

Brahma committee urged to protect land rights of indigenous people



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Veteran social activist [as](#) well [as](#) Chairman of the Guwahati Municipal [Development](#) Authority(GMDA) has submitted a memorandum to the Hari Shankar Brahma committee recently demanding protection of the [indigenous](#) people's land [rights](#) reside in greater Guwahati area. The [state](#) government has constituted the Brahma committee to look into the problems of settlement of land in the hilly and other areas of Guwahati Metropolitan District. In his memorandum Baruah pointed out that a huge tract of land in and around the [city](#) has been occupied or grabbed by some outsiders both legally and illegally. He resented that some land mafia, colluding with influential politicians, could easily grabbed land in the [city](#).

Baruah informed the committee that the encroaching upon wetlands in and around the [city](#) is another serious concern for its dwellers. Pointing out that the fact that government in different course of time also allotted lands of the [city](#)'s wetlands to different individuals [as](#) well [as](#) industrial establishments he said, 'we have seen clear violation of Environmental and other laws by our governments in different time. The present pathetic situation of Solabeel, Silsakobeel, Deepor beel, Bondajan reflects this [as](#) these wetland are being destroyed.' The social activist urged the Committee to take step for protection of the wetlands in and around Guwahati.

He also informed the committee that the Save Guwahati Build Guwahati, an [NGO](#), since its inception stands for the cause of the [city](#). It has been raising [demands](#) for the protection of the [indigenous](#) people's [rights](#) of the [city](#) [as](#) well [as](#) the Natural resources.

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