

Citizens demand redrafting of Guwahati Master Plan



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A Citizens' meet here today demanded redrafting of the proposed Guwahati Master Plan with incorporation of suggestions put forward by various citizens' committees in the city..

Organised by the Journalists' Forum, Assam at the Guwahati Press Club, the meet demanded an immediate survey of the green belt and and eco-sensitive areas of the city, which should cover the entire gamut of issues including citizenship and economic status.

Presided over by JFA president Rupam Baruah, the meet asked the authorities to reduce the pressure of water on the Bharalu river. They pleaded that the

Shilsako beel be reclaimed and the storm-water from catchment areas of the beel be redirected to the beel itself. They advocated construction of a storm-water drain along the National Highway 37 so that the flow of storm-water from Meghalaya can be directed to the Deepar beel.

Demanding preservation of all wetlands and low-lying areas of the city, the citizens requested the authorities to ensure planned development of hillocks and use of earth from the Brahmaputra instead of earth from the hills for earth-filling.

Addressed among others by activists like Subodh Sarma, Dhanjit Kakati, Ashim Chartejee, Pranita Sarma, Colonel P. C. Choudhury, Benu Baruah, Kishore Giri, Hiten Mahanta, Soumyadeep Dutta, Nava Thakuria, Ranen Kumar Goswami and Jawaharlal Saha, the meeting also demanded recycling of city garbage, installation of terminal effluent treatment plants and making of rainwater harvesting compulsory.



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