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HC seeks Dispur's response on 'very general and vague' allegations

PIL alleging Bengali-speaking community targeted

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 22: The Gauhati High Court today directed the state government to respond to a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) plea alleging that the state's Bengali-speaking community is being targeted in many ways. The HC, however, labelled the allegations in the PIL petition as 'very general and vague', while asking Dispur to respond by the next date of hearing on July 20.

The bench of Chief Justice Ashutosh Kumar and Justice Arun Dev Choudhury was hearing the PIL plea (PIL/36/2025), filed by the All BTC Minority Students' Union (ABMSU), which claimed that the government has introduced certain policies and measures that adversely affect the state's Bengali-speaking community 'through the backdoor'.

The bench, however, termed the allegations in the PIL petition 'very general and vague' and noted that an 'over-generalization' had been made in the PIL while challenging a few specific state policies.

Interestingly, to substantiate the claims made in the PIL plea, the petitioner referred to a special scheme of the state government to grant arms licenses to indigenous people residing in vulnerable areas. This could escalate communal tension, the PIL plea alleged.

The petitioner also referred to the eviction drives, alleging that they are carried out in an arbitrary and inhuman manner without following the due process of law, and, more often than not, they target specific minority community groups.

The bench, however, was prima facie unimpressed by the averments made in the petition. "On a plain reading of the averments made in the writ petition, it appears that the allegations are very general and vague. There could be myriad reasons for grant of license to indigenous people in vulnerable areas, which may not necessarily be for the purpose of targeting the minority community. An over generalization has been made in the writ petition," the Court noted.

Nevertheless, the bench directed the state government to positively file a counter-affidavit in the matter by July 20.

AIIMS Guwahati opens advanced blood centre

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 22: AIIMS Guwahati inaugurated a fully functional Blood Centre to strengthen transfusion medicine services in the region.

The facility was inaugurated by Executive Director Prof. (Col) Ashok Puranik in the presence of senior officials, faculty and staff, with Prof. Dipankar Baruah among the dignitaries present. A voluntary blood donation camp was also organized, collecting around 60 units of blood.

The centre was equipped with advanced infrastructure for whole blood collection, component separation and testing for transfusion-transmitted infections using automated systems. It also offered apheresis procedures, including single donor platelet collection.

The initiative aimed to meet the growing demand for safe and quality blood services while promoting voluntary donation in the region.

NFR GM inspects Lumding Division ahead of monsoon

GUWAHATI, April 22: The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) General Manager, Chetan Kumar Shrivastava, conducted a safety inspection of the Bairabi–Badarpur and Badarpur–Patharkhola sections under Lumding Division on April 21 to review infrastructure preparedness ahead of the monsoon.

He carried out a detailed window trailing inspection to assess track fitness and structural integrity, focusing on vulnerabilities such as water logging, soil erosion and track instability. He directed officials to ensure strict monitoring and timely maintenance.

During the visit, he inspected the newly constructed Sub-Divisional Training Centre and an Ultrasonic Flaw Detection laboratory at Badarpur, aimed at strengthening technical capacity and improving defect detection. He also reviewed ongoing development works at Badarpur station. The inspection gained importance in view of the Bairabi–Sairang rail link in Mizoram, commissioned in 2025, with the existing sections up to Bairabi forming a critical part of the network, stated a press release.

APCC pays tribute to Hiteswar Saikia

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 22: The 30th death anniversary of former Assam Chief Minister Hiteswar Saikia was observed with Shraddha and solemnity across the state, with a central memorial meeting held at Rajiv Bhawan in Guwahati on Wednesday.

Leaders and workers of the Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) gathered to pay homage to the late leader and recalled his contributions to the state's development during challenging times.

In a statement, APCC president Gaurav Gogoi paid tribute to Saikia and highlighted his efforts in ensuring inclusive development for all communities in Assam. He urged the younger generation to draw inspiration from Saikia's dedication and work ethic.

The programme began at 11:30 am with the ceremonial lighting of lamps by Kamrup Metropolitan District Congress Committee president Swapan Das. Several party members, including APCC General Secretaries Roushan Chettri, Umesh Deka and Prashanta Majumdar, offered floral tributes at Saikia's portrait.

Speaking on the occasion, APCC Media Department Chairman Bedabrata Bora remembered Saikia as a leader who worked tirelessly for the inclusive growth of Assam's diverse communities. He noted that Saikia had demonstrated political acumen by resolving complex issues through dialogue and deliberation during his tenure.

Bora further stated that Saikia consistently strove to maintain harmony and mutual trust among various ethnic groups, which helped preserve Assam's cultural fabric. He added that Saikia continued to uphold constitutional values and democratic principles during his later role as Governor.

AdtU hosts session on AI's role in healthcare

GUWAHATI, April 22: Assam down town University (AdtU) recently organized a session on "AI in Healthcare: Transforming Tomorrow," featuring BrainSight.AI Co-Founder and CEO Laina Emmanuel. The session highlighted the role of artificial intelligence in advancing diagnostics, patient care and medical innovation.

Emmanuel presented the company's solutions in neurosurgery, emphasising precision-driven technologies such as the VoxelBox platform. Students gained insights into emerging fields including human connectomics, MRI advancements and tractonomy, and engaged in an interactive discussion on careers in AI-driven healthcare, stated a press release.

National Science Centre marks Earth Day

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 22: National Science Centre in Guwahati observed International Mother Earth Day 2026 on Wednesday with a series of educational and interactive programmes aimed at promoting environmental awareness among students, teachers and visitors.

The centre, functioning under the National Council of Science Museums, organised day-long activities aligned with this year's global theme, "Our Power, Our Planet", highlighting the importance of sustainability, climate action and collective responsibility towards protecting the environment.

The programme featured multiple competitions, including a "Go As You Like" event where young participants presented themes related to nature, recycling and biodiversity. Essay-writing and extempore contests were also conducted, focusing on environmental challenges and energy conservation.

A mime performance titled "Save Nature, Save Life" was staged by Team Nirbak, drawing attention to ecological concerns through artistic expression. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, recognising participants for their contributions.

Organizers stated that the initiative reflected the institution's continued efforts to foster scientific temper and environmental consciousness among the younger generation.

Secretary of cooperative society found dead

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, April 22: The body of a man was recovered under mysterious circumstances from the Satgaon railway area on Wednesday morning. The deceased was identified as Zakir Ali, secretary of the Saraighat Trading Cooperative Society Limited and a resident of Hatigaon. Police reached the spot after being alerted and initiated investigation. Reports indicated that Zakir Ali had been facing allegations of financial irregularities linked to the cooperative society, which was also accused of failing to return deposits to several investors. The society's president, Mobarak Ali, had reportedly been absconding for the past three months. Family members of the deceased alleged foul play and claimed that he had been murdered. They demanded a thorough and impartial investigation into the circumstances leading to his death. Police registered a case and began probing all possible angles, while further details were awaited.

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Appendix-IV
POSSESSION NOTICE
[Rule - 8 (1)]
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Punjab & Sind Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 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 dated mentioned on below column calling upon the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantor(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being principal and interest thereon and other charges to the Bank within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **symbolic possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, 2002 on this **18th day of April 2026**.

The Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Punjab & Sind Bank, Fancy Bazar Branch, Guwahati** for an amount mention below and interest thereon with other expenses.

The borrower'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.

Name of Borrower's & Guarantor's	Description of Property	Date of Demand Notice u/s 13(2)	Amount O/s in Rs.
Borrower(s) 1. Mr. Sonmoy Deka, S/o Sh. Akshendra Kumar Deka Guarantor(s) 1. Mr. Akshendra Kumar Deka, S/o Late Pitambar Deka	Equitable mortgage of immovable property i.e all parts and parcel of land measuring 1 Katha 10 Lecha (4.01 ares), covered by Dag No. 504(O) / 1786(O) / 2897(N) of K.P Patta No. 526(O) / 107(N) of Rev Village No. 1 Japorigog under Mouza Beltola, in the district of Kamrup (M), Guwahati, Assam.	31.01.2026	Rs. 21,69,182.69 as on 16.01.2026 plus interest and cost thereon w.e.f 17.01.2026

Place: Guwahati,
Date: 18.04.2026
Authorised Officer
Punjab & Sind Bank

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REGIONAL OFFICE
G. S. Road, Bhangagarh, Guwahati, Kamrup (M), Assam- 781005
ABRIDGED VEHICLE E-AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that Bank has repossessed/seized the Hypothecated Motor Vehicle mentioned below in exercise of the powers conferred under Hypothecation/Loan Agreement executed by the parties and Vehicle will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Vehicle/Total Dues / Reserve Price / e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	Branch Name and Address	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor	Total Dues	Vehicle Make & Model RTO, Registration No.	Date & Time of e-Auction	1. Reserve Price 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3. Bid Increase Amount	EMD deposit Account	Inspection Date & Time	Contact Person
1.	**Barpeta Road Branch,** Ward No. 5, Station Road, Super Market, Barpeta Road, P.O.- Barpeta Road, Barpeta, Assam- 781315	**Sanidul Islam** Kayakuchi Bazar, Banbahar, Barpeta, Assam- 781352	**Rs. 15,99,067.89** as on **11.05.2025** and further interest and charges	**TATA Motors Dumper (LGV)** **RTO:** BARPETA **Regd. No.: AS 15 AC 7896**	**12.05.2026** 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs. 6,67,000.00 2. Rs. 66,700.00 3. Rs. 5,000.00	As per Baanknet website	**07.05.2026 & 08.05.2026** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm	Mr. Pranjit Das, Mobile No. 8638267954
2.	**Maligaon Branch** 1st Floor, Kunja Plaza, Commercial Complex, Maligaon Chariali, Guwahati- 781012	**M/s. Jayashree Associates** Prop. Amitabh Kalita, Ramcharani, Gosaipara, Azara, Kamrup, Assam- 781017	**Rs. 12,46,421.10** as on **29.05.2024** and further interest and charges	**Tata Motors Ltd. Goods Carrier Truck 3300 cc** **RTO:** GUWAHATI **Regd. No.:** AS 01 NC 7110	**12.05.2026** 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs. 5,95,000.00 2. Rs. 59,500.00 3. Rs. 5,000.00	As per Baanknet website	**07.05.2026 & 08.05.2026** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm	Mr. Bhattacharya Sandipan Mobile No. 8334092153
3.	**A. T. Road Branch** Near Vishal Megamart, A.T. Road, Guwahati, Kamrup (M), Assam- 781001	**S K Enterprise** Prop.- Pradip Basfor, Block- D, D 9, Dr. B B Road, Solapara, Paltan Bazaar, Guwahati- 781007	**Rs. 54,10,654.00** as on **24.02.2021** and further interest and charges	**Tata Motors Ltd. Super Ace Mint BS IV** **RTO:** GUWAHATI **Regd. No.:** AS 01 LC 8301	**26.05.2026** 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs. 63,000.00 2. Rs. 6,300.00 3. Rs. 5,000.00	As per Baanknet website	**21.05.2026 & 22.05.2026** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm	Mrs. Ranjita Parida, Mobile No. 9901818609
4.	**A. T. Road Branch** Near Vishal Megamart, A.T. Road, Guwahati, Kamrup (M), Assam- 781001	**S K Enterprise** Prop.- Pradip Basfor, Block- D, D 9, Dr. B B Road, Solapara, Paltan Bazaar, Guwahati- 781007	**Rs. 54,10,654.00** as on **24.02.2021** and further interest and charges	**Tata Motors Ltd. Super Ace Mint BS IV** **RTO:** GUWAHATI **Regd. No.:** AS 01 LC 8303	**26.05.2026** 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs. 63,000.00 2. Rs. 6,300.00 3. Rs. 5,000.00	As per Baanknet website	**21.05.2026 & 22.05.2026** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm	Mrs. Ranjita Parida, Mobile No. 9901818609
5.	**Bashista Branch** 1st Floor, Beltola Survey, Basistha Road, Guwahati, Assam- 781006	**Rina Devi Agarwal** H. No. 49, Narengi, Hariharpur, Patharquery, Guwahati- 781026	**Rs. 10,69,265.00** as on **08.01.2026** and further interest and charges	**Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. Ertiga Smart Hybrid VXI (O)** **RTO:** GUWAHATI **Regd. No.:** AS 01 SC 4450	**26.05.2026** 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs. 7,74,000.00 2. Rs. 77,400.00 3. Rs. 5,000.00	As per Baanknet website	**21.05.2026 & 22.05.2026** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm	Ms. Divya Bharti, Mobile No. 7004853633
6.	**Bashista Branch** 1st Floor, Beltola Survey, Basistha Road, Guwahati, Assam- 781006	**Sazna Khatun** Uzan Bazaar, Islampatty, Lamb Road, Guwahati, Assam- 781001	**Rs. 6,00,742.00** as on **10.03.2026** and further interest and charges	**Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. Eeco 5 STR AC** **RTO:** GUWAHATI **Regd. No.:** AS 01 FZ 2624	**26.05.2026** 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs. 2,95,000.00 2. Rs. 29,500.00 3. Rs. 5,000.00	As per Baanknet website	**21.05.2026 & 22.05.2026** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm	Ms. Divya Bharti, Mobile No. 7004853633
7.	**Bongaigaon Branch** New Bongaigaon, Chapaguri Road, Near Das Ice Factory, Bongaigaon, Assam- 783380	**Kapil Das** Bishnupur, P.O.- Nayapara, Near Bishnupur Satra, Bongaigaon- 783384	**Rs. 31,68,812.18** as on **16.09.2025** and further interest and charges	**Force Motors Urbania BS VI** **RTO:** GUWAHATI **Regd. No.:** AS 01 SC 9399	**26.05.2026** 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs. 19,00,000.00 2. Rs. 1,90,000.00 3. Rs. 5,000.00	As per Baanknet website	**21.05.2026 & 22.05.2026** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm	Mr. Sumit Kumar Paul, Mobile No. 9706577297
8.	**Bongaigaon Branch** New Bongaigaon, Chapaguri Road, Near Das Ice Factory, Bongaigaon, Assam- 783380	**Tapan Mandal** Goalpara, Ward No. 4, Basugaon, Chirang, Assam- 783372	**Rs. 3,52,069.00** as on **03.12.2025** and further interest and charges	**Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. Alto K10 VXI+ BS VI** **RTO:** CHIRANG **Regd. No.:** AS 26 G 4999	**26.05.2026** 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs. 2,20,000.00 2. Rs. 22,000.00 3. Rs. 5,000.00	As per Baanknet website	**21.05.2026 & 22.05.2026** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm	Mr. Sumit Kumar Paul, Mobile No. 9706577297
9.	**Khanapara Branch** Nikita Complex, Research Gate City Bustop, G. S. Road, Khanapara, Guwahati- 781022	**Dilip Kumar Biswakarma** Maharipara, Suagpur, Oubari, Goreswar, Kamrup, Assam- 781384	**Rs. 7,84,591.00** as on **08.01.2026** and further interest and charges	**Hyundai Motors i-20 Sportz** **RTO:** GUWAHATI **Regd. No.:** AS 01 FT 6967	**26.05.2026** 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs. 5,00,000.00 2. Rs. 50,000.00 3. Rs. 5,000.00	As per Baanknet website	**21.05.2026 & 22.05.2026** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm	Mr. Norbu T Bhutia, Mobile No. 9775493473

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