

Panchayat elections held in Tirap



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The much-awaited Panchayat elections in trouble-torn Tirap district in eastern Arunachal Pradesh concluded peacefully on Thursday. There was no report of any untoward incidents from any polling booths. Tirap Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Dr Sachin Shinde has congratulated the presiding officers, polling officers and all those who were involved in the electoral process. It may be mentioned here that there are 7 ZPM Anchal Blocks in Tirap district viz Khonsa, Khela-Lamsa, Lazu, Kapu, Deomali and Soha. Lazu and Khela-Lamsa ZPM seats were reserved for women candidates. In most of the Anchal Blocks the GPMs elected unopposed except in Lazu Block where elections had to be held in a number of villages. In this PR elections live feed from 3 polling stations were streamed. However, due to inclement weather, the live feed was often interrupted. The inclement weather on the polling day did not deter the enthusiastic voters from casting their votes. Long queues were seen in many villages. The district administration and the district Police made elaborate security arrangements during the poll. Tirap Superintendent of Police Vikramjit Singh personally supervised the security deployment to ensure peaceful and flawless 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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