

Protest against Assam Rifles



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North-East Forum For International Solidarity (NEFIS) [Manipur](#) Unit in coordination with [Manipur](#) University Students Union (MUSU) held a protest demonstration [against](#) the continued presence of [Assam Rifles](#) Camp in [Manipur](#) University [Campus](#) on Thursday. Raising [demands](#) of demilitarization and restoration of academic space NEFIS submitted a memo to Chief Minister Office. It should be known that NEFIS has continuously decried the military presence in [Manipur](#) University and in 2015 it has organized an extensive signature campaign [against](#) “campus militarization” and submitted it to [President](#) of [India](#). Renewing its struggle for de-militarization of [Manipur](#) University campus, NEFIS has given an All [India](#) Protest Call for 29th June following these different [state](#) units have held protest demonstrations raising same demand. Simultaneous Protests were held in Delhi, Chandigarh, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Dehradun, and Gwalior.

[Assam Rifles](#) has been stationed in [Manipur](#) University for past 30 years with the permission of State Government and this has continuously perpetuated an environment of [fear](#) among students. Army presence has not only destroyed academic life but students are even afraid to raise their democratic [demands](#). Army presence has taken away all the space for academic freedom because every discussion and debate is under scrutiny. NEFIS believes that the Army presence has been continued to crush students’ movement by nipping it in bud. NEFIS believes that university campuses are spaces for academic purposes and are no place to station army.

NEFIS condemns militarization of [Manipur](#) University campus and pledges to continue its struggle until its [demands](#) are met and the democratic space of university is restored.

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