

## CM tables Rs 26.32 cr deficit budget



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Chief minister Tarun Gogoi on Tuesday tabled the state budget for 2015-16 with lots of proposal to woo the people in view of the assembly polls early next year. The deficit amount stands at Rs 66,142.16 crore.

In his budget last budget speech for the third consecutive terms on the floor of the Assembly, Gogoi holds the finance portfolio brought a ray of respite for the [cancer](#) patients.

Gogoi has scrapped VAT for [cancer](#) drugs and oxygen in the hospitals. But he has hiked the [price](#) of cigarette and liquor. Now cigarette [price](#) would be up by Rs 1 per pack.

The [chief](#) minister proposed to spend the hike prices of cigarette and liquor in the health sector. He said his government is trying to discourage smoking and alcoholism by hiking the prices.

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**GUWAHATI, October 2, 2026** — A two-day People's Consultation on Agroecology & Climate Adaptation concluded here on Wednesday, bringing together more than 20 NGOs and civil society organisations from across Assam, besides farmers, women's groups, indigenous community representatives, environmentalists, academics and development practitioners.

Organised by Jorhat-based grassroots organisation North-East Affected Area Development Society (NEADS) at Hotel Skyline, the consultation focused on agroecology, biodiversity, sustainable food systems, climate risks, disaster preparedness, indigenous knowledge and community-led adaptation.

Technical sessions, panel discussions and community-level sharing examined climate vulnerability in Assam, flood management, locally led humanitarian response, water governance, indigenous seed conservation and sustainable livelihoods.

Participants also shared experiences of changing climate conditions, traditional farming, biodiversity conservation and the role of women and youth in building resilient communities.

NEADS Director Tirtha Prasad Saikia said climate solutions must involve communities and recognise the knowledge already held by Assam's farmers and indigenous communities.

“Our task is to recognise and strengthen this knowledge through science, policy and institutional support, and put communities at the centre of climate action.”

The consultation also discussed Government-NGO coordination and Joint Rapid Needs Assessment (JRNA) to strengthen disaster preparedness and response.

Participants proposed a **Civil Society Declaration on Agroecology & Climate Adaptation** and a policy brief to consolidate recommendations on climate-resilient livelihoods, biodiversity, indigenous seed systems, community-led adaptation and stronger collaboration among civil society, communities, researchers and government institutions.

The consultation concluded with a call for continued collective action towards farmer-led, biodiversity-rich and climate-resilient food systems in Assam.

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