

JFA appreciates Hills Times management



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[Journalists'](#) Forum Assam ([JFA](#)) welcomes the decision of the management of The Hills Times (www.thehillstimes.in) to implement the Majithia Wage Board Award for its employees. The English daily, published from Diphu (printed in Guwahati), becomes the third media [group](#) in northeast [India](#) to take the initiative to enhance the salary & other benefits for their employees under the wage board.

The Assam Tribune [group](#) had already implemented the wage board and the management of Niyamiya Barta has lately declared to implement the prescribed wage board for the benefit of its employees including journalists.

The Supreme Court of [India](#) on June 19 redirected the owners of newspaper & news agencies to pay their employees according to the wages as revised/determined by the Majithia board since November 11, 2011 without differentiating between the permanent (full-time) and contractual employees in their establishments.

“We urge all media houses in the region to implement the wage board without delay. The managements must not linger on its implementation for more years. Otherwise, it would only degrade the print media as an institution slowly slipping down to the [group](#) of law-evaders in the country,” said a [JFA](#) statement endorsed by president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria.

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