

District Mineral Foundation Trust meet at Udalguri



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The first meeting of [Udalguri](#) District Mineral Foundation Trust ([UDMFT](#)) was held at the [Conference](#) Hall of the Deputy Commissioner office on July 20. Richard Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner I/C, [Udalguri](#) presided [over](#) the meeting which was attended by the members of the trust including A Choudhury,ADC, [Udalguri](#);Madhurjya Kumar Sarma,DFO,Dhansiri Forest Division,[Udalguri](#) besides joint Director of [Health](#) Services,Depty Superintendent of Police (HQ) and representatives of various government and non governmental officials.A Choudhury,ADC,[Udalguri](#) cum Member Secretary of the Trust explained about formation,management and funding of the trust in his welcome speech.He said that government of [India](#) notification in this regard was published on August 26 in 2019 which was later notified by Assam government on March 18 in 2017 specially for the sixth schedule districts in BTAD. According to him a minimum of [ten](#) percent of royalty from stone and sand [mining](#) etc will be deposited in the account of the trust to be utilized for [community welfare](#) activities for affected people living in and around the [mining](#) areas.He further said that provisions for health care, sanitation,education,woman empowerment,children [welfare](#) activities will be taken up with the available fund.The meeting took out a few important decisions regarding preparation of action plan on how to run the trust smoothly in the district.By a resolution,the meeting requested DFO [Udalguri](#) immediately to evict all illegal stone and sand [mining](#) in the district with special reference to illegal excavation and sand [mining](#) on Nonai river bed at Pachim Nalbari village near [Tangla](#) and at Garuajhar Gaonbura Basti.

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