

Pasighat a smartcity!



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East [Siang](#) DC Isha Khosla asked DDF consultants to prepare action plans to be developed [Pasighat](#) into smart [city](#) having core infrastructure needed to enhance urban living. She said when she was chairing a consultative body meeting of DDF Consultants in [Pasighat](#) Municipal Council and Head of Offices in the [Siang](#) on Saturday.

Twenty cities will be selected in the first lot through competition to be developed [as](#) Smart Cities. The consultants have conducted field visits this morning with the PMC Chief Councilor Denong Tamuk and his associates. She asked the executives of DDF Consultants ([New Delhi](#)) to take up the Smart City project with their best knowledge and abilities. The DC has appealed them to review the previous plans and interventions undertaken so far by the administration. The place has tremendous scopes in tourism, power generation, education and health sectors.

Loksabha MP Ninong Ering, Director, TP &ULB Amoy Morang, MEO Deepak Shinde, ZPC Kaling Dai, PMC Chief Councilor Denong Tamuk and his deputy Kaling Darang and HoOs were present on the occasion.

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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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