

Ghost of farmer's suicide revisits



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The much-hyped ambitious schemes meant to uplift the farming [community](#) fails to deliver the goods forcing a section of the poor people to take up extreme step.

In yet another incident that sends shockwaves across the [state](#), a poor [farmer](#) in Kamrup district committed suicide for his alleged [failure](#) to repay the debt he availed of from a local saving organization.

The incident took place at Nij Depheli village near Rangiy where a poor [farmer](#), who borrowed Rs [10,000](#) from a local village organization was [found](#) hanging on a tree on Tuesday just a day before he was to face the organizations for failing to repay the debt.

This is for the first time a [farmer](#) committed suicide during the six month long regime of Sarbananda Sonowal. Nearly eight poor farmers committed suicide during the 15 year long [Tarun Gogoi](#)'s regime.

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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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