

ITSSA objects metropolitan region plan



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The Indigenous [Tribal](#) Sahitya Sabhas (ITSSA), raised strong objection [against](#) the draft delineation of Guwahati Metropolitan Region and Review & Revision of Master Plan.

Separate memorandum were submitted to the [Governor](#) and [chief](#) executive officer, Guwahati were submitted on the issue on Saturday by the [Indigenous Tribal](#) Sahitya Sabhas, a conglomeration of eight [indigenous Tribal](#) literary body from Karbi, Rabha, Mising, [Tiwa](#), Deuri, Dimassa, Garo and Bodo.

The tribal literary body said that the review & revision of master plan for Greater Guwahati metropolitan region taken by the Guwahati Metropolitan [Development](#) Authority (GMDA), is another attempt and [policy](#) to eliminate the [indigenous](#) tribals from the proposed metropolitan region [as](#) was 'first done in 1972 by the then [Congress](#) government of Assam led by Sarat Chandra Sinha by establishing [state](#) capital at Dispur by evicting the tribals forcefully by withdrawing the Beltola [Tribal](#) Belt of Kamrup for which hundreds of [indigenous](#) tribal families lost their own agricultural [green](#) lands'.

‘This is the second attempt to smash down the very existence of the [indigenous](#) tribals of Assam by the congress led by [Tarun Gogoi](#) government in Assam, it said adding that ‘[leaders](#) and intellectuals who are always [against](#) the interest of the downtrodden [indigenous Tribal](#) always involve making conspiracy how to crack down and destroy their economy [as](#) well [as](#) the [community](#)’.

The tribals bodies stated that the list of villages and [map](#) in the notification comes under the tribal belt and blocks and other tribal populated areas and these villages will be badly affected.

‘If the government of Assam translates the said plan and [policy](#) into action forcefully [against](#) the interest of the [indigenous tribal](#) people of Assam and if a single [Tribal](#) family is affected in this action, the ITSSA will be compelled to launch a mass movement, it said.

It demanded to modify the master plan and exclude the [Tribal](#) villages from the project.

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