

Santhali students demand ST status



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The All Santhali Students Union(ASSU) demanded early inclusion into Scheduled Tribe ([ST](#)) status of Santhali [community](#) in the [state](#) of Assam to gain [community](#) development and [welfare](#).

Speaking to the reporters at a Press [Conference](#) held at Kokrajhar Press Club today in Kokrajhar, Simon Kisku, president of the students union demanded early granting of [ST](#) status to Santhali [community](#) in the [state](#) of Assam. He said that Santhali [community](#) in the [state](#) are deprived from all frontal aspects of development and [welfare](#) due to backwardness among society. He said that Santhali [community](#) has language and culture, but yet [community](#) still has to get ray of ushering in the [state](#).

He has urged government to take bold step while granting [ST](#) status to the [community](#) to gain development and integration. He demanded creations of posts of Santhali subject teachers in the Santhali schools along with supply textbooks of Santhali language in the [state](#). He said that though BTAD administration allowed schools to teach with Santhali language, but still there 322 teacher's posts are lying vacant in the region.

Kisku strongly slammed the recent eviction along Deosri, Ashrabari area in Chirang district said that it was anti human eviction carried out by forest department without prior giving notice about eviction. He said that 16 families were affected due to evicted drive in the area, which was anti human living, he alleged.

‘Government should rehabilitate the evicted families along with allotment of land in the area so that citizens could be live in healthy environment’, Kisku said.

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