

JFA appreciates Agartala court verdict



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[Journalists'](#) Forum Assam appreciated a recent court verdict in favour of many media employees of [Tripura](#) who used to work for various media outlets of Matang Sinh owned [North East](#) Multi Media. The West [Tripura](#) district & session court on Monday declared the closure of [North East](#) Multi Media without compensating its employees, including scribes, who eventually lost their jobs eight years ago, was illegal.

It may be noted that senior [Congress leader](#) & former Union minister in PM Narsimha Rao's cabinet, who is presently facing the multi crore chit-fund scam, run a number of satellite including NETV, NE HiFi, NE Bangla, [Hmar TV](#), Focus [TV](#), HyTV etc which were later get closed. Sinh [launched](#) NE Bangla on 7 August 2007 from Agartala. Now he is lodged in a Kolkata jail.

"We welcome the court verdict and express hopes that it would bring relief to all the affected media persons. We also congratulate Prasenjit Chakravartty for continuing the legal battle against the concerned media authority," said a statement issued by [JFA](#) president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria.

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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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