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Alliance of AGP- AGP (P) on cards



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Guwahati: In the aftermath of the Mangoldoi meet of the AGP, the party today announced that it would soon make a decision to forge an alliance with the AGP (P) to regain power from Congress rather than merging the later with the parent body. The Mangaldoi meet on Sunday has decided to form a working group for unification of both the faction.

Party sources here veiled that the party will not take a decision to bring back former chief minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta to the parent AGP. Mahanta is now the AGP (P) after his expulsion from the party in the last year. “We will try to achieve the original objective of keeping Brindaban Goswami as party president and at the same time get support of Mahanta to extricate Congress government at Dispur (keeping away Mahanta from the leadership). If such an alliance will bring rewarding results for the people and the State, then the party will decide about the merger,” said a section of AGP leaders

pleading anonymity. Goswami is now in a bid to drench the flame of the party leaders who revolved against him and demanded his resignation in the Mangaldoi meet. Goswami is trying to bring Mahanta closer to the party to ensure that the effect of Mahanta being expelled from the party is neutralized. Most of the AGP MLAs, MPs and leaders are still of the opinion that the party cannot be strengthened without Mahanta. They said Mahanta was the only successful chief minister of Assam after Hiteswar Saikia who had not made any compromise with extremists for the greater interests of the people. "For his unbending attitude, he had to lose the chief ministership, the government and the party at the behest of some political parties which were operating in league with extremists' outfits. In the present day milieu, he is an integral part of Assam politics and his policy on tackling extremist activities should be welcome by all political parties." These leaders are of the view that even though the present president Brindaban has a clean image, he has failed to gear up the party. If such an alliance happens, it will be a new dimension in the State political scenario. However everything will be decided in the meeting of the general house, which will sit on July 22. The executive committee will also sit on July 21 to discuss the next course of action.



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