

NH37 blocked demanding AIIMS



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Vehicular traffic on Nagaon-Guwahati Highway was today blocked by a large number of residents of Raha and social activists belonging to different organizations and students' body including AASU, [AJYCP](#), KMSS, [ATSU](#), Raha units at Raha chariali for about 2 hours demanding the proposed AIIMS in Assam here.

The protesters led by 'AIIMS Demand Committee', Raha assembled at Raha Chariali at 11 am and then started blocking the [National](#) Highway.

Amid sloganeering, the protesters expressed anger [against](#) the BJP for fooling people of Raha on the issue of AIIMS. Speaking before the protesting , Hirannya Narayan [Bora](#), president, AIIMS Demand Committee, Raha, alleged that land measuring approximately 600 B for AIIMS at village Chaparmukh under Shahari Mouza was sanctioned but AIIMS hospital was not given to Raha because of [state](#) government and central government's "negligence and arrogance".

"The central inspection team for AIIMS had visited the proposed site at Raha three times and announced that the site was suitable in presence of us. But now the prestigious hospital was given for Guwahati which we are opposing, said, Birinchi Kumar Bhuyan , Secretary, AIIMS Demand Committee, Raha.

The protesters were seen coming down heavily on the [Congress](#) government in Dispur and the BJP-led Government at the Centre for not proposing the AIIMS at Raha adding that the BJP [MPs](#) in upper Assam kept mum [over](#) the issue.

“We will blame it all on MP Rajen Gohain. He failed to properly take up the matter with the Central Government,” said a local AASU [leader](#) who joined the paralyzing road blockade.

The blockade was lifted at 1 pm after submitting a memorandum, addressed to the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister of Assam , to Pallavi Kachary, Circle officer. Raha.

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