

Demand for Bodoland statehood grows



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KOKRAJHAR: Reiterating the demand for an amicable solution of the Bodoland statehood issue, a mass gathering was organised at Balipara, Sonitpur district on Monday.

Tens of thousands of people from different organizations of the Bodo community with banner, placards participated the mass gathering and shouted slogans demanding early solutions of the long standing demand for a Bodoland state through political dialogue to pave the way for healthy administration demanded early solutions of the Bodoland statehood under Article 2 & 3 of the Indian constitution.

The mass gathering was organised by All Bodo Students Union (ABSU), People's Joint Action Committee for Bodoland Movement (PJACBM) and Progressive faction of the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB-P).

The protesters also demanded political rights to Bodo's living outside of Bodoland to grant ST(Hills) status, implementation of the Forest Right & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act, 2006 and inclusion of non-Panchayat villages under Panchayati Raj in the state.

The movement groups slammed the BJP-led NDA government for not taking initiative to solve the Bodoland issue even after manifesto in 2014 Parliamentary elections.

The Bodoland statehood movement groups have warned to take massive democratic movement in coming days if separate Bodoland statehood was not created as soon as possible.

Participating the mass gathering, ABSU president Pramod Boro has opined that strong mass movement is the only way to put pressure on the government for early creation of Bodoland statehood. He said that mass democratic movement will continue until separate Bodoland statehood was created.

He has urged the NDA government to take urgent step for creation of Bodoland state under Article 2 & 3 of Indian constitution to pave away good governance and integration in the region.

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