

Bodoland demand: BJSM supports statehood movement



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The Bodoland Janajati Suraksha Mancha (BJSJ) has extended support to the Bodoland statehood demand by All Bodo Student's Union (ABSU) and its allied movement groups- [National](#) Democratic Front of Boroland-Progressive (NDFB-P) and People's Joint Action Committee for Boroland Movement ([PJACBM](#)) and has been emphasized need for reorganization of [state](#) under the existing law of land through which Bodoland [state](#) creation would be come out on its reality.

In a press statement issued to the media, Janaklal Basumatary, president of the mancha stated that the mancha has been supporting whole heartedly the demand for separate [state](#) of Bodoland, the mancha finds ABSU and its allied movement [group](#)'s rail roko ended in wild crying and like to advise voluntarily. It not material how long you carry out the movement for creation of separate [state](#) of Bodoland, it is material how deep you could focus the need for reorganisation of [state](#) under the existing law of the land.

'The reorganisation of [state](#) can be asked on linguistic basis having distinct identity of language, culture, customs & tradition, social heritage and religious belief, common historical ethnic [group](#) with strong historical background for ownership of land and also on the ground of ensuring equal regional development economically, educationally, socially and intellectually. Bodos have all these ingredients for effecting the reorganisation of [state](#) as per law of the land for creation of Bodoland separate [state](#)', Basumatary said.

They(movement groups) should focus the need for protection, promotion and adoration of their language, culture, customs, traditions, social heritage for preserving and holding distinct separate identity and also for attaining equal regional development economically, educationally and socially. It should focus historically the land belongs to them. The other people of greater society are intruders to this land [over](#) period of times. During British rule they got upper hand by helping the British administration. And took the reign of rule being majority society and linguistic majority [group](#) and Assam [state](#) was created on linguistic

basis . So they followed [policy](#) to suppress other linguistic [group](#) by assimilating the smaller linguistic [group](#) to Assamese majority linguistic [group](#) . By this they could not hold the hill districts of [Nagaland](#), [Meghalaya](#) and Mizoram for longer. Soon reorganisation of [state](#) was held and they are created as separate states on linguistic basis and regional development with closer administrative control under the provision of Reorganisation of [state](#) Act. 1956. Bodos remained deprived as their [leaders](#) joined the ruling political parties dominated by people of social and linguistic majority. They become voice less and blind follower of [leaders](#) of majority society and linguistic [group](#) to retain their political power for personal gain. The ruling people of majority linguistic [group](#) continue to [follow](#) the [policy](#) of suppressing the other smaller linguistic group people and accept their domination in the name of national integration. But it is not integration but force full assimilation by losing their distinct separate identity with distinctly separate language , culture, customs, tradition and great history. The forceful assimilation is illegal as forceful conversion of religion. The constitution has provided protective provisions from such forceful assimilation. This protective provisions should be fully utilised for the protection and preservation of their [rights](#). This they should not share with other socially advanced community. Like sharing the [ST](#) reserve certificate with non notified communities for which Bodos lost their most valuable representative in current on going parliament to a non tribal candidate in disguise of tribal community who is up to destroy Bodo tribal community and their constitutional institutions.

Thus ABSU should exercise their vigil so that no person can take away their political [rights](#) guaranteed in the constitution. They should ensure to elect their representatives in [state](#) legislature and [parliament](#) in centre who can speak their cause in Assembly and [Parliament](#).

Presently Bodos got one Rajya sabha MP and a solid block of 12 MLAs. They are voice less as their wings are clipped by lure of power and position for personal gain . They can not raise voice for protection ,

promotion of their own tribal language, culture, customs traditions for maintaining distinct separate identity even though it is guaranteed in the constitution. They do not raise any voice for protection of tribal land and political [rights](#) as enshrined in the constitution of [India](#). These lot of senseless selfish representatives should be replaced by the representatives having sense of their own national interest of his own community not by same other selfish politicians. Then only you can get voiced your cause in Assembly and [Parliament](#). Through them you can bring focus how the aboriginal inhabitant tribal community Boros are subjected to brutal suppression of their beloved language , rich culture, colorful traditions, independent high philosophy by the majority society dominated ruling political parties. Their constitutionally reserved land is not protected and allowed to be illegally forcefully occupied by illegal intruders of the people of majority society.

The tribal region distinctly remain economically , educationally most neglected area and deprived the legitimate equal regional development. All higher educational institutions are concentrated in the town and cities dominated by majority advanced community and 95% of the [state](#) economy is controlled by these people living in these town and cities. Thus there is huge regional imbalance in all vital development. This vital causes of justification of creation of separate [state](#) should be raised in the parliament and in the assembly as well. ABSU should ensure choosing their representatives who can speak for them selflessly and fearlessly. Then only your demand for separate [state](#) within frame work of the constitution can be achieved. Otherwise your shouting in the street and public places will not serve any purpose.

'Common public are united they feel they need the separate [state](#) for their development and live with dignity but [leaders](#) are not united for the reason best known to them. They may be kept disunited by third force to keep them suppressed for ever. So it should be ABSUs tacit endeavour to bring unity among all [leaders](#) for working unitedly to achieved common goal for the Bodo nation. For these ABSU should

brush up their historical , constitutional and legal knowledge and increase their capacity for intra personnel management for uniting their [leaders](#) and to convince the political [leaders](#) in power', Basumatary said.

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