

Last Gate: Less a capital more a site for strike



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Protesters thronged in thousands with anti-government slogans in Dispur Last gate on Tuesday demanding government steps to address the problems they have been facing for years. As many as one thousand state anganwadi workers from across the state were staging dharna raising the 8 point charter of demands. Talking to reporters they rued that right from 2004 they have been doing lots of protest demanding some basic facilities to run the anganwadi centres. But they said nothing has come out. "What is more painful is that as per discussion on November 5, last year the social welfare minister agreed to pay them Rs 300 as salary per month for the anganwadi workers with Rs 200 for their assistants. Even it received Chief Minister's consent On 23rd November. But of no avail," said the protesters.

Moreover, some more people were led by the Joint Council of Trade Union staged dharna with some demands. These organisations were from sector, telecom, postal, electricity, state PSUs. Their demand include fresh recruitment in the various department, revival of the state PSUs, industrialisation, withdrawal of new pension scheme, strengthening of the public distribution system in the state. They further sent a memorandum to Chief Minister urging him to look into it.

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