

## Hepatitis B and C screening camp at Guwahati Press Club



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Guwahati: Dr Rela Institute & Medical Centre, Chennai has organized a daylong Hepatitis B and C screening camp at Guwahati Press Club on 9 September 2019 (11 am to 3 pm). Subsequent expert opinions by consultant hepatologists from the multi-speciality hospital (with necessary privacy) will also be made available for those participants on 14 September (11 am to 3 pm), who test positive for the disease. Currently, chronic Hepatitis B and C are the major burden of the liver diseases in India which eventually lead to cirrhosis of the liver and hepatocellular carcinoma.

However, a simple screening test can provide an opportunity to treat the disease and to identify patients, who are at risk of hepatocellular carcinoma. For the person, diagnosed negative for Hepatitis B can be protected by giving proper vaccines.

The initiative of Dr Rela Institute & Medical Centre, which can be termed as an important example of social healthcare initiatives, is expected to benefit member-journalists of the press club in northeast India to fight against Hepatitis B and C.

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## People's consultation on agroecology, climate adaptation concludes in Jorhat



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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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