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Nine file nominations for AXX polls



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GUWAHATI, Nov 10: Nine candidates have filed nominations for the posts of vice-president and secretary general in the upcoming Axam Xahitya Xabha (AXX) elections for the 2027-2029 term.

The four candidates contesting for the post of vice-president are Bipin Chandra Kalita, Bipul Sarma Baruah, Jadav Chandra Sarma and Prafulla Barman.

The five candidates for secretary general are Dr Sanjib Kumar Sarma, Ajay Kumar Singha, Nayanmoni Choudhury, Sahir Bhuyan and Mrinal Kumar Hazarika.

According to the election committee, nomination papers were submitted at the Xabha's Guwahati office on November 9 and 10. The committee clarified that no further nominations would be accepted for either post.

The nomination papers will be scrutinised on November 11 and 12.

Eviction drives fail to stop recurring encroachments

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 10: Repeated eviction drives by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) have failed to prevent vendors and commercial establishments from reoccupying cleared public spaces, raising questions about the effectiveness of its enforcement mechanism.

At Ganeshguri, a food outlet reportedly resumed operations beside a public toilet despite an earlier closure action. Vegetable vendors also returned to roadside spaces in the locality after an eviction drive in October. Similarly, a roadside market resumed operations at Sijubari following an eviction drive in August.

The recurring encroachments have also caused resentment among street vendors, particularly those operating in areas such as Sixmile. Vendors alleged that authorities repeatedly removed their stalls without providing suitable alternative vending spaces.

"What are we supposed to do if we are not allowed to earn our livelihood? The authorities come, remove our stalls and leave. After a few days, the situation becomes the same again. If the government wants us to move, it should first provide us with a proper place to conduct our business. Eviction cannot be the only solution," a vendor at Six Mile said.

Residents have also questioned the GMC's failure to keep cleared spaces free from encroachment. In Beltola, residents expressed dissatisfaction over the repeated return of unauthorised occupation despite complaints and official interventions.

"What is the purpose of conducting eviction drives if the same spaces are occupied again after a few days? GMC officials come, clear the area and leave, but there is no follow-up. Are these drives only meant to create a temporary impression of action? The corporation must explain why it cannot keep the roads and footpaths clear after removing the encroachments," a Beltola resident said.

While eviction drives provided temporary relief to commuters and pedestrians, the lack of regular monitoring allowed encroachments to return. Designated vending zones also failed to offer a comprehensive alternative for street vendors across the city.

The recurring problem highlighted the need for sustained surveillance, accountability and a practical vending policy to prevent public spaces from being occupied again after eviction operations.

Liquor worth Rs 3.9 crore sold in city during Diwali

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 10: Liquor worth nearly Rs 3.9 crore was sold across Guwahati on November 8 and 9 during Diwali, reflecting a surge in demand during the festive period.

According to Excise Department figures, sales on November 7 were also higher than those recorded on November 8, indicating that the festive rush at liquor outlets had begun ahead of Diwali. Liquor sales during the corresponding festive period stood at Rs 4.80 crore in 2024 and Rs 6.20 crore in 2023. However, data for 2025 was unavailable, making a year-on-year comparison with the latest figures difficult.

The additional sales recorded on November 7 suggest that the overall business during the festive period was higher than the Rs 3.9 crore recorded over the following two days.

BJP welcomes steep cut in cancer medicine prices

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 10: The state Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday welcomed the Union Government's decision to reduce the prices of cancer medicines by up to 96 per cent, which came into effect on November 9.

In a statement, BJP spokesperson Kishor Kumar Bhattacharyya said the move would provide significant financial relief to cancer patients and their families by curbing excessive charges and overpricing.

According to the statement, the price reductions undertaken by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) and the Department of Pharmaceuticals are expected to generate annual savings of around Rs 23,540 crore for patients. The revised prices cover nearly 1,300 medicine brands manufactured by around 85 pharmaceutical companies. Some medicines that earlier cost Rs 27,000 will now be available for Rs 2,700, while those priced at Rs 1.3 lakh will cost Rs 11,000.

The NPPA has prepared a list of 137 medicines with revised prices, which will be available on its official website. Consumers can also check the prices through the 'Pharma Sahi Daam' mobile application. Complaints regarding overcharging or deviations from prescribed prices can be lodged at monitoring-nppa@gov.in or through the toll-free helpline 1800-11-1255.

Bhattacharyya said the decision would benefit Assam, which has the highest cancer burden in the Northeast. The state records around 114 cancer cases per lakh population, against the national average of 97 cases per lakh, the statement said.

He also cited initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, saying the Union Government had taken several measures to make healthcare more affordable.

Assam records 181 fire incidents in 2 days of Diwali; Guwahati reports 60



STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 10: Assam recorded 181 fire incidents during the two days of Diwali, with Guwahati reporting the highest number at 60, including both minor and major cases.

The state reported 112 fire incidents on the first day of the festival, November 8.



Judge expresses wish to recuse from Zubeen case; bail hearing continues

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 10: Gauhati High Court judge Anjan Moni Kalita expressed his desire to recuse himself from proceedings in the Zubeen Garg death case, citing his friendship with one of the accused.

Justice Kalita said he wanted to withdraw to ensure a fair and transparent judicial process. However, counsel for Nandeshwar Bora submitted that his client was not an accused in the alleged conspiracy. Following the submission, the judge participated in the bail hearing. Bora, Zubeen Garg's bodyguard, did not get relief during the hearing of his bail petition on Tuesday. The High Court directed that the information sheet from the lower court be submitted before it.

Bora had earlier secured bail from the Special Court in a separate case relating to disproportionate assets. However, he remained in jail in connection with the singer's death and was seeking bail in that case.

108 Mrityunjoy attends 293 burn, road accident cases during Diwali

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GUWAHATI, Nov 10: Assam recorded 293 burn and road traffic accident (RTA) cases over two days during Diwali, November 8 and 9, 2026, handled by 108 Mrityunjoy Services. The figures included 32 burn cases and 261 RTA cases.

On November 8, the service recorded 13 burn cases and 126 RTA cases. The numbers rose to 19 burn cases and 135 RTA cases on November 9. A district-wise breakdown showed that Sonitpur recorded the highest number of cases, with 23. Kamrup Rural followed with 20, while Kamrup Metropolitan reported 17. Dibrugarh, Golaghat and Nalbari each recorded 16 cases, followed by Jorhat with 15. Sivasagar reportedly recorded the lowest number of cases

Literature festival from November 13

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Nov 10: The three-day fourth Pragjyotishpur Literature Festival will be held at Gauhati University from November 13 to 15, bringing together writers, researchers and poets to celebrate Assam's literary and cultural heritage.

Organised by the Shankardev Education and Research Foundation at the Phanidhar Dutta Seminar Hall, the festival will follow the theme "In Search of Roots", focusing on Assam's literary traditions and the cultural legacy of ancient Kamarupa.

The programme will feature keynote addresses, six panel discussions, workshops, a book fair and multilingual poetry sessions. Gauhati University Vice-Chancellor Prof Nani Gopal Mahanta will deliver the keynote address at the inaugural session, while retired Dibrugarh University professor Prof Karabi Deka Hazarika will attend as chief guest. Pragjyotishpur University Chancellor Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita (Retd) will deliver the welcome address.

IIT Guwahati's RuTAG develops four-in-one winding machine to ease yarn preparation



GUWAHATI, Nov 10: The Rural Technology Action Group (RuTAG) at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati has developed a four-in-one yarn winding machine to simplify the tiring steps of handloom weaving.

Yarn winding is an essential preparatory step in handloom weaving. It involves transferring yarn from hanks, cones or other packages onto bobbins and pirns, so that it can be used smoothly in weaving. Proper winding ensures smooth yarn handling, which in turn leads to the production of quality fabric. Most traditional weaving households still carry out this task by hand, often using a manually operated charkha. So, for the handloom weavers, the machine has been tested at several weaving locations in Assam and Meghalaya.

The process is slow and labour-intensive, and depending on the working conditions, traditional methods may process only about 1-2 kg of yarn a day. The repetitive nature of the task can also lead to awkward postures, repeated movements and long working hours, which raise concerns about weavers' health.

To address these challenges, RuTAG IIT Guwahati has combined the four winding functions together in one single unit.

The four winding operations of the machine are Hank-to-bobbin winding - Wind yarn from a hank onto a bobbin, Bobbin-to-pirn winding - Wind yarn from a bobbin onto a pirn for weaving, Doubling - Combine two or more yarn ends onto a single package, preparing them for twisting where required, Cone-to-bobbin winding - Wind yarn from a large cone onto smaller bobbins suitable for the next operation. (ANI)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SHIFTING OF PNB, NARAYANPUR BRANCH

We wish to inform that our **PNB, Narayanpur Branch (D. No. 050020)** is being permanently shifted to new premises tentatively on **14th December 2026.** The new location will offer enhanced facilities & better customer convenience. The addresses of the existing & new premises are as under:-

Existing Address	New Address
C/o Shri Bikrom Hazarika, Narayanpur, P.O.- Dikrong, Dist.- Lakhimpur, Assam- 784164	C/o Shri Dipen Saikia, Ground Floor, Near Old ASTC Bus Stand & SBI, Narayanpur, P.O.- Dikrong, Dist.- Lakhimpur, Assam- 784164

We regret for any inconvenience caused & solicit your kind cooperation during the transition.

In case of any clarification/assistance, customers may contact **PNB, Narayanpur Branch** or our office **PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, CIRCLE OFFICE, 1st Floor, RKB Path, Dibrugarh, Assam- 786001** during working hours (10.00 AM to 5.00 PM).

-Sd-
Dy. CIRCLE HEAD
Dated: 11.11.2026

पावरग्रिड POWERGRID

NOTICE

1. Petition for determination of tariff for assets under North Eastern Region Strengthening scheme XIII under Section 62 read with Section 79 (1) (d) of Electricity Act, 2003 and under the Regulation 15 (1) (a) and Regulation 23 of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2023 read with Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Condition of Tariff Regulations) 2024.
2. The beneficiaries of the above-mentioned Transmission system are:
(a)Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh (b)Assam Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (c)Manipur State Elecftricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (d)Meghalaya Energy Co. Ltd. (e)Power & Electricity Dept. of Mizoram (f)Dept. of Power Govt. of Nagaland (g)Tripura State Electricity Board (h) CTUIL

Asset detail:

Particulars	Asset-1	Asset-2
Approved capital cost of the project	Rs. 777.50 Lakhs (REC-II)	Rs. 1005.00 Lakhs (RCE-II)
Scheduled date of commercial operation	15.03.2024	15.05.2025
Actual date of commercial operation	16.05.2026	07.08.2026
Estimated Completion Cost	Rs. 797.83 Lakhs	Rs. 1048.07 Lakhs

3.Tariff details:

Asset detail		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Asset-1	AFC	--	--	89.51	111.18	110.88
Asset-2	AFC	--	--	89.30	146.12	145.88

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at **www.powergrid.in.**
5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6th, 7th & 8th Floors, Tower B, World Trade Centre, · Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi- 110029 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place:Gurugram **Sd/-**
Date: 05.11.2026 **Sr. GM (Commercial)**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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 / Name of the Account / Name & addresses of the Borrower/Guarantor	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 B) Net Outstanding Amount as on 31.10.2026 C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/ Constructive	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lacs) B) EMD (last date of deposit of EMD) C) Bid Increase Amount	Date and Time of Inspection of Property	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
1	**DHEMAJI** / **MR. CHANDRA KALITA** / **Mr. Chandra Kalita,** S/o Late Bapuram Kalita, Vill.- Bishnupur, Kalita Gaon, P.O.- Bishnupur, Dhemaji, Assam- 787057	Equitable Mortgage of Land and structure thereon measuring 0B-4K-10Ls of Dag No. 206 covered by P.P. No. 38 situated at Mouza- Dhemaji, District- Dhemaji is in the name of **Mr. Chandra Kalita**, which is bounded as follows: **North:** Dag No. 30, **South:** Dag No. 30, **East:** Dag No. 50, **West:** Dag No. 30.	A) 17.08.2023 B) Rs. 16,23,765.00 plus further interest & cost C) 15.11.2023 D) Symbolic	A) Rs. 6.99 Lakhs B) Rs. 0.70 Lakhs (02-12-2026) C) Rs. 20,000/-	12-11-2026 to 02-12-2026 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM	03-12-2026 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM	NIL
2	**DHEMAJI** / **M/S. NANI MOTORS** / **M/s. Nani Motors,** Prop. Sri Girish Chutia, Dhemaji Tiniali, P.O.- Dhemaji, Dhemaji, Assam- 787057	Equitable Mortgage of land measuring 1 Bigha equivalent to **14,400.00 sq ft.** covered by Dag No. 381 of PP No. 175 situated in Chowkham Gaon, Gowalchapori, Mouza- Dhemaji, in the District of Dhemaji (Assam) in the name of **Sri Girish Chutia, S/o Sri Lakheswar Chutia. Bounded By- North-** PWD Road and then land of Umesh Chutia, **South-** Land of Bapuram/Bhupen Gogoi, **East-** Land of Bhagya Chutia, **West-** Land of Parama Chutia/Tultul Gohain.	A) 03.09.2012 B) Rs. 52,52,019.39 plus further interest & cost C) 19.12.2012 D) Symbolic	A) Rs. 36.00 Lakhs B) Rs. 3.60 Lakhs (02-12-2026) C) Rs. 20,000/-	12-11-2026 to 02-12-2026 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM	03-12-2026 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 **03-12-2026 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**
4. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://baanknet.com** & **www.pnb.bank.in**.

Date: 11-11-2026 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Dibrugarh **Punjab National Bank, Secured Creditor**

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) / 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002