

Helping hand for Bhuban valley tea



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Stunned by the reports of starvation-like death in the Bhuban Valley tea garden, the Cachar district administration started reaching out the [workers](#) who have alleged non receipt of rations for the last couple of months.

Lakhipur civil [SDO](#) told Assam Times that the district administration started distributing rice among the [workers](#). But sources said that the management of the Kolkata based company has assured the district administration of measures to reopen the tea garden apart from releasing the pending payments and bonus before the Durga puja.

Meanwhile, the [Barak](#) Human Rights Protection Committee [leader](#) Waliullah Ahmed Laskar told Assam Times that the [rights](#) body is in the process of collecting more information on the exact causes of death of the tea garden [workers](#). He said the preliminary information suggests that the underlying causes of these deaths are related to malnutrition and immediate causes are lack of access to health care including proper treatment and medicines.

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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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