

Control room for farmers



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In a bid to assuage the farming [community](#) in the time of army worms [menace](#) Assam [agriculture](#) department has set up a control room in Guwahati.

Officials told Assam Times that the control room would help the farmers control the attack of army worms in the crops lands. A joint director would run the control room where the farmers can contact the authority with mobile number 9854338572 and 94355 43404.

According to a government statement, armyworms are caterpillars that crops belonging to rice (particularly Gramineae). There are three armyworm species which are the rice swarming caterpillar, common cutworm, and the rice ear-cutting caterpillar. A single armyworm egg mass contains hundreds of eggs and each female lays 800–1000 eggs during its lifetime of about one week. The name armyworm is applied to those species that migrate in masse to neighboring fields after severely defoliating a [crop](#).

Armyworm feeds on paddy leaves and young seedlings at the plant's base. They also cut off rice from base, it said.

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