

Liquor tragedy toll touching 100



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Jorhat: The death toll in the illicit liquor tragedy in Golaghat and Jorhat districts is nearing 100 sending huge shock and anger across the state.

According to an updated information, in Salmira area alone the toll has gone up to 70 including 5 more deaths from Merapani area. On the other hand, in the Borhola area in Jorhat district the toll has gone up to 17.

Health minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has visited the Jorhat Medical College Hospital on Saturday morning and said more doctors from Dibrugarh and Tezpur are arriving to ensure better treatment where over 170 others are battling for life. “To enquire about the health conditions of those who fell ill after consuming hooch in Golaghat, I went to Jorhat Medical College & Hospital (JMCH) this morning. I also met the family members and relatives and ensured them that the perpetrators will not be spared,” he wrote in his social media post.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has ordered a magisterial probe and promised action against the culprits and banned the liquid molasses required to manufacture these liquor.

Jorhat MP KP Tasha, who has been monitoring the treatment at the Jorhat Medical College has told media at least 100 people have been battling with life.

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