

Assam photo journalists to demonstrate tomorrow



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Assam Photo Journalist Association (APJA) expresses shock over the gang-rape of a photo journalist in Mumbai and demands actions against the culprits.

It is reported that the 22-year old photo journalist went on an assignment to Shakti Mills under the Mahalaxmi area on the evening of August 22, where she was targeted by five assailants. She was accompanied by a male colleague, who was also beaten up by the goons. The APJA will stage a silent demonstration tomorrow at 11 am (till 12 noon) in front of Guwahati Press Club, said a release issued by APJA president Rajib Bhattacharjee and secretary Rituraj Konwar. Journalist Forum Assam (JFA) has also condemned the incident and urged the Maharashtra government to nab the assailants. The JFA has extended its support to the APJA protest program scheduled for Saturday in the front of Guwahati Press Club.

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KOKRAJHAR, October 9, 2026 — The BTR Co-ordination Committee of Tribal Organizations staged a three-hour sit-in protest at the Kokrajhar Government HS and MP School playground on Thursday, demanding stronger protection of tribal land rights and enforcement of existing legal safeguards in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR).

Following the protest, the organisations submitted a memorandum to BTC Chief Hagrama Mohilary and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma through the Kokrajhar district commissioner, outlining their demands.

Holding placards, the protesters demanded immediate protection of tribal land rights, enforcement of Chapter X of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886, and eviction of encroachers from Tribal Belts and Blocks in the BTR.

They also called for implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006, waiver of land premiums for tribals in the BTR, and effective protection of notified Tribal Belts and Blocks in the region.

Representatives and members of several tribal organisations participated in the protest, including the BTR Coordination Committee of Tribal Sangha, Bodo Sahitya Sabha, All Bodo Students Union (ABSU), All Rabha Students' Union, All Hajong Students' Union, All Garo Students' Union and Rabha Sahitya Sabha.

A protester said the state must take decisive steps to protect Tribal Belts and Blocks, reiterating the demand for enforcement of existing land laws and eviction of encroachers from protected areas.

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