

Indefinite hunger strike demanding Bodoland



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The indefinite hunger strike programme by All Bodo Students Union (ABSU) and its movement [group](#) like Peoples Joint Action Committee for Bodoland Movement (PJACBM) and [National](#) Democratic Front of Bodoland-Progressive(NDFB-P) demanding early solution to the demand for creation of Bodoland [state](#) and ensure political [rights](#) of the Bodos living outside the proposed “Bodoland” area began from this morning in Kokrajhar district.

Over 2000 activists started their hunger strike begun from 9 am this morning at Kokrajhar town near [FCI](#) godown ground along JD Road. Over 5000 people from various parts of the [state](#) also participated in the strike giving moral support to the movement. Leaders and members from different organisations, which included ABSU, NDFB(P), PJACBM, UPPL paid floral tribute to Mahatma [Gandhi](#) (Mahandas Karamchand [Gandhi](#)) before sitting in the hunger strike in the morning.

The [student](#) union appeal the government to come forward to resolve the Bodoland issue on the basis of legitimacy, geographical convenience and administrative convenience [as](#) it includes the 32 tribal belts and blocks in the northern part of the [Brahmaputra](#) river.

The Bodo people will never be restive with the historical injustice meted out to them by the ruling cliques of Assam since the inception of administration after Independence of the country. After observing the dubious role of [Narendra Modi](#) led BJP Government for two and half years the movement organizations ABSU, NDFB(P) & PJACBM have completed [7](#) phases of democratic mass movement from August 30([2016](#)) just to remind the government on the demand of [policy](#) decision on the long pending Bodo issue. The joint movement [group](#) of Bodoland [state](#) had organized 5-hours [National](#) Highway blockade on August 30([2016](#)) followed by economic shut down, engine [bandh](#), 12-

hours railway [bandh](#), torch rally and cycle rally till December 2 (2016) besides completed three days peaceful democratic movement in [New Delhi](#), the [National](#) capital on the demnad of Bodoland [state](#) December 12-14 last. The joint movement [group](#) submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister of [India](#) through Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar seeking early solution of long standing demnad of Bodoland separate [state](#).

‘Through this indefinite hunger strike if nothing evolves, the joint movement groups will be compelled to declare the future course of vigorous democratic movement programmes, which included four hours Maha women dharnas at every district head quarters on March 24, 24 hours [National](#) Highways and Railway Blockade by the first week of April, Jail Bharo by end of April, non-Cooperation with the [state](#) and central govt. offices and followed by 100 to 1000 hours economic blockade and Assam [bandh](#) calls’, the ABSU said.

‘We appeal the government of [India](#) to solve immediately come forward with a pragmatic [policy](#) decision on the Bodoland issue and political [rights](#) of Bodos in Assam’, the ABSU added.

Pramod Boro, ABSU president said they demanded formal tripartite talks at the political [level](#) in presence of Union [Home](#) Minister at the earliest. He said the Bodos want to live [as](#) a part of the Indian [community](#) with dignity on their ancestral land under the provisions of the Indian constitution.

‘We want our identity with language and culture to be protected and ensured under the provisions of the Indian Constitution. A political decision should be taken to find an amicable solution to the issue’, he said. He said that ABSU and Bodo [community as](#) a whole will never tolerate but ready to intensify the movement of this kind of discriminatory decision which is going to deprive the [community](#) for

their constitutional right and justice.

He also said the course of action will depend on the attitude, sincerity and [policy](#) decisions of the government adding that they will continue the movement until and unless the [map](#) of Bodoland [state](#) is drawn in the geo-political [map](#) of [India](#). He has warned to take mass vigorous agitation if their [demands](#) are not met in earliest manner.

Dhiren Boro, president NDFB(P) demanded early creation of Bodoland [state](#) to gain good governance in the region. He has been stating that the Bodo people are being subjected to socio-economic exploitation, suppression, oppression and political domination, the Bodo groups have said that there is a threat of total extinction to the community.

‘Even after 70 years of [India](#)'s independence, the [state](#) has failed to protect, preserve and safeguard the land, identity, language and culture of the Bodo people. Bodo people are very much part of the great Indian [community](#) and are loyal to the constitution of [India](#)’, Boro said.

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