

Red carpet to private parties! Stop



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The Civil Society Alliance – Assam, a solidarity [group](#) committed to the cause of promoting and defending [indigenous](#) peoples' [rights](#) for peace, justice and equality is expressing to voice its deep concern regarding the proposed financing development model of privatizing the historical monuments of Ahom Kingdoms of Sivasagar district and Kaziranga [National](#) Park of Assam being crafted through the ambitious 'adopt a heritage' in the [state](#). CSAA believe that this kind of aggressive project pose greater challenge to sustainable and people-oriented development which institutionalize the private control [over](#) the resources and divert the government attention from addressing the social concerns in a new form of advancing neoliberalism. It is also a thought-provoking matter of concern now for the [indigenous](#) people because such privatize sector move may facilitate human [rights](#) violation, including land grabbing and displacement of the native community in the long run.

The Alliance [group](#) is also deeply concerned about increasing private sector involvement in the [state](#) in various forms are becoming an increasingly important actors in social development process. This kind of PPP model which is known is also a privatization by other means in the [state](#) run system which has gained momentum since the [failure](#) of privatization programs initiated by the International Financial Institution (IFI) such as World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other bilateral and multilateral institutions across many countries earlier.

In a solidarity statement, CSAA would also like to urge that Government of [India](#) to comply its international human [rights](#) commitments and obligation of [Rights](#) of Indigenous Peoples as drawn in United Nation Declaration of the [Rights](#) of the Indigenous People, adopted by the General Assembly in 2007 (UNDRIP, Article 11) that Indigenous peoples have the right to practice and revitalize their cultural traditions and customs. This includes the right to maintain, protect and develop the past, present and future manifestations of their cultures, such as archaeological and historical sites, artefacts, designs, ceremonies, technologies and visual and performing arts and literature.

The Civil Society Alliance – Assam, a collation of [NGO](#), Community Based Institution, [indigenous](#) Peoples Organisations & social activist, being connected to this land by virtue of aboriginal are urging to withdraw the current proposal of privatizing modality of corporatizing the historical monuments & national park of Assam instantly to address the negative consequences in order to defend the community control [over](#) the basic services and resources for [development](#) justice. The alliance also would like to urge the Government for its [policy](#) towards the use of [development](#) resources for private financing implementation to replace with greater and more democratic public sector leadership with the enforcement of regulatory mechanisms to ensure transparency for people. The press release has been shared which is being endorsed by North-East Affected Area [Development](#) Society (NEADS) – Jorhat, United Women Rights Protection Forum, - Upper Assam, [Chutia](#) Yuva Sanmilan, Assam – Jorhat District Committee, People Right Forum - Dhemaji, The EAST, Tezpur and [Social](#) Activists of the [state](#).

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