

NDFB bandh partial in BTAD



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The 12 hour long NDFB sponsored [bandh](#) ended on Wednesday evening disrupting normal life in BTAD areas. NDFB called for the paralyzing [bandh](#) demanding unconditional release of DR [Nabla](#). The response was partial. It had hardly any impact in some pockets.

Roads in some pockets of BTAD areas wore a desert look while the shops and markets have refused to open in the morning when the dawn to dusk [bandh](#) began at 5 in the morning. The [bandh](#) call virtually dampen the festive season on Wednesday a day after the Durga puja got underway.

NDFB information and publicity secretary, B Najib has asked the government to release its president D R [Nabla](#) unconditionally.

The outfit called it unfortunate that the NDFB leader was rearrested in the run up to the crucial tripartite talks in New Delhi acting on a wrong report by Dispur and TADA court.

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GUWAHATI, October 1, 2026 — The Department of Applied Biology, University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM), in association with the Microbiologists Society, India (MBSI) and the Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS), concluded International Microorganisms Day 2026 and a national workshop on “Academic Writing and Scholarly Publications” on Thursday.

The programme, held from September 17, focused on strengthening academic writing, research communication and scholarly publishing skills among Master's students, research scholars and early-career researchers.

USTM Vice Chancellor Prof G D Sharma inaugurated the programme. Prof Kumananda Tayung, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, Gauhati University, and Dr Niraj Singh, State President, MBSI (Assam & Meghalaya), attended as Chief Guest-cum-Resource Person and Guest of Honour respectively.

Experts from India and Saudi Arabia conducted sessions on scientific writing, manuscript preparation, publication ethics, scholarly communication and journal selection. Participants from USTM, The Assam Royal Global University and Cotton University attended the programme.

A Poster and Model Competition was also organised, with prizes distributed to the winners.

The programme was organised under the chairpersonship of Dr Sony Kumari, Head, Department of Applied Biology, with Dr Yugal Kishore Mohanta as Convener and Dr Tamanna Bhuyan as coordinator.

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