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### Liquor tragedy touching 200



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**JORHAT:** The toll in the spurious liquor tragedy refuses to halt even after the loss of nearly 200 people in Jorhat and Golaghat districts forcing the government to launch a massive crackdown against the illicit liquor traders.

According to information, at the Jorhat Medical College Hospital alone 97 deaths have been reported since Friday night and all these people were rushed from Salamira and Titabor areas. Others died in Golaghat civil hospital. A few other patients died without treatment at the Salmira Tea Estate on Sunday and Monday.

My statement to @republic ([https://twitter.com/republic?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/republic?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)) on the hooch tragedy that took lives of 80 person in Assam and many admitted in Hospital. The Govt is fully responsible due to lack of supervision, improper implementation of excise rules and large scale corruption in Excise, Police and Administration.

[pic.twitter.com/ciRqPaMWRQ](https://t.co/ciRqPaMWRQ) (<https://t.co/ciRqPaMWRQ>)

— Tarun Gogoi (@tarun\_gogoi) February 23, 2019

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Reports of more deaths are pouring in from some other districts while nearly 200 people are undergoing treatment at the hospital. At JMCH alone over 100 patients are undergoing treatment and if this trend is allowed to continue the toll is set to go up.

Meanwhile, local residents in the worst hit Slamara and Borhola have raided excise minister Parimal SIKHLAVAI as he was on a stock taking visit on Sunday demanding immediate ban of liquor across the state.



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