

Timber laden truck mishap



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Just few days post declaration for withdrawing some forest check gates across the [state](#) by Forest Minister [Pramila](#) Rani Brahma, forest department seized illegally carrying timber logs following a truck met road mishap late Sunday night along 31C [National](#) Highway at Barsangaon near Karigaon in Kokrajhar district.

A truck bearing registration No. AS-18C-4636 carrying illegal Sal timbers coming from Athiabari bound for Bongaigaon through 31C [National](#) Highway was met road mishap at Barsangaon late last night, however [driver](#) and [smugglers](#) manage to escape from the spot through scope of [dark](#). The truck was seen damaged fully and timbers slept to the road for the incident. Forest official and police rushed to the spot to take stock about incident and later seized the timbers. Police said that it was an act from illegally [smugglers](#) who were tried to smug the timbers. The timbers' market value would be around Rs.3.5 to 4 lakhs

Assam Forest Minister [Pramila](#) Rani Brahma and BTC deputy [chief](#), who is also in-charge for Forest department Kampa Borgoyary visited the spot. The forest minister said stern action will be taken [against](#) illegal timber smuggling. She sought details report about the illegal timber smuggling. Borgoyary also said action will be taken [against](#) illegal functioning of timber smuggling and forest wealth.

Dhiren Basumatary, Forest Ranger said that the forest department has been intensified patrolling through [National](#) Highway that is why the [smugglers](#) met road mishap on the road. The truck was bound for Bongaigaon.

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