

ABSU stages sit-in-demonstration



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The All Bodo Students Union (ABSU) staged a [2](#)-hours sit-in-demonstration in Kokrajhar demanding immediate solution to various problems, which included immediate cancellation land allotment to 'Patanjali Ayurved Ltd' a private company run by Baba Ramdev at Chirang by the BTC, [stop](#) auction of all category of Oil field to private companies.

Hundreds of ABSU activists and publics from various organizations participated in the demonstration from [10](#) am to 12 noon near Children park in Kokrajhar carrying placards, festoons and banners and shouting slogans, demanded immediate cancellation land allotment to 'Patanjali.

Ayurved Ltd', Protect [Tribal](#) Belt & Blocks and provide land [rights](#) to the landless [indigenous](#) tribal people of Assam and Control the massive Price Rise of essential commodities in Assam. A memorandum was submitted to Chief Minister and BTC Chief through Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar demanding early actions into demanded issue and problems. The [demands](#) included [stop](#) installation of High Voltage Electric Wire throughout the BTAD and tribal areas of northern Assam, [Stop](#) Anti Assam River Linking project to protect the Biodiversity and Indigenous economy of the [state](#), Implement the S.T. & other traditional forest dwellers (recognition of [rights](#)) [Act](#), 2006, and [stop](#) the eviction notice to the [indigenous](#) tribal people, who are entitled for forest [rights](#) recognition by law, Assam should be declared a dry [state](#) and ban all kinds of chewing tobacco with immediate effect, Maintain [State](#) Roster [System](#) in recruitment of [TET](#) qualified teachers, [Stop](#) Auction of all categories of Oil fields of Assam to private companies. Demanding [stop](#) installation of high voltage electric wire throughout the BTAD and northern part of Assam, the ABSU expressed much concern about the consequences of the installation of the very high voltage electric wire throughout BTAD and northern part of Assam by the Power Grid. 'There are instances of people in the rural & tribal areas being affected by the supply of power through high power transmission bring causality of one person in Chirang by electric shock on 26 June 2016 and injuring seriously eight others who are now in the hospitals. It has also become a threat to every [farmer](#) who has [crop](#) growing lands under the wire and in their homes being affected by the electric shock, the memorandum said.

On the immediately implementation of the Schedule Tribe & other traditional forest dwellers (recognition of [rights](#)) [Act](#) 2006, and [stop](#) the eviction notice to the [indigenous](#) tribal people who are entitled for forest [rights](#) recognition by law, it said it is high time that by the provision of the Law they are entitled to be recognized [as](#) Forest Dwellers with the [rights](#) of land and other facilities [as](#) per the Section 3 of the said law. 'It is well known fact that the tribal being dependent on the foods obtainable in the forest and agricultural products from their occupied land and such a move by the authority to evict these villagers is a violation of Fundamental Rights of the Citizen, it said..

The union opined that even after repeated [demands](#) by many landless people who needs to be granted land [rights](#), it is seen that the land and revenue department of BTC has been allotting large area of land for the outsider private company (like Patanjali Yogpeeth) at Chirang amidst the landless people who are struggling for daily livelihood.

It demanded immediate halt of issuing 'Eviction Notice' and harassing the [indigenous](#) forest dwelling tribes in the [state](#). The ABSU warns to take up strong movements if the government not implements the Schedule Tribe & other traditional forest dwellers (recognition of [rights](#)) [Act](#), 2006, within a short period of time. On the recent initiative by the [state](#) government appointing [TET](#) qualified teachers, the Union expresses displeasure for keeping aside the tribal quotas failing to maintain the roster system in appointment process. 'This has largely kept aside the tribal youths from

employment and increased the unemployment problem. There were many vacant posts which were of reserved quota but these posts are now become extinct after the roster system of appointment process was kept aside, it said and urges the [state](#) government to maintain the [state](#) roster system in appointment to meet the problem of unemployment and minimize the problem of education in Assam. On the BJP govt step to Auction of all categories of Oil fields of Assam to private companies, the Union said that auctioning of such public sector oil fields to the private companies would be hampering the means of production and control [over](#) resources of the [state](#). ‘The Auctioning would also be leading to the monopoly of private companies on all sorts of benefit in the public sector which is [danger](#) to the economy of the [state](#) in future, it said and [demands](#) to immediately [stop](#) the auctioning of 12 oil fields of Assam to Private Companies. ABSU also strongly urge the [state](#) government to take strong initiative to control the [price](#) rise in the [state](#), so that the large section of middle class and poor people can have right to use all sorts of food and other essential items for their living. ABSU also feels that it is a high time for the [State](#) of Assam to declared a ‘Dry [State](#)’ and ban all sorts of chewing tobacco in [state as](#) some of the major states like Bihar and Tamilnadu has take a firm and humanitarian approach in their [state](#) to [stop](#) alcohol for the sake of the safe and sound future of the young generation and poor people of the [state](#). Lawrence Islary, general secretary of ABSU, former [MPs](#) Urkhao Gwra Brahma, Sansuma Khunggur Bwiswmuthiary and several organization [leaders](#) participated and addressed about the [demands](#) and issues of the public facing in the region.

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