly supports the BJP, though they have not joined it.

The Speaker said, “The Congress hasn't even expelled the five MLAs. You have only suspended them. You need to expel them first and come to me. In that case, I can disqualify them under Schedule 10 of the Indian Constitution. How can I take action against the suspended MLAs? Rather than placing responsibility in my hands, it is incumbent upon you to finalise the expulsion process.”

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The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for the amounts and interest thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch	Name & Address of the Borrower/Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Description of the Property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding as on the date of Demand Notice	Name of the Authorised Officers
	Name of the Account			affixture of Possession Notice		
1	DEMOW CHARALI	1. Md. Amjad Ali (Proprietor) S/o Late Rohmat Ali, Bhalukaguri Gaon, P.O.-Mohkhuti, Dist.- Dibrugarh, Assam- 785669. 2. Md. Karim Ali (Guarantor) S/o Late Rohmat Ali, Bhalukaguri Gaon, P.O.-Mohkhuti, Dist. Dibrugarh, Assam- 785669.	1. Equitable Mortgage of land and brick kiln measuring 02B-01K-18L covered by Dag No. 494 and Pattna No. 68 of Village 1 No. Kachamari Gaon, Mouza- Sapon, District- Dibrugarh, Assam standing in the name of Md. Amjed Ali with bounded thereon:- North- Vendors Own land, South- Land of Md. Jawar Ali, East- Purchasers Land, West- Land of Md. Jawar Ali & 18 others. 2. Equitable Mortgage of land and brick kiln measuring 03B-01K-07L covered by Dag No. 497 and Pattna No. 3 of Village 1 No. Kachamari Gaon, Mouza- Sapon, District- Dibrugarh, Assam standing in the name of Md. Amjed Ali with bounded thereon: North- Purchasers Own land, South- Land of Md. Shah, East- Vendors own Land, West- Land of Md. Jawar Ali.	12.11.2025	Rs. 33,02,559.00 plus further interest and cost	Varun Kumar Jha
	M/S. SBI BRICK FIELD			18.02.2026		

The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 19.02.2026

Place: Dibrugarh

(Chief Manager)

Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) / 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) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property 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.							
SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS							
Sl. 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 SARFAESI ACT 2002	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lacs)	Date and Time of Inspection of Property	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
	Name of the Account		B) Net Outstanding Amount as on 31.01.2026	B) EMD (last date of deposit of EMD)			
	Name & addresses of the Borrower/Guarantor		C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002	C) Bid Increase Amount			
			D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/ Constructive				
1	TINSUKIA LILE DEVI MAHANTA 1. Lile Devi Mahanta (Borrower), C/o Sanjib Mahanta, Bahbari Gaon, Lonkeswar Gohain Nagar, P.O. / P.S.- Tinsukia, Dist.: Tinsukia, Tinsukia, Assam- 786125 2. Sanjib Kumar Mahanta (Co- Borrower), C/o Krishna Kumar Mahanta, Bahbari Gaon, Lonkeswar Gohain Nagar, P.O. / P.S.- Tinsukia, Dist.: Tinsukia, Tinsukia, Assam- 786125	Equitable Mortgage of Land and structure thereon measuring 0B-1K-0.83Ls , equivalent to 3000 Sq Ft, which is covered by Periodic Pattna No. 54(O)/364 (N) under part of Dag No.161(O) / 557(N), situated at Bahbari Gaon, P.O. / P.S. Hijiuguri under Tinsukia Development Authority Scheme (L.I.G), being PlotNo. 285, under Mouza Bogdung, District Tinsukia, Assam in the Name of Smt. LileDevi Mahanta. Bounded by North-Plot No. 304 and 305, South-20'-0" wide TDA Road, East-Part of Dag No. 160, West-Plot No. 121.	A) 03.10.2025 B) Rs. 40,46,761.29 plus further interest & cost C) 16.12.2025 D) Symbolic	A) Rs. 90.00 Lakhs B) Rs. 9.00 Lakhs (24.03.2026) C) Rs. 20,000/-	19.02.2026 to 24.03.2026 10.00 AM to 04.00 PM	25.03.2026 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM	NIL
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: 1. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" 2. 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. 3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://baanknet.com on 25.03.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04:00 PM. 4. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer https://baanknet.com & www.pnb.bank.in .							
Date: 18.02.2026 Place: Dibrugarh							
Authorized Officer Punjab National Bank, Secured Creditor							
STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) / 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002							

 सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Central Bank of India		SIVASAGAR BRANCH		POSSESSION NOTICE	
Whereas the undersigned, being the Authorized Officer of the Central Bank of India, Sivasagar Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice on the date mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrowers to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice within 60 days from date of receipt of the said notices. The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with the Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the dates mention below. The borrower/guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties described below and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of Central Bank of India, Sivasagar Branch for the amount mentioned below. The borrower's/guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.					
Sl. No.	Borrower & Guarantor	Description of Immovable Property	Demand Notice Amount and Date/ Possession Amount and Possession Date/Branch Name		
1.	Mrs. Jyotsna Lahon, W/o Bharat Borah, & Mr. Bharat Borah, S/o Sonti Borah	All that part and parcel of the Land and Building in the name of Mrs. Jyotsna Lahon, measuring 0B-1K-0LS covered under Dag No. 857 of P.P.No. 237 of Jula Gaon Goan, Mouza - Meteka Bongaon Mouza, P.O.- Joysagar, Dist - Sivasagar, Assam which is bounded by:- North- Land of Hunti Dutta, South- Private Road, East- Land of Biren Dutta, West- Land of Lakhi Khanikar.	Rs. 35,45,777.00/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Seven only) Date: 22.10.2025 Rs. 35,45,777.00/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Seven only) as on 22.10.2025 and interest thereon and less recovery thereon. Date:13.02.2026 Sivasagar Branch		
2.	Mr. Ghana Kanta Taye, S/o Late Satya Ram Taye and Mrs. Piku Taye, W/o Mr. Ghana Kanta Taye.	All that part and parcel of the Land and Building in the name of Mr. Ghana Kanta Taye, measuring 0B-1K-0LS covered under Dag No. 692 of P. P. No.363 of Maglou Pukhuri, Mouza - Jakaichuk Mouza, P.O.- Bharalua, Dist - Sivasagar, Assam which is bounded by:- North - Dekhowmukh Road, South - Bagh Jan, East - Land of Rameswar Taye, West - Land of Binuba Taye.	Rs. 38,32,371.03/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy One and Three Paisa only) Date: 19.11.2025 Rs. 38,32,371.03/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy One and Three Paisa only) as on 19.11.2025 and interest thereon and less recovery thereon. Date: 13.02.2026 Sivasagar Branch		
3.	Mr. Kumud Dutta, S/o Lt. Shahadev Dutta & Mrs. Rumi Saikia Dutta, W/o Mr. Kumud Dutta	All that part and parcel of the land and building in the name of Shri Kumud Dutta, measuring 0B-2K-10LS covered under Dag No. 1451 of P.P. No. 600 of Borpatra dol, Mouza - Salaguri, P.O. - Kalugaoan PS-Sivasagar, Dist- Sivasagar, Assam, which is bounded by:- North - Govt. Paddy field, South - Private Road, East - Land of Mintu Neog, West - Land of Bhudhar.	Rs. 15,54,225.15/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five and Fifteen Paisa only) Date: 19.11.2025 Rs. 15,54,225.15/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five and Fifteen Paisa only) as on 19.11.2025 and interest thereon and less recovery thereon. Date: 13.02.2026 Sivasagar Branch		
Date: 13.02.2026 Place: Sivasagar			Authorized Officer Central Bank of India		