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Six Mile footpaths turn into vending areas

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: Footpaths are meant for pedestrians, but at Six Mile in Guwahati, they appear to have been assigned a different purpose - serving as makeshift marketplaces for street vendors, leaving pedestrians with little choice but to walk alongside moving traffic.

A stretch of the footpath below and around the Six Mile Flyover has been extensively occupied by vendors selling footwear, clothes, accessories and other goods. With stalls and merchandise spilling onto the pedestrian space, the designated walking area has virtually disappeared at several points.

The situation raises a basic civic question: who is responsible for keeping footpaths free for pedestrians?

While the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) continues to undertake campaigns on cleanliness, encroachment and civic discipline, the condition at one of the city's busiest locations points to a glaring gap in enforcement. The encroachment is not confined to a temporary obstruction but has become a regular feature of the area, forcing pedestrians to negotiate crowded spaces or step onto the carriageway.

For elderly people, children and persons with disabilities, such conditions can pose an even greater challenge. The presence of pedestrians on the road also increases the risk of accidents, particularly along a busy corridor such as Six Mile.

A commuter who frequently passes through the area said the authorities could not expect citizens to follow civic rules when basic pedestrian infrastructure was allowed to remain occupied.

> The Six Mile scene once again puts the spotlight on the city's failure to protect pedestrian spaces and raises the question of whether footpaths in Guwahati are being treated as public infrastructure or as convenient extensions of roadside markets.

"The footpath is clearly meant for people to walk. But here, vendors have occupied almost every available space. We are forced to walk on the road. Where are the authorities?" the commuter said. Another citizen said the problem had persisted despite the area being one of the most visible parts of the city.

"Encroachment cannot be allowed simply because it has become routine. If the GMC knows about the problem, it should act instead of waiting for an accident to happen," the citizen said.

A college student said walking through the area had become particularly difficult during peak hours.

"We have to squeeze between vendors and vehicles, and sometimes there is no option but to walk on the road. This is supposed to be a Smart City, but pedestrians do not even have a proper footpath," the student said.

Escaping accused shot at, injured

STAFF REPORTER

GU STUDENT DEATH CASE

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: Ashik Ali, the prime accused in the alleged murder of Gauhati University student Nimisha Thakuria at a homestay, sustained two bullet injuries to his right leg after he allegedly tried to escape from police custody early on Tuesday.

The incident occurred at around 3.30 am while police were taking Ali from Dharapur to Azara. Police subsequently took him to the Garal Primary Health Centre (PHC) before shifting him to Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), where he remained under treatment.

Speaking to the media, GMCH Superintendent Dr. Devajit Choudhury said Ali, 26, reached the hospital at around 5.30 am. Examination found two bullet wounds, both on his right leg. One injury was near the right knee, with the bullet entering from the rear and exiting to the front, causing a minor injury or fracture to the femur. The other bullet passed through the right ankle, entering from the outer side and exiting through the inner side.

Choudhury said Ali's major blood vessels and nerves had not been affected and that his condition was not dangerous. He was admitted to the Orthopaedics Ward after doctors applied a plaster cast. He would also receive treatment to prevent infection, with further examinations, including a Doppler scan, to be conducted if necessary. Medical examinations, including an ultrasound and CT scan, found no other injuries or underlying illnesses, Choudhury said. He added that no signs of drug addiction had been detected, although no specific tests for drug addiction had been conducted.

GU defends PGSU election nomination process

A CORRESPONDENT

AZARA, Oct 6: Gauhati University on Tuesday rejected what it described as inaccurate and misleading information about the nomination and grievance process for the Post-Graduate Students' Union (PGSU) Election 2026-27, saying all decisions followed established rules and official records. Registrar Prof Utpal Sarma said the nomination issue had been examined by the Returning Officer, Election Tribunal, Appeal Hearing Committee and Grievances Redressal Cell, and the concerned candidate had been given opportunities to seek redress through the prescribed mechanisms.

The university said the eligibility of Nayan Akash Bora and another candidate, Pratik Sharma, was questioned during nomination scrutiny on September 23. The matter was referred to the Election Tribunal, which advised that their nominations should not be considered. Election Notification-5/2026 issued on September 24 recorded the cancellation of the nominations.

Bora submitted appeals on September 25 and 26. An Appeal Hearing Committee was constituted on September 26 following legal opinion, and Bora was given an opportunity to appear before it. The hearing was video recorded and the findings were communicated to the concerned parties. A Grievances Redressal Cell was constituted on September 27.

The university also raised concerns over the student's simultaneous enrolment in two postgraduate programmes under the fee-waiver category. It said the student had not cleared all papers of the first and second semesters of the earlier programme before taking admission to another postgraduate programme. According to the university, the student also continued as a hostel boarder under the earlier programme while accommodation was offered under the subsequent programme, which was not accepted. Dr Ranjan Kumar Kakati, Secretary, University Classes, said such matters had implications for other eligible students.

Returning Officer Prof S K Singh said the election was being conducted within the applicable rules and institutional framework, with eligibility scrutiny and grievance redressal following the Lyngdoh Committee recommendations.

Compensation for flood-hit families

Akhil Gogoi sets October-8 deadline

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, OCT 6: Raijor Dal president and Sivasagar MLA Akhil Gogoi's indefinite sit-in at the Assam Legislative Assembly (ALA) premises crossed 100 hours on Tuesday, as he accused the Government of failing to understand the suffering of flood-affected people in Upper Assam.

Speaking at the protest site, Gogoi said, "We will wait till 7 PM on Wednesday. If there is no outcome, a massive democratic protest will begin from the 8th," Gogoi said. Gogoi said his five main demands included the immediate disbursement of the Rs 15,000 and Rs 10,000 flood relief amounts announced by the Chief Minister within 24 and 48 hours, respectively.

He demanded Rs 10 lakh for every affected family by October 31 and sought a CBI inquiry into the reasons behind what he described as the century's most severe disaster in Upper Assam.

He also demanded that flood-affected families not yet covered under the Orunodoi scheme be included and that the assistance be doubled to Rs 2,500. He further sought funds to rebuild infrastructure damaged by the disaster, including schools, namghars, mosques, temples, churches, roads and embankments.

Duster rams vehicles, hits traffic cop

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: A suspected drunk-driving incident led to a police chase in Guwahati late Monday night after a Duster allegedly hit several vehicles and knocked down a traffic police officer before speeding away. The incident occurred in the Dispur area, where the vehicle (AS 01 DM 7448) reportedly hit other vehicles while travelling at high speed. A traffic police official was also hit during the incident.

The driver allegedly fled without stopping, prompting Dispur traffic police to pursue the vehicle towards Lalganesh for several kilometres. The Duster later entered a road at Sribhumi Nagar near Adagudam in Lalganesh, where it got stuck and could not move further. Police intercepted the vehicle and detained its occupants.

ED raids betel nut smuggling kingpin's house

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted a raid at the residence of alleged betel nut smuggling kingpin Nayan Ghosh in Guwahati's Jyotikuchi on Tuesday. According to sources, the operation began at around 6 am at Flat No. 101 in Babylon Apartment, where Ghosh had reportedly been staying as a tenant in Block A for a long time.

The ED reportedly obtained information about financial transactions involving crores of rupees. Ghosh was alleged to be a key operator in the smuggling of banned Burmese betel nuts.

Assam Police had previously arrested Ghosh twice in connection with alleged smuggling activities. He was arrested once in Cachar and later in Sarupathar. Apart from betel nut smuggling, Ghosh had also faced allegations of drug trafficking and the illegal transportation of Posta Dana. According to the information provided, Ghosh had allegedly continued his smuggling activities while evading the attention of the state government.

Sheik Shahil Uddin Shah, National Media Coordinator of the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP), along with AJP leader Lakhyadhar Das, addresses a joint press conference at the Guwahati Press Club on Tuesday. (UB)

Barsapara puja depicts children's mobile phone addiction

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: The Barsapara Sarbojanin Durga Puja Committee is set to use its 43rd Durga Puja celebrations to draw attention to children's increasing dependence on mobile phones and the consequences of excessive screen exposure.

The puja will be held near South Point School, opposite the institution and close to the Battalion Gate in Barsapara. The committee has set aside around Rs 15 lakh for the celebrations.

The central theme will depict how prolonged engagement with mobile devices could gradually distance children from their families, peers and the world around them. Through the presentation, the organisers will seek to promote healthier digital habits and greater interaction within families.

Rather than portraying technology as inherently harmful, the committee said the theme would focus on responsible mobile phone use and the importance of maintaining a healthy balance between screen-based activities and real-life experiences.

Bank of Baroda enters pension fund business

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: Bank of Baroda became the second public sector bank to enter the pension fund business after receiving the PFRDA Certificate of Appointment as Sponsor of the Pension Fund under Section 27 of the PFRDA Act, 2013, on the occasion of NPS Divas 2026.

The certificate was presented by Sanjay Lohiya, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, to Dr Debadatta Chand, Managing Director and CEO of Bank of Baroda, in the presence of S Ramann, Chairperson, PFRDA, and Dinesh Kumar Khara, Chairperson, NPS Trust. The bank also became one of the first few banks to onboard Tatkal NPS on the BHIM App as part of its second-phase rollout. The integration was aimed at making digital onboarding to the National Pension System more accessible through the BHIM platform.

Chand said the developments marked an important milestone for the bank and reaffirmed its commitment to expanding access to retirement solutions and using digital innovation to make pension products more accessible and convenient.

Organised by PFRDA, NPS Divas brought together representatives from public and private sector banks, Central Recordkeeping Agencies, NPCI BHIM Services Limited and senior officials of the Department of Financial Services to discuss the growth and future of the National Pension System (NPS), a press release said.

2 detained in cybercrime links

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: Gorchuk police conducted a raid at a flat in Brahmaputra Housing Colony on Tuesday and detained two youths suspected of having links with cybercrime. Police searched the flat of Zillat Alam and Tahid Rajiv Alam and seized around 70 mobile phones, a large number of identity documents, pen drives, stamps and cheque books. A substantial amount of cash was also reportedly seized.

Police suspect that the two detained youths may be involved in cybercrime. However, the allegations against them and their alleged links with cybercrime would become clear only after the investigation.

The two men had reportedly been living in the flat in Brahmaputra Housing Colony for around eight years. Local residents said they had little interaction with other residents of the colony. The two youths were reportedly residents of Bilasipara. Police continued their investigation into the mobile phones, documents and other items seized during the raid.

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Sr. No.	Branch Name and Address	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor	Total Dues	Vehicle Make & Model RTO, Registration No.	Date & Time of e-Auction	1. Reserve Price 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3. Bid Increase Amount	EMD deposit Account	Inspection Date & Time	Contact Person
1.	**Chaygaon Branch,** LST Complex, NH-37, Dhekenabari, Near Anukul Mandir, P.O.- Chaygaon, Dist.- Kamrup (Assam), PIN- 781124	**Ms. Ruptalin Engtipi** D/o Waphong Ingti, Rongmonjir Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam- 782460	**Rs. 5,84,720.46** as on **08.02.2025** and further interest and charges	**TATA PUNCH PUR 1.2P MT RT BS6** **RTO:** KARBI ANGLONG, ASSAM **Regd. No.:** AS 09 K 4608	**07.11.2026** 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs. 4,00,000.00 2. Rs. 40,000.00 3. Rs. 5,000.00	As per Baanknet website	**05.11.2026 & 06.11.2026** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm	Mr. Saurav Nunisa Mobile No. 8135942811
2.	**Chaygaon Branch,** LST Complex, NH-37, Dhekenabari, Near Anukul Mandir, P.O.- Chaygaon, Dist.- Kamrup (Assam), PIN- 781124	**Ajit Choladhara** C/o- Hemakanta Choladhara, Nemuguri, Gaon Dimow, Sibsagar, Assam- 785674	**Rs. 5,15,917.23** as on **08.09.2024** and further interest and charges	**TATA TIAGO XE 1.2 RTN BS6** **RTO:** KAMRUP **Regd. No.:** AS 01 FU 3249	**07.11.2026** 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs. 2,70,000.00 2. Rs. 27,000.00 3. Rs. 5,000.00	As per Baanknet website	**05.11.2026 & 06.11.2026** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm	Mr. Saurav Nunisa Mobile No. 8135942811
3.	**Chaygaon Branch,** LST Complex, NH-37, Dhekenabari, Near Anukul Mandir, P.O.- Chaygaon, Dist.- Kamrup (Assam), PIN- 781124	**Intaz Ali** C/o- Najar Ali, Vill Haligaon, Palasbari, Kamrup, Assam- 781122	**Rs. 6,49,098.70** as on **10.04.2025** and further interest and charges	**TATA ALTROZ XM S 1.2 P BS6** **RTO:** KAMRUP METRO **Regd. No.:** AS 01 FX 1329	**07.11.2026** 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm	1. Rs. 4,50,000.00 2. Rs. 45,000.00 3. Rs. 5,000.00	As per Baanknet website	**05.11.2026 & 06.11.2026** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm	Mr. Saurav Nunisa Mobile No. 8135942811
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