

Armyworms leave farmers in dire-straits



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A feminine like situation awaits Assam if one goes by the army worms that have been damaging [crop](#) lands measuring thousands of hectares in the [state](#).

The worst-hit district is Golaghat where the caterpillar [6,671](#) hectares of [crop](#) field leaving the farming [community](#) in utter dilemma.

“Efforts are on to bring the situation under control. We hope it would be [over](#) in a couple of days. We are in touch with the authority,” a senior [agriculture](#) department official told Assam Times.

Bhadra Saikia, a [farmer](#) in Sarupather area said, “ we have noticed it suddenly. Locally known [as](#) shur puk, the killer caterpillar have been engulfing more and more [crop](#) field in the district.

“We are upset with the development. Nobody is with us to assure us of the measures to end the [menace](#),” said Saikia.

Same picture prevails in Majuli where crops on more than 1700 hectares of land have been ravaged by the army worms in the flood hit river island leaving [over](#) 4000 families in dire-straits.

Experts are fanning in the entire area to banish the army worms. “It would take a few days to drive out the caterpillar. We have been using pesticides to counter the [menace](#),” said a senior district [agriculture](#) officer who have been visiting the damaged areas.

Majuli I followed by Dibrugarh and Sivasagar districts where the [menace](#) has damage 5000 hectares and [2,800](#) hectares of [crop](#) lands respectively.

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