

AASAA stages dharna in Kokrajhar



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Hundreds of activists of All [Adivasi](#) Students Association of Assam(AASAA) and common public of [Adivasi community](#) staged sit-in-demonstration with banner, festoon and placards at Children Park(near [DRDA](#) office) today in Kokrajhar to put pressure government while granting of Scheduled Tribe([ST](#)) status to [Adivasi community](#) in Assam.

The agitators shouted slogans demanding early inclusion of [Adivasi community](#) in [ST](#) status which has comprises of Santhal, Mundas, Kharias, Gonds, Pans, Prajas, Bheels, Koyas, Bhumij, Ho, Kissans, Paharias, Lohars. The students association strongly urged the government to take bold step to facilitate [ST](#) status to Adivasis before Assam assembly election, otherwise the students association have compelled to take vigorous mass agitation in near future.

Later, the students association submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) through Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar demanding early accord of [ST](#) status to Adivasis.

Stephen Lakra, vice-president of the AASAA told that the students association has been demanding for [ST](#) status, besides making economic development in the [state](#) since 1996, yet no such developmental spirits was taken for the [community](#). He has slammed both [state](#) and centre government for not taking any stern action into [community demands](#) which are regarded [as](#) genuine demand and issues. He has urged the government to accord [ST](#) status to Adivasis in the [state](#) of Assam and make feasibility to bring healthy unity and development in Assam.

Sephanuel Mardi, president, Salim Minz, secretary of Kokrajhar district unit AASAA, Francis Chermako, joint secretary of AASAA were prominent attendees on the programme.

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