

UN BRAHMA Soldier of Humanity award for Birubala Rabha



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Dr Birubala Rabha, anti witch hunting activist has been chosen for 12th [UN](#) Brahma Soldier of Humanity [Award](#), 2015, recognising her struggle [against](#) the [blind](#) belief and ill culture of the society.

The award has been instituted by Upendra Nath Brahma Trust (UNBT), in the name of Bodofa [UN](#) Brahma, former president of the All Bodo Students Union.

The Trust has finalised the name of Dr Rabha, who has founded Mission Birubala and step to struggle [against](#) the [blind](#) belief and ill culture of the society. Witch hunting is an evil practice which has destroyed the social morale as a whole.

Her movement [against](#) witch hunting needs to be carried out forward to the arena of wider world. The Trust feels proud to honour such a great personality through this prestigious civilian award, said a release from trust.

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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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