

New immunization drive begins



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After pulse polio, yet another immunization campaign is in place in Guwahati. It's the Pentavalent vaccine campaign that hits the [city](#) on Wednesday. It contains five antigens being introduced under the routine immunization in the Kamrup Metros.

Kamrup [metro](#) health officials told Assam Times that the vaccine contains diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, Hepatitis B and Haemophilus Influenza type B.

The said that it will reduce the number injections required for vaccinating children at [6](#), 10 and 14 weeks of age.

Three doses of Pentavalent vaccine are included in Universal Immunization Programme. The first dose will be given only after a child is [6](#) weeks old, second and third dose will be given at [10](#) and 14 weeks of age respectively.

The Pentavalent vaccines are available at all government hospitals, sub-centres and immunization sites in the district from Wednesday after the vaccine was formally [launched](#) at a function at Dhirenpara Mother & Child Welfare Hospital in the morning.

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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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