

AASAA stages dharna at Jantar Mantar



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The All [Adivasi](#) Students' Association of Assam (AASAA), the influential [Adivasi student](#) body of the State, staged a sit in demonstration and protest rally in Jantar Mantar of [New Delhi](#) on Tuesday.

The programme was held under the aegis of AASAA [state](#) central committee and Delhi NCR Committee. Along with [President](#) Pradeep Nag, General Secretary Joseph Minz more than 150 activists including central and district committee members participated.

Stating this in a press release the students' body said that the day coincided with World Indigenous People's day which is observed in respect of [Tribal](#) and Indigenous people [as](#) to protect their economic, political and constitutional [rights](#). It stated that this sympathetic approach should be upheld for the marginalized tea garden [workers](#) of Assam who are mostly [indigenous](#), and whose daily wage fails to meet the minimum wage act of 1948.

AASAA staged the sit in protest to demand justice and constitutional right of the Schedule Tribe to Adivasis of Assam. Adivasis are constitutionally [Tribal](#) and Indigenous across the nation and NE [India](#). But during 1950's during the tenure of Gopinath Bordoloi Adivasis were de-scheduled by the process of Area restriction.

Thousands of the martyrs have sacrificed their lives during the past 20 years in Assam for the sake of the [ST](#) status.

It further stated that despite the fact that ancestors and fellow communities of Adivasis are enjoying [ST](#) status in other states like Bihar, Orissa, Chattisgarh,

Jharkhand etc; Adivasis of Assam though [meets](#) the four criteria of tribal characteristics, neither the [state](#) nor the central government felt any necessity to fulfil their pre-poll promises saffron party made both before

Parliamentary elections in 2015 and Assam [State](#) Assembly elections in [2016](#).

It also stated that the question of modality doesn't arise in terms of scheduling Adivasis of Assam mainly for Santhal, Mundas, Oraons, Kharias, Gonds, Pans, Prajas, Bheels and dozen others.

The students' body also threatened of series of agitation in Assam if their genuine [demands](#) are not paid heed by the Central government within a month. It also threatened of boycotting Independence day and Republic day celebration.

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