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GMCH Road remains choked daily, ambulances left at mercy of traffic



STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 24: The traffic chaos outside Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) continued unabated, with the crucial hospital approach road remaining choked almost every day. During nearly two hours spent by this reporter on the stretch, not a single traffic personnel was seen deployed there, raising questions over who would take responsibility if an ambulance failed to reach GMCH on time.

The situation outside one of the State's most important healthcare institutions remained largely unchanged, with public buses, trekkers and e-rickshaws halting for long periods, private vehicles occupying both sides of the road and roadside vendors spilling onto footpaths and the carriageway.

Ambulances were forced to negotiate the same congested stretch while vehicles waited for passengers and pedestrians moved between stationary and moving traffic. The Sentinel had previously reported similar problems on the GMCH road, including vehicles blocking the way despite no-parking restrictions.

"We are doing social service here, not for ourselves," a public bus driver told this reporter when questioned about the prolonged halt of buses directly outside GMCH.

A green bus conductor said his vehicle had stopped for around 10 minutes. Asked about the permitted stopping time, he said, "I don't know about these rules; you can ask ASTC officials. As per them, we have been allowed to line up our buses here."

A local commuter said the combination of prolonged bus halts and vendors occupying footpaths had made the area almost impossible to navigate. "We can neither walk on the sidewalks nor safely on the road because of moving vehicles. It's a total mess," he said.

For patients and attendants, the congestion created an additional ordeal. An attendant accompanying his sister said an overbridge was needed to enable patients to cross the road safely.

Vendors, meanwhile, blamed the absence of designated vending spaces. "We have no other place or option but to set up our carts here. Where else will we go?" said a fruit seller outside the hospital gate.

A GMCH resident doctor said the congestion could have serious consequences during emergencies. "Buses, in fact, should not be parked here as it is a narrow road," the doctor said.

A traffic official said vehicles from Rupnagar, Dispur and Narakasur Hill converged at the entrance and admitted that ambulances faced major difficulties. According to the official, drivers often ignored signals while green buses also stopped in the middle of the road.

The recurring congestion was particularly striking given that the GMC had carried out eviction drives at Bhangagarh, citing obstruction to traffic and pedestrian movement. (Sentinel Land)

Yet the ground reality remained unchanged. If a road leading to a major hospital had no visible traffic enforcement for hours, questions remained over who was responsible for keeping an emergency corridor clear and who would answer if a life was lost waiting in the jam.

Nurse duped of Rs 3.69 lakh on pretext of government job

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 24: A woman working as a nurse at a private hospital was allegedly duped of Rs 3.69 lakh on the promise of securing her a staff nurse job under the Directorate of Medical Education (DME), Assam.

A complaint was lodged at Dispur Police Station against Fazlor Rahman, Runuma Ahmed and Shafiqul Islam in connection with the alleged fraud.

According to the complaint, the victim was allegedly assured of a staff nurse position under the state health department. The accused reportedly collected Rs 3.69 lakh from her in instalments through online transactions.

Rahman, who is employed in the state health department, allegedly told the nurse that he had close connections with the Chief Minister and could help her secure the job. Runuma Ahmed and Shafiqul Islam were allegedly acting as agents for Rahman, the complaint stated.

The complainant also alleged that several other women may have been approached by the group with similar promises of government jobs in exchange for money.

Police have reportedly not yet traced the three accused, who allegedly switched off their mobile phones and went into hiding following the complaint.

SC Collegium recommends Justice Kaushik Goswami as permanent Gauhati HC judge

STAFF REPORTER



GUWAHATI, Sept 24: The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the appointment of Justice Kaushik Goswami as a permanent judge of the Gauhati High Court.

The decision was taken at the Collegium's meeting on September 23, 2026. In a statement, the Supreme Court said the Collegium had approved the proposal to appoint Justice Goswami, currently an additional judge, as a permanent judge of the Gauhati High Court.

Justice Goswami was appointed an additional judge of the Gauhati High Court on November 2, 2023, and took oath on November 10, 2023. He was elevated to the Bench from the Bar.

Born on September 4, 1975, Goswami completed his schooling at Don Bosco School, Guwahati, and Delhi Public School, RK Puram, New Delhi. He obtained a Bachelor of Social Legal Sciences degree and an LLB from ILS Law College, Pune.

He enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Assam, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh on July 27, 2000. The Gauhati High Court designated him as a Senior Advocate on May 19, 2022.

Justice Goswami continued as a Senior Advocate until his elevation to the Bench in November 2023. He is currently stationed at the Aizawl Bench of the Gauhati High Court.

Congress to hold protest today against ECI

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 24: The Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) will stage a protest rally in Guwahati on September 25, alleging irregularities in the functioning of the Election Commission of India (ECI), including what the party has termed "vote theft".

The protest march will begin at 11:30 am from Rajiv Bhawan and proceed towards the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Assam, at Janata Bhawan in Dispur.

According to the APCC, the protest will also oppose what it described as the "authoritarian actions" of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. The party said it plans to burn an effigy of the CEC and demand his removal from office, his arrest, and an independent high-level review of changes made to electoral rolls during his tenure. The Congress said its agitation follows reports concerning disagreements within the Election Commission over several electoral decisions. The party claimed that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi had recorded written objections on at least 14 occasions over the past 10 months regarding decisions and directives allegedly taken without their knowledge.

The objections, according to the Congress, related to issues including the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), voter registration, deletion and restoration of names in electoral rolls, changes to Form 6 and the centralisation of the ECI's electoral-roll information technology systems.

UCO Bank advises customers to plan transactions ahead of proposed strike

GUWAHATI, Sept 24: UCO Bank has advised customers to plan their branch-related banking transactions in advance as operations at its branches may be affected from September 28 to 30 due to the proposed nationwide strike called by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU).

The bank said its branches would function normally on Sunday, September 27, despite the preceding weekend holidays on September 26 and 27, to ensure that customers' banking requirements were not affected for an extended period.

Customers have been advised to use alternate delivery channels, including UCO mBanking Plus, UCO E-Banking, ATMs, cash deposit machines and business correspondent points for their banking needs during the period. The bank said customer convenience and service remained its foremost priority and urged customers to make necessary arrangements in advance, a press release said.

AJP seeks removal of CEC Gyanesh Kumar, calls for probe

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 24: The Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP) has demanded the removal of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and sought an impartial investigation into his tenure and decisions, alleging that the Election Commission of India has failed to maintain the neutrality expected of a constitutional institution.

Taking to the media at the party's headquarters on Thursday, AJP general secretary Jagadish Bhuyan also sought the intervention of the President of India. He alleged that Kumar had acted more like a BJP spokesperson than the head of an independent constitutional body.

Bhuyan further alleged that the views of the other two Election Commissioners had not been given adequate importance in several key decisions. Referring to a recent report published by The Indian Express, he said the concerns raised warranted an impartial investigation rather than remaining confined to political allegations and counter-allegations.

The AJP also questioned the credibility of previous election results, particularly those of the Assam Assembly election. Bhuyan alleged that sections of the public had doubts over the results and claimed that they did not represent the "spontaneous verdict of the people".

The party raised broader concerns over EVMs, the electoral process, vote counting and declaration of results, and called for documentary evidence and verifiable facts to address such doubts. Bhuyan also criticised the BJP for allegedly defending the CEC and questioned whether its spokespersons were effectively speaking on behalf of the Election Commission.

The AJP demanded that Kumar be removed and that his tenure and decisions be investigated. It also called for the appointment of a new Election Commissioner through what it described as a democratic and transparent process, urging the President to intervene and ensure an inquiry.

State Bank of India

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SALE/AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE PROPERTIES HYPOTHECATED TO SBI

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described movable property hypothecated/charged to the Secured Creditor "State bank of India, RASMECCC cum SARC, DIBRUGARH", the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank Of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on the following dates, for recovery of Bank dues due to the secured creditor from the following borrowers not below the Reserve Price fixed by the Bank. The undersigned reserved the right to accept or reject all or any of the offers without assigning any reason thereof.

Description of Movable Property

Sl. No.	Borrower Name	Vehicle details / description	Vehicle Registration No	Outstanding of the borrower (excluding other legal charges and other expenses since)	a) Proposed Reserve Price b) Earnest Money Deposit	Date of Auction
1	Mr. Tai Nyodu	Renault Kwid	AR-22-0907	Rs. 1,92,530.00/- as on 24.09.2026	a) Rs. 56,000.00/- b) Rs. 5,600.00/-	01.10.2026
2	Mrs. Jyotikana Hazarika Baruah	Honda WR-V 1.5 VMT (IDTEC)	AS-06-AA-2195	Rs. 4,45,511.11/- as on 24.09.2026	a) Rs. 1,26,000.00/- b) Rs. 12,600.00/-	01.10.2026
3	Mrs. Rocktim Chetia	VE Commercial Vehicle Ltd / Eicher Pro 6016 R CWC BSVI	AS-01-QC-1385	Rs. 7,67,637.17/- as on 24.09.2026	a) Rs. 7,20,000.00/- b) Rs. 72,000.00/-	01.10.2026
4	Mr. Tilack Lahkar	MARUTI SUZUKI DZIRE VXI	AS-06-AP-3878	Rs. 9,49,000.00/- as on 24.09.2026	a) Rs. 4,02,000.00/- b) Rs. 40,000.00/-	01.10.2026

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the secured Creditors website:
https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others/
https://baanknet.com/

Date: 24.09.2026
Place: RASMECCC, Dibrugarh

Authorised Officer
RASMECCC-CUM-SARC, Dibrugarh

ARPA demands probe into alleged fake qualifications, irregular pharmacy registrations

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 24: The Association of Registered Pharmacists Assam (ARPA) has demanded a comprehensive investigation into alleged use of questionable educational and training documents for pharmacy registration in Assam, while calling for a wider probe into an alleged network of intermediaries and persons involved in the registration process.

Taking to the media, ARPA president Dhruba Gogoi said the association had submitted documentary materials to the competent authorities seeking verification and investigation into the case involving Kamal Hasan. According to ARPA, the matter was initially brought before Dispur Police Station on September 9, 2023, over allegations concerning Hasan's educational and professional credentials. The association said the matter subsequently reached the judicial forum and cited an e-Courts record showing C.R. No. 0000768/2024, Dhruba Gogoi vs Kamal Hassan, before the Special Judicial Magistrate. The order dated February 28, 2025, recorded that the matter was sent to the police for investigation.

ARPA further referred to Dispur P.S. Case No. 225/2025, registered under Sections 318(4), 336(3) and 340(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The association said it submitted another representation to the Commissioner of Police, Guwahati, on September 9, 2026, seeking expeditious investigation and verification of the documents.

ARPA claimed that Hasan was arrested by Dispur Police on September 23, 2026 and was in police custody in connection with the investigation.

The association said its documentary concerns broadly relate to three areas-Hasan's Higher Secondary qualification, the recognition and validity of educational qualifications used for professional purposes, and his Diploma in Pharmacy and practical-training documents. ARPA said it had sought independent verification of the relevant certificates and mark statements, including documents associated with CMJ University, Meghalaya.

Gogoi said the investigation should not be confined to one individual if evidence points to a wider registration network. According to ARPA, investigators should establish the complete chain-from preparation and submission of documents to verification, approval of registration, alleged payment of money and identification of beneficiaries.

The association has also called for examination of the role of the former Registrar of the Assam Pharmacy Council (APC) and other officials, employees and office-bearers wherever evidence warrants such scrutiny. ARPA clarified that its demand for examination of officials should not be construed as a declaration of guilt against any individual.

ARPA has further demanded a comprehensive audit of pharmacy registrations processed during the relevant tenures of former Registrars. It wants particular scrutiny of registrations involving NIOS Higher Secondary Science qualifications, academic gaps of more than five years, qualifications from institutions requiring verification, and disputed or questionable educational credentials.

The association has also demanded mandatory direct verification of all internship and practical-training certificates with the concerned hospitals or institutions. Such verification, it said, should establish the candidate's attendance, training period, supervising authority, authenticity of signatures and seals, and whether the institution was authorised to provide the training.

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Auction Ref No. CO-SAM /AUCTION/Q3/01/2026-2027 Date: 24.09.2026

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable /Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) / Partner(s) / Proprietor(s) / Mortgagors(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable/movable property/assets mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl No.	Name of the Branch / Name of the Account / Name & addresses of the Borrower / Guarantors Account	Description of the Properties Mortgaged/ Charged /Owner's Name (mortgagers of property(ies))	A) Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 B) Outstanding Amount C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical Constructive	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lacs) B) EMD (last date of deposit of EMD) C) Bid Increase Amount	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
1	BO: RANGIA (202120) Shri Gopi Nath Das (Borrower) Vill: Barimatha , PO - Tamulpur, Dist: Kamrup.	A Plot of land measuring 0 Bigha 2 Katha 0 Lessa covered by Dag no-2105 under K.P.Patta No- 600 situated at Village : Tulsibari, PO- tamulpur , Dist- Kamrup (R), Assam. Land is bounded by:- North: Shri Liladhar Deka at present Shiv Mandir, South: Shri Liladhar Deka at present Kamal Acharjya, East: Shri Liladhar Deka at present Dulal Paul, West: 8 feet wide road.	A) 22.12.2022 B) Rs. 20,84,774.41 as on 20.12.2022 plus further interest wef 21.12.2022 and other charges thereon C) 04.04.2023 D)Symbolic Possession	A) Rs.7.65 Lacs B) Rs. 0.77 Lacs (05.10.2026 upto 4pm) C) Rs. 0.50 Lac	Date: 06.10.2026 Time: From 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM	Not Known to Bank

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:

1. The properties are being sold on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".
2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
3. **The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://baanknet.com on 06.10.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04:00 PM**
4. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://baanknet.com**
5. The authorized officer or the bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances or any other dues to the government or anyone else in respect of properties(E-auction) not known to the bank. The intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities ,arrears of property tax, electricity dues, etc
6. The authorized officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids ,if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or very the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
7. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspects the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provide.
8. The particulars of secured assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the authorized officer, but the authorized officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.

Date: 24.09.2026
Place: Guwahati

Authorized Officer
Punjab National Bank, Secured Creditor