

Eviction at Manas National Park



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A massive eviction drive was carried out at Saliagaon near Boro bazaar under Bhuyanpara forest range in Manas [National](#) Park on Saturday which drew strong protest from public during the eviction, which force forest department to lift the eviction after 11 am.

Over two thousand of public from different nearby villages protested the eviction drive carried out by forest department, Manas Tiger Project authority in the presence of magistrate carried out eviction drive [against](#) illegally occupying national park lands. The forest officials dismantled several small [huts](#) which were illegally built along the national park.

The eviction was carried out in support police administration in the national park on its second phase on Saturday. The forest department had taken eviction drive on December 22 last at Betbari area under Bhuyanpara range.

HK Sharma, director of MTP told that the forest department evicted several areas of the Bhuyanpara range which are illegally occupied the national park lands since few years. He said that the eviction drive has been lifted for seven days [as](#) peoples seek few days time to vacate the houses.

'The eviction would be carried out again after seven days at any costs along the national park which are illegally occupied by public', Sharma said.

Peoples from all walks of life come out to stage protest [against](#) eviction carried out in the area. Protesters shouted slogans [against](#) forest department, demanded early [stop](#) of any kind of eviction along the national park which have used for cultivation for the local peoples. The protesters demanded allotment of land to the nearby peoples who are residing in these lands since long years. They alleged that no any pre notice was serve to the peoples before eviction in the area besides making altercation facilities for the evicted peoples. They also claimed that they are not illegally encroacher in the national park [as](#) forest department terming illegally settlers.

'This land is meant for nearby peoples [as](#) they are using for cultivation since long years, so eviction [against](#) peoples is totally unwanted', said a protestor along the national park.

'We will continue our protest [against](#) eviction that has been carrying by forest department in coming days', said a woman protestor.

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