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No. : E- **813034/2**

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To

1. The Registrars,
All State Universities of Assam
2. The Principals,
All Govt./Provincialized/ Autonomous and Model Colleges of Assam.

Sub: Regarding revised Timeline for Implementation of the "Brikhya Bandhu" Initiative

Ref: This office letter No. E- 813034/1 dated 07-07-2026.

Sir/ Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above and letter under reference, I am directed to inform you that the competent authority has revised the timeline for implementation of the "**Brikhya Bandhu**" initiative under the **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2026** campaign.

Accordingly, all Higher Educational Institutions are requested to take note of the revised schedule and take necessary action in accordance with the revised timeline communicated by the Forest Department.

Further, All concerned are requested to ensure timely completion of the activities as per the revised schedule mentioned below and continue extending full cooperation for the successful implementation of the programme.

Timeline

Date	Activities
25 th July – 9 th August, 2026	Online Registration of Students
6 th August to 11 th August, 2026	Seedling Transportation to Schools / Colleges
10 th August to 14 th August, 2026	Brikhya Bandhu Plantation
15 th August to 2 nd October, 2026	First geo-tagged picture upload by student
1 st January to 26 th January, 2026	Second geo-tagged picture upload by student

This is submitted for your kind information and necessary action.

Enclo : Annexure-A

Yours faithfully

Joint Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

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Copy to :

1. P.S. to the Commissioner and Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Higher Education
Department, Dispur, Ghy-06 for information.

(e-signed)

Joint Director of Higher Education, Assam
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← Brikhya Bandhu – Plant, Protect and Prosper (V 2.0)

Tab 1

Annexure A

Brikhya Bandhu – Plant, Protect and Prosper

1. Background

1.1 Assam has more than 20 lakh students enrolled in class 6 and above. This represents an unique opportunity to create a large-scale people-centric afforestation movement.

1.2 While plantation drives often achieve large planting numbers, long-term survival remains a challenge due to inadequate ownership, protection and monitoring.

1.3 **Brikhya Bandhu** programme is a collaborative effort of two departments viz. Forest and Education that create a partnership between the students and forest department for plantation, protection and long-term care of trees. The idea for this initiative was suggested by Shri Jayanta Malla Baruah Hon'ble Minister Environment and Forest etc.

2. Concept

2.1 A Student (from class 6 and above) is a **Brikhya Bandhu**

2.2 Each student shall adopt and establish **6 seedlings** at a site of their choice.

2.3 The student shall undertake plantation, protection, reporting and maintenance activities over a six month period.

3. Digital Monitoring and Verification

3.1 Geo-tagged photographs shall be uploaded on a dedicated mobile application / portal by the student.

3.2 Each photograph shall capture seedling, the student, date and geo-location.

3.3 Geo-tagged uploads shall form the primary basis for monitoring and verification.

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5	Second geo-tagged picture upload by student	1 to 26 Jan 2027

4. Recognition

The student shall receive an online digital certificate at the time of first successful geo-tagged picture upload by him/her. Annual recognition to the students may be provided by the Education Department at school level and schools may be recognised at district level. It shall encourage long-term engagement rather than one-time participation.

5. Departmental Roles

Agency	Responsibility
Forest Department	Supply of seedlings, technical guidance and overall coordination.

 Brikhya Bandhu – Plant, Protect and Prosper (V 2.0)**6. Expected Outcomes**

- 6.1 Participation of more than 20 lakh students across Assam.
- 6.2 Establishment of more than 1 crore seedlings all across Assam.
- 6.4 Strengthening of convergence among Forest and Education Departments.
- 6.5 Development of a statewide youth-led environmental leadership movement.

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