

ABSU reiterates Bodoland statehood demand



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The All Bodo Students Union (ABSU) has affirmed that strong mass movement will continue until and unless Bodoland statehood is achieved under Article 2 & 3 of the constitution for the protection of identity, culture, land and political [rights](#) of the Indigenous Bodo people and down trodden communities.

The students union has dead opposed the government's move to [grant](#) new [ST](#) status to the six communities, who are regarded as populas and advanced communities in the [state](#) of Assam.

Speaking to reporters at a Press [Conference](#) at Bodofa House, Kokrajhar on Wednesday, ABSU [President](#) Promod Boro said that the students union has resolved to intensify the Bodoland statehood movement for the protection of identity, culture, land and political [rights](#) of the Indigenous Bodo people and down trodden communities to achieve the long cherished goal to create Bodoland statehood under Article 2 & 3 of Indian constitution. He slammed the BJP led NDA government at centre for not initiating any measures to solve the long standing Bodoland statehood demand. He accused that BJP party had promised to make solution of Bodoland issue in its Lok Sabha election manifesto in 2014, but no any bold initiative was noticed so far. He has voiced against BJP led NDA government, said that a strong movement will be continued until and unless achieve of Bodoland statehood in coming days.

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He said that the ABSU has strongly dead opposed any decision of the government which are going to affect the right and privilege of the existing Tribals of Assam. If some more advance and populas communities are enlisted in the [ST](#) lists, the existing [ST](#) tribals will lost its land, political representation, educational [rights](#) employment, economy and great impact in social life.

Absu strongly condemned the statement of made by BTC chief [Hagrama Mohilary](#) stating to [grant ST](#) status to six communities in Assam.

He said ABSU will stand with the [state](#)'s organisations into the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 which is already passed in the Lok Sabha and the students union resolved to oppose it. Further, it is decided to continue the organisational support with 30 [indigenous](#) organisation movement [group](#) for protection of [indigenous rights](#)

Boro informed that the tsudents union resolved to work more effectively for all round development in bringing quality [education](#) in Bodo medium [education](#) through "Mission Quality [Education](#)". The Union also strongly [demands](#) to take care of the Bodo medium school and to distribute the textbook for the session 2019 immediately and to fulfil all [demands](#) raised by the Union which is mentioned in the Action taken report by the State Government.

Mentioning the Tamulpur conference, he said that the tusdents union resolved to continue the work against witch hunting, superstition, child [marriage](#), [drugs](#) & alcohol, gambling etc prevailing in the society through "Bodofa Mission for Sustainable Change".

Boro while coming down heavily on BTC chief [Hagrama Mohilary](#)'s remarks on Bodoland issue, where he said that there are no criteria i.e. infrastructure, industry and IAS/IPS in Bodoland area to create Bodoland. It is an insult to the great Bodo [leaders](#) like Bodofa [UN](#) Brahma, Premsing Brahama, Bir Silagang and many more and also 5000 martyrs who died for the great cause. It hurts the genuine sentiment and aspiration of the Bodo people, working and fighting democratically to protect the distinct identity, culture, language, land and its existence of the Bodo people for creation of a [state](#) called Bodoland.

It is to be noted that new body of the ABSU central committee, took oath of office which was formed at Tamulpur conference in Baksa on January 9 at a meeting at Bodofa House in Kokrajhar on Wednesday. Promod Boro and Lawrence Islary, retained [President](#) and General Secretary for another two year term.

ABSU [President](#) Boro while reacting to the CAB issue in Assam,said that it is a BJP party's streategy to draw attention by highlighting Citizenship Bill in the [state](#). On CM Sarbananda Sonowal's remarks on double standard,Boro said that BJP led NDA government must rethink the CAB Bill across the [state](#).The CAB will create chaos and resented in the [state](#).He has urged the government to rethink the CAB bill and demanded cancellation.

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