

Gogoi unhappy with army court verdict



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Chief minister Tarun Gogoi said that the Army court had taken a lenient view of the crime. He told reporters in Jorhat that he would urge the defence ministry to review the case to ensure proper justice to the 19-year-old victim. According to Gogoi, the army court has been insensitive to the seriousness of the crime and has taken a lenient view.

He said that imprisonment for only three months is far less than the heinous crime committed by the armyman. Notably, an Army court had on Monday sentenced Anil Kumar Upadhaya, a lance naik with 287 Field Regiment, to three months of rigorous imprisonment in military custody and demoted him to the rank of sepoy who was arrested after he was caught attempting to molest a woman in Dolopa village in Sivsagar district in July last year.

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NAZIRA, September 27, 2026 — Tension continues to prevail in Nazira, particularly in the Santak-Bihubar area, following the killing of Biman Barua, president of the Rangajan Yuva Samaj and a youth social worker, on September 18 under Bihubar Police Station.

Following the killing, local residents have been demanding stringent punishment for the alleged masterminds, Ravindra Singh alias Vicky Singh and Rubul Khan, besides seeking demolition of Vicky Singh's residence.

Meanwhile, Sivasagar district police have taken Vicky Singh and Rubul Khan into custody and are questioning them at the district headquarters police station in connection with the murder case and allegations of drug-related activities.

According to police sources, the two allegedly told investigators during questioning that drugs were brought from Dimapur and Nagaland and stored at the residence of Vicky Singh's sister in Nazira town. The drugs were allegedly supplied from the house to users in different parts of Nazira and Sivasagar.

Based on the information allegedly obtained during the questioning, a joint team of Bihubar Police and Nazira Model Police Station conducted a raid at the residence of Vicky Singh's sister, Rinki Singh Bora, in Ward No. 6 of Nazira town on Saturday morning.

Police detained Rinki Singh Bora and are reportedly questioning her in connection with the alleged storage and distribution of drugs.

The investigation into the murder of Biman Barua and the alleged drug network is continuing.

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