

KSA calls 48-hour Manipur bandh from August 23 midnight



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The Kangleipak Students' Association (KSA), which has been spearheading the movement demanding constitutional protection to the [indigenous](#) people of [Manipur](#), has announced a 48-hour [state](#) wide general strike beginning midnight of August 23.

A KSA statement informing the decision accused the [Manipur](#) government of paying mere lip service to the demand raised by the association.

It expressed unhappiness [over](#) what it said non-fulfillment of promises made by the [state](#) government on exclusive seat reservation for [indigenous](#) people in every assembly constituency and removal of names of "outsiders" from the electoral roll.

The [student](#) body has also demanded that non-locals should be restricted from contesting elections in the [state](#).

The association said that the decision announced by Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh on the pressing demand in the recent assembly session was just on face value and therefore it has decided to intensify the movement.

The statement said electricity, emergencies and religious activities will be exempted from the purview of the strike.

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