

Counting in Tirap peaceful



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The counting of votes for the panchayat elections in Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh concluded peacefully at Khonsa, the district headquarters town, at well past mid-night. Out of 7 Zila Parishad Member (ZPM) seats Indian National Congress won 4 seats while Independent candidates bagged 3. The Anchal Block for Lazu and Khela-Lamsa were reserved for women candidates. In the Anchal Samity Member (ASM) election also the Independent candidates gave the ruling Congress candidates a run for their money. However, in most ASM segments, INC candidates were triumphant. Most of the Gaon Panchayat Members (GPM) were nominated on INC ticket in most of the Anchal Blocks. The counting was peaceful and there was no report of any untoward incident from any pockets. Elaborate security arrangement was made outside the counting hall. Tirap Deputy Commissioner and DEO Dr Sachin Shinde personally supervised the counting proceedings.

A giant screen was put up outside the counting center for the live-viewing of the counting process. Live-feed of the counting was also available on www.tirap.nic.in The counting in Longding district was also peaceful. In Longding district INC swept the poll in the just concluded PR elections.

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UDALGURI: Reiterating its demand of Kamatapur statehood and Scheduled Tribe ([ST](#)) categorization of the Koch-Rajbongshi community, the [Udalguri](#) district committee All Koch-Rajbongshi Students' Union (AKRSU) along with All Koch-Rajbongshi Sanmilani(AKRS) staged sit-in-protest at the DC office premises here in [Udalguri](#) on Monday. The organizations, staged the protest for three hours starting from 11 pm. The protestors came down heavily on the alleged statement made by [Tribal](#) Affairs Minister, Juel Oram , that it takes four decades to [grant ST](#) status to a community, and hence there's little hope for fulfilling the [demands](#) for [ST](#) status. The activists holding placards raised high pitched slogans and rented the air with 'No [ST](#) no rest', 'BJP go back'. [President](#) of [Udalguri](#), AKRSU, Atul Barman alleged that the government has turned deaf ears to the genuine [demands](#) of the community for years.

He also criticized the government for making false promises regarding fulfillment of their [demands](#) within six months from coming into power. The [student leader](#) also alleged that [indigenous](#) Koch-Rajbongshi people have been meted out harassment at various places of [state](#) in the ongoing verification of [National](#) Register of Citizens(NRC). He further stated that if the government doesn't [grant ST](#) status to the community before 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the people will be forced to vote the alternative parties. [President](#) of All Koch Rajbongshi Sanmilani (AKRS), Sunil Kumar Barman also criticized the saffron party and PM Modi for false pre-poll promises. The two organizations also submitted separate memorandums to Prime Minister, [Narendra Modi](#) and Chief Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal through the office of Deputy Commissioner, [Udalguri](#).

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