

Guwahati Residents Rally Against Tree Felling for Flyover Project



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Guwahati, Oct. 29: A wave of protest swept through Guwahati on Tuesday as concerned citizens gathered at Dighalipukhuri to oppose the felling of numerous ancient trees for the construction of a flyover connecting Noonmati and Dighalipukhuri.

Protesters, united under the banner "Save Our Trees, Save Our Heritage," expressed deep concern over the potential environmental impact and loss of the city's natural beauty. They argued that the 200-year-old trees, vital to the ecosystem, act as natural air purifiers, reduce urban heat, and provide a sanctuary for migratory birds.

Community leaders and environmental activists have pledged to file a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) to halt the tree-felling activities until proper environmental impact assessments and community consultations are conducted. They urge the authorities to explore alternative designs for the flyover that would preserve the trees, such as elevated structures or route adjustments.

The protest highlights a growing concern among urban dwellers across India regarding the protection of green spaces in rapidly developing cities. As the city awaits a resolution, the fate of the ancient trees and the future of Dighalipukhuri hang in the balance.

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