

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION, ASSAM,
KAHILIPARA, GUWAHATI-19.

E Comp. No.560265/1

From:- Sri Prasanna Borah, AES
Joint Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

To,
1) The Registrar(s), All State Universities in the State of Assam.
2) The Principal (All),
Govt./Provincialised/PDUAM/Govt. Model Colleges of Assam.

Sub: Regarding Minutes of the meeting held under the
Chairmanship of the chief Secretary, Assam to formulate
a strategy for controlling Parthenium.

Ref: Govt. letter eCF No.320570/2024/69, dated 09-09-2024.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the letter on the subject cited above, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the Govt. letter issued vide eCF No.320570/2024/69, dated 09-09-2024 along with its enclosures and request you to initiate awareness drive regarding controlling Parthenium amongst the students and other stakeholders of your institutions.

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

Signed by

Prasanna Borah

Joint Director of Higher Education, Assam
Date: 09-01-2025 15:02:41
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

Memo E Comp. No.560265/1-A

Copy to:

1) The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department, Dispur,
Guwahati-6 for kind information.

(e-signed)

Joint Director of Higher Education, Assam

Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
DISPUR:GUWAHATI-6

eCF No.320570/2024/69

From : Smti G.K Chakraborty.
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Higher Education Department.

To : The Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

Sub : Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Assam
to formulate a strategy for controlling Parthenium

Pinky Hazarika
12/09

Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above I am directed to forward herewith copy of Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Assam to formulate a strategy for controlling Parthenium with Senior Most Secretaries and the Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University. Which is self-explanatory, and request you to examine the matter and take necessary action as per rule.

(Encl: As stated)

Yours faithfully

Signed by
Geeta Kundu Chakraborty
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Higher Education Department
Date: 09-09-2024 17:51:27

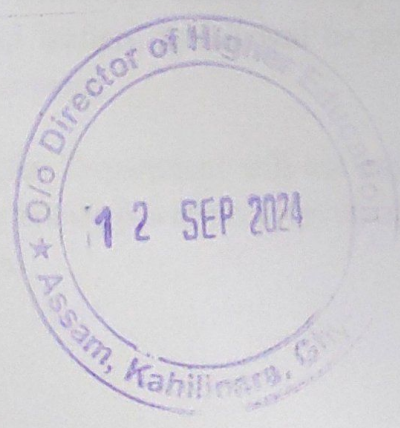
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Copy to:

P.S to Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department, Dispur,Ghy-06.

By order
(e-Signed)
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Higher Education Department

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Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary Assam to formulate a strategy for controlling Parthenium with Senior Most Secretaries and the Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University

Date: 05-08-2024 at 5:00 pm

Venue: Manas Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary, Lok Sewa Bhawan, Dispur

Objective: To formulate and strategize the campaign to tackle and control parthenium from the State, a meeting in hybrid mode was held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary Assam. Senior Most Secretaries of the Govt. of Assam, the Vice Chancellor, AAU and Scientists of AAU joined the meeting.

List of participants is appended.

1. The Chief Secretary welcomed all the participants and gave an overview on the challenges due to multiplication of parthenium weed across the State and the harmful aspects of the weed.
2. The Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University gave a detailed presentation on the biochemical properties of parthenium and its management. He showed how rapidly parthenium is growing in almost all districts of the State and how it is hazardous to both human and other animals including cattle.
3. After threadbare discussion, the following suggestions were made from the chair –

Notification by the state Govt: State Government shall declare Parthenium as a noxious weed in consultation with the AAU. The AAU shall study the post declaration aspects adopted by the States of Punjab and Karnataka and the Agriculture Department shall prepare the notification in consultation with AAU.

Constitution of a Committee: Agriculture Department will propose for constitution of a committee for monitoring and controlling the growth of parthenium.

Preparation of Calendar: AAU will prepare a calendar based on the plant's life cycle and list of things to be done and programmes to be scheduled round the year to remove parthenium. It was acknowledged that this exercise shall have to be carried out for 4-5 years to see any tangible results. As such AAU shall prepare this over the next few years too.

Role of Panchayat and Rural Development Department:

- Panchayat and Rural Development Department will explore the feasibility of the programme for parthenium removal under the MGNREGA.
- It will take necessary action for removal of Parthenium in Panchayat areas.
- Panchayat & Rural Development Department will take up awareness programmes and sensitize the Self-Help Groups using newspaper/video advertisements and distribution of leaflets, which will be prepared with the help of AAU by Agriculture Department.

Role of Education Department: Education Department will not engage Students to de-weed Parthenium due to its impact on health. However, creation of awareness shall be taken up in the educational institutions.

Role of Health Department: Health Department will make a thorough study on the health issues and health hazards caused by parthenium and keep the remedies ready.

Role of Veterinary Department: Veterinary Department will study the impact of parthenium on the animals and cattle. With reference to animal health and productivity, Veterinary Department will also subsequently issue dos and don'ts.

Role of AAU, Jorhat: AAU Jorhat will carry out experiment in the field of compost making from parthenium weed and study its impact in the field as a regular compost. They will also study whether there is Side effects on the Plants etc

Role of Industries and Commerce Department: Industries and Commerce Department will work on any CSR activities that may be undertaken to commercially utilize the compost/ by-products of the weed.

Role of Municipality: Municipality will assess and take necessary steps for removal of such weeds from vacant government lands.

Role of district level Office: Departments having offices in the district/subdistrict level should also pass an instruction to field offices to keep offices parthenium free.

Role of Public Works Department: Public Works Department will take necessary action to remove Parthenium immediately beside the National Highways /State Highways.

Role of Railway: Railway authority will take necessary action to remove Parthenium beside the railway tracks.

Role of Forest Department: Forest Department will take necessary measures to remove Parthenium in the forest areas specially in the Wildlife Sanctuaries, National Parks, Forest Reserve setc.

Role of Tourism Department: Places of tourist importance are to be kept Parthenium free.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the chair.

Signed by
Ravi Kota
Chief Secretary, Assam
Date: 19-08-2024 22:34:55

Memo No: AGRI-18016/45/2024/9-A

Dated 9 August 2024

Copy to:

1. The Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat.
2. Senior Most Secretaries of all Departments, Govt of Assam, Dispur.
3. Secretary, Coordination to the Chief Secretary, Assam.
4. PS to the Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam, Agriculture Department & APC for kind appraisal of Commissioner & Secretary & APC.
5. Officers concerned.

By order etc.



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
JANATA BHAWAN :: DISPUR :: GUWAHATI-6

No:AGRI-18016/45/2024/8

Dated 31 July 2024

Meeting Notice

Subject: Meeting on weeding Parthenium from Assam - regarding.

Parthenium (*Parthenium hysterophorus*) is one of the noxious weeds recently spreading at faster rate in Assam. The weed is spreading in almost all the districts of the state and generally found in non-cropped areas like roadsides, railway tracts, parks, industrial sites, grasslands and other wasteland. Many forests and national parks are severely infested with Parthenium threatening forest biodiversity and availability of palatable grasses to herbivores. Parthenium is causing serious damage to the land resources, biodiversity, environmental and health of susceptible human and animals.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, on his discussion with the Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University showed serious concern over the invasion of Parthenium and instructed to prepare SOPs to tackle the weed.

Now it has been decided to convene a **meeting with the Vice-Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Senior most Secretaries of the Govt. of Assam and all District Commissioners** on **5th August at 5.00 PM** in the **Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary, Assam** under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary Assam to strategize the campaign to tackle and weeding parthenium from the State. The meeting shall be held in both physical and video conferencing mode. Therefore, it is requested kindly to make it convenient to attend the meeting either physically or through video conferencing.

The VC details are mentioned below –

Title: AGRICULTURE

Start time: 05 August 2024 05:00 PM

URL: <https://bharatvc.nic.in/join/2657931975>

Conference ID: 2657931975

Password: 513111

This is issued with the approval of the Chief Secretary, Assam.

Yours faithfully

Signed by

Tej Prasad Bhusal

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

Date: 31-07-2024 13:40:50

Agriculture Department

Distribution to:

1. The Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat.
2. Senior Most Secretaries of all Departments, Govt of Assam, Dispur.
3. All District Commissioners, Assam.

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Dated 31 July 2024

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