

Rahul campaigns for Sushimta



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Braving incessant rain that lashed Barak valley, Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi held a huge poll rally in Udarband on Wednesday.

Gandhi landed at the Kumbhirgram Airport in Silchar at 11 in the morning and left for Udarband by a helicopter where he campaigned for Silchar Congress candidate Sushmita Dev who is facing keen contest with BJP rival Kabindra Purkayastha.

In his address, Gandhi came down heavily on Narendra Modi and BJP saying that the voters are intelligent and not even a voter can be deceived by Modi and his magic.

He said that the UPA government has benefitted the people of all walks of life and that it would show something different if the party is allowed to stay in power.

Chief minister Tarun Gogoi, APCC president Bhubneswar Kalita, former Union minister Santosh Mohan Dev, minister Gautom Roy along with other senior party leaders also attended the rally. Polls would take place in Silchar on April 12 along with Diphu and Karimganj.

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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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