

WHAT'S GOING ON IN ASSAM'S CHANDUBI LAKE?





Chandubi Lake is a natural lake that emerged after an earthquake in the Kamrup district in 1897. It has evolved into an important habitat for flora and wildlife, a significant source of livelihood for people and a popular tourist destination.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

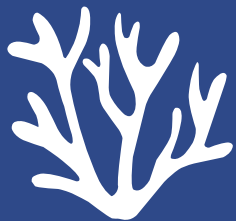
Illegal sand mining in the lake's catchment area (**Kulsi River**) is posing a threat to the lake's ecosystem. People have engaged in uncontrolled sand extraction using machines and are **disrupting the natural habitat, water flow, and the riverbed.**

This mining is happening **without environmental clearance** or deliberation of its impacts which is a threat to biodiversity and water quality.



WHAT COULD THIS LEAD TO?

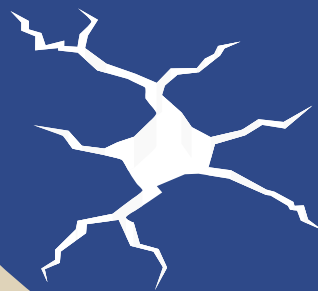
The proliferation of aquatic plants and weeds due to nutrient contamination from agriculture and untreated sewage, which in turn would reduce the lake's water-holding capacity.



Threat to the sources of income for those who rely on Chandubi Lake.



Shrinkage of Chandubi Lake due to sediment deposition and loss of underground water streams.





IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES



The Rabha Tribe is one of the prominent tribes inhabiting the area around Chandubi Lake. Uncontrolled mining near Chandubi Lake negatively impacts the Rabha Tribe and the ecosystem. It disrupts the river, leading to dried-up fishing areas and a scarcity of fish. Consequently, fishermen turn to mining as an alternative occupation. Moreover, mining activities cause water turbidity, contributing to the extinction of migratory fish species like Nandhanl and phutiki-puthi. The connecting channel between Chandubi Lake and Kulsi River, which used to host many Gangetic river dolphins, now has only 2-3 left.

WHAT DO WE WANT?



- **To protect the interests and the livelihoods of communities around Chandubi Lake**

- **To put a stop to the Illegal sand mining that threatens the lake's ecosystem and water flow.**

- **To initiate a Ramsar site tag for Chandubi Lake and ensure accountable authority for its maintenance.**

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