

AATASU dharna in Dispur



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The Centre's No to the [ST](#) status for six ethnic communities runs into a hail of protest on Tuesday.

An influential [Tai Ahom](#) organization is staging dharna in Dispur in protest [against](#) the decision on Tuesday a day after they came to know the decision of the Centre. With festoons, banners and playcards, hundreds of [Tai Ahom](#) students are holding a day long dharna at the Dispur Last Gate from the morning.

Talking to Assam Times in Dispur, AATASU threatened to intensify the strike till they are not accorded the [ST](#) status along with five other ethnic communities.

"We won't sit idle. We want [ST](#) status. We are all prepared to face any eventualities. The Centre must fulfil its promises," said a senior AATASU [leader](#) who came to Dispur to register the protest.

Another AATASU [leader](#) told Assam Times that they if need be, they would stage dhara at the Jantar Mantar in [New Delhi](#) to draw the attention of the Centre.

“Our demand is old. We were assured of [ST](#) status on several occasions. Now we want the government to fulfil the promises,” he said.

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