

Gunmen caught in Narayanpur



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Lakhimpur police [caught](#) two [gunmen](#) after they targeted security forces deployed on Saturday.

The incident took place at Narayanpur where two youths started firing at a group of security forces when they were on patrolling duty in the wee hours.

When the security forces started retaliation, they tried to leave the spot forcing the police men to chase them. Identified [as](#) Cerula Khan and Aswini Patir, they were overpowered. Police recovered a 9 mm pistol from their possession.

Senior police officials have been interrogating the duo.

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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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