

AASAA holds mass conglomeration



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The All [Adivasi](#) Students' Association of Assam (AASAA) [Udalguri](#) district unit on Sunday held a mass gathering programme at Sikari Bungalow [Don Bosco](#) school playground near [Tangla](#) on Saturday.

The programme aimed at creating awareness among [Adivasi](#) masses [against](#) the alleged discrimination of the government [as](#) well [as](#) the tea company owners in increasing wages to Rs.330, allotment of land pattas to tea garden labours, schedule tribe status of Adivasis among others was presided [over](#) by Rabiram Baske and attended by Pradeep Nag, president CEC AASAA, Rajen Horo vice-president CEC AASAA [workers](#) of [Udalguri](#), Dhubri along with representatives of the All [Adivasi](#) Women's Association of Assam, [Munda Sahitya Sabha](#), Kurukh [Sahitya Sabha](#) among others.

Addressing the gathering of nearly 500 people Pradeep Nag said, " It is quite an irony that despite [Adivasi community](#) being one of the indigenous and primitive people, we have been exploited in every spheres, our socio-economic development hindered. "

Lashing out at media and government agencies the [student leader](#) said that "Our [community](#) has faced identity [crisis as](#) instead of being addressed [as Adivasi](#) we are forcefully being labelled [as](#) tea tribe and ex-tea tribe [community](#). He condemned use of such terms on mere ground of the [community](#)'s engagement in tea gardens. Hailing the recently held tripartite talks for granting [ST](#) status to six communities. The [student leader](#) expressed his gratitude saying that this was the first time [Adivasi National](#) Convention were given special priority and separately held talks . Nag however warned of launching strong protest if the government through its daily dillying tactics fails to fulfill the aspiration of [Adivasi](#) people who have voted for the saffron party in the assembly and Lok Sabha polls.

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