

Workers call off strike



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Contractual workers engaged in the 750 MW ([3](#) X 250 MW) Bongaigaon Thermal [Power](#) Project (BgTPP) [today](#) suspended after 2 pm their indefinite hunger [strike](#) till July 28 as BgTPP authority and district administration assured to meet solutions of their issues.

The contractual workers staged hunger [strike](#) since 9 am in the morning in [protest](#) against the decision of the BgTPP authority to recruit [new](#) employees against their post avoiding the existing workers and against anti-local policies, but later [strike](#) was suspended till July 28 following assured from BgTPP authority and district administration who were visited the [strike](#) spot at Salakati by 2 pm.

The contractual workers alleged that the authority has “totally ignored” the local contractual workers who have been part of the project since the very beginning of the project and issued call letters to candidates for recruitment to the posts of Assistant Store Trainee and Account Assistant Trainee to be [held](#) on July 20.

Dansrang Basuamatary, who is working at Contract and Materials (C&D) an employed by Utility [Power](#) Tech Limited (UPL), said that many contractual workers had been working in different sectors in the power project since the past 6-7 years and had become skilled in their respective fields. But the BgTPP authority invited fresh candidates through employment exchange for a written examination to be [held](#) on July 20 for the posts of Assistant Store Trainee and Accounts (Assistant) Trainee in C&D sector.

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