

Social awareness campaign at Aflagaon



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Kokrajhar district Committee of All Bodo Students Union(ABSU) organized a social awareness campaign [against](#) the killing of innocent people on the suspicion of witchcraft practicing at No.7 Aflagaon under [Patgaon](#) anchalik committee in Korajhar district today.

It was organised to create sensitizing the people of the areas about the superstition believe and to [stop](#) the killing of innocent on the suspicion of witchcraft practicing, was chaired by Premjit [Narzary](#), president of Kokrajhar district committee ABSU.

[Madhav](#) Prasad Sarma, Kokrajhar DC attending the programme addressed about building awareness among common publics.

Sarma, in his speech appealed the common people of the area not to believe witch craft, which is a superstition believe and we need to eradicate this social evil from our society. Further, he also urged not to depend on the local Bez or Ojha, we must consult doctors in any case of health complication.

Shyamal Prasad Saikia, Kokrajhar SP said that police administration has been taking strong action [against](#) the culprits involved in witch hunting. The government of Assam has proposed to enact a special law to [deal](#) with the witch hunting cases to prevent and protect the killing of innocent people. The Bill proposes punishment from three years to life imprisonment, he mentioned.

A college going [student](#) was killed on April 22 last on suspicion of witch practices. There are many instances, but many are not reported. ABSU speaker Jayanta Basumatary said that the reasons of most incidents of witch-hunting have been reported from the rural areas are because of illiteracy and lack of medical and civic amenities. He mentioned that [community](#) must be sensitized to [stop](#) killing people in the name of witch hunting.

He appealed to the district administration to take legal action [against](#) the killing of innocent people in the name of witch hunting in the area. He said that belief is not evidence and accusation is not proof, the 'witchcraft' most often referred to through accusation, allegation and harmful superstition, exists only in the minds of those who believe the witchcraft, it must be [stop](#). He has demanded that killers and culprits engaged in killing innocent by blaming them [as](#) practicing of witchcraft must be punished.

Raju [Narzary](#), the Executive Director of NERSWN, Kokrajhar, [Madhav](#) Karki Chetry, ex MCLA BTC, Sunit Iswary Headmaster [Patgaon](#) High School, [leaders](#) from Kokrajhar district Bodo [Sahitya Sabha](#), [Patgaon](#) Primary Bodo [Sahitya Sabha](#), [Tribal](#) Sangha, Boro Samaj were attended.

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