

CM announces Rs 2 lakh ex gratia as death toll touches 115



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Jorhat: Both Jorhat and Golaghat districts have turned into a valley of death where at least 115 people died after consuming spurious liquor on Thursday night. The worst-hit area in Golaghat district is Salmira tea garden where 80 people, mostly, dead and 50 others have been battling for life at the Jorhat Medical College & Hospital (JMCH). Five more deaths have been reported from Merapani area.

Same it took place in Titabor in Jorhat district where 30 people dead after consuming illicit liquor and 30 others have been undergoing treatment. A visibly upset government has ordered probe by upper Assam commissioner while the Chief Minister announced Rs 2 lakh ex gratia to the family members of the victims.

Health minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has visited the Jorhat Medical College Hospital on Saturday morning and said more doctors from Dibrugarh and Tezpur are arriving to ensure better treatment where over 150 others are battling for life. "To enquire about the health conditions of those who fell ill after consuming hooch in Golaghat, I went to Jorhat Medical College & Hospital (JMCH) this morning. I also met the family members and relatives and ensured them that the perpetrators will not be spared," he wrote in his social media post.

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