

Centre clears citizenship for Chakmas & Hajongs



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A major protest is waiting to erupt in [Arunachal](#) Pradesh as the Centre on Wednesday confirmed the process to [grant](#) citizenship to [Chakma](#) and Hajong [refugees](#).

A highlevel meeting of Union home minister Rajnath Singh with [Arunachal](#) Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Union minister of [state](#) for home Kiren Rijiju and [National](#) Security Advisor Ajit Doval finalized the move in the light of the Supreme Court order in 2015 directing the Centre to [grant](#) citizenship to the [Chakma](#) and Hajong [refugees](#).

According to home [ministry](#) officials, the Centre needs to implement the Supreme Court order in 2015 for citizenship for the Chakmas and Hajongs which triggered huge protest in the north eastern [state](#).

Sources say the even after granting them citizenship, the Centre will legislate laws that would disallow the Chakmas and Hajongs to own the [rights](#) and ownership of land.

Chakmas and Hajongs who were originally from Chittagong Hill Tracts in [Bangladesh](#) left their homeland after the Kaptai dam project ravaged their homes in the 1960s.

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NAZIRA, September 27, 2026 — Tension continues to prevail in Nazira, particularly in the Santak-Bihubar area, following the killing of Biman Barua, president of the Rangajan Yuva Samaj and a youth social worker, on September 18 under Bihubar Police Station.

Following the killing, local residents have been demanding stringent punishment for the alleged masterminds, Ravindra Singh alias Vicky Singh and Rubul Khan, besides seeking demolition of Vicky Singh's residence.

Meanwhile, Sivasagar district police have taken Vicky Singh and Rubul Khan into custody and are questioning them at the district headquarters police station in connection with the murder case and allegations of drug-related activities.

According to police sources, the two allegedly told investigators during questioning that drugs were brought from Dimapur and Nagaland and stored at the residence of Vicky Singh's sister in Nazira town. The drugs were allegedly supplied from the house to users in different parts of Nazira and Sivasagar.

Based on the information allegedly obtained during the questioning, a joint team of Bihubar Police and Nazira Model Police Station conducted a raid at the residence of Vicky Singh's sister, Rinki Singh Bora, in Ward No. 6 of Nazira town on Saturday morning.

Police detained Rinki Singh Bora and are reportedly questioning her in connection with the alleged storage and distribution of drugs.

The investigation into the murder of Biman Barua and the alleged drug network is continuing.

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