

Flood toll touches 20



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[Two more](#) people met watery [grave](#) on [Saturday](#) in the current [flood](#) waves that refuse to recede in 18 districts where were 16 lakh others remain affected.

According to State Disaster Management Authority, two [new](#) deaths took place in [Barpeta](#) and [Sivasagar](#) districts to take [death](#) toll to 20.

A [total](#) of 16,26,304 people have been affected due to the floods while 2,29,290 of them are still taking shelter in 512 [relief](#) camps set up by the district administrations.

A [total](#) of [1](#),846 villages, under [50 revenue](#) circles of the 18 districts, were still under water.

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GUWAHATI, October 1, 2026 — The Department of Applied Biology, University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM), in association with the Microbiologists Society, India (MBSI) and the Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS), concluded International Microorganisms Day 2026 and a national workshop on “Academic Writing and Scholarly Publications” on Thursday.

The programme, held from September 17, focused on strengthening academic writing, research communication and scholarly publishing skills among Master's students, research scholars and early-career researchers.

USTM Vice Chancellor Prof G D Sharma inaugurated the programme. Prof Kumananda Tayung, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, Gauhati University, and Dr Niraj Singh, State President, MBSI (Assam & Meghalaya), attended as Chief Guest-cum-Resource Person and Guest of Honour respectively.

Experts from India and Saudi Arabia conducted sessions on scientific writing, manuscript preparation, publication ethics, scholarly communication and journal selection. Participants from USTM, The Assam Royal Global University and Cotton University attended the programme.

A Poster and Model Competition was also organised, with prizes distributed to the winners.

The programme was organised under the chairpersonship of Dr Sony Kumari, Head, Department of Applied Biology, with Dr Yugal Kishore Mohanta as Convener and Dr Tamanna Bhuyan as coordinator.

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