

## EMFA reiterates scribes' safety demand



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Electronic Media Forum Assam (EMFA) has reiterated its old demand for a special law to protect the media persons on duty across the country. The television media forum argued that the scribes, both from print and electronic media should get the protection under the special laws in the line of physicians on duty.

“We have observed with dismay that more journalists today face physical attacks when they are on risky assignments around the country. Unless the media persons on duty are ensured with justice, they may opt for soft issues resulting in wrecks for critical journalism,” said a statement issued by EMFA president Nava Thakuria.

The media forum meanwhile condemned an incident of assaults to Partha Pratim Saikia of DY365 at Ganeshguri locality yesterday midnight. According to the FIR lodged by the scribe at Dispur police station, Partha was attacked by some unruly youths when he along with his colleague was with official assignment. The police have detained one Bikas Saikia who was intoxication and tried to hit the camera of the news channel at the location. The EMFA urged the authority to take proper actions [against](#) the culprits under the law of the land.

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## People's consultation on agroecology, climate adaptation concludes in Jorhat



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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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