

FICCI NE Chairman reacts to election results



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Reacting to the latest Loksabha poll election results, Ranjit Barthakur, Chairman of FICCI, North East Advisory Council said “We are happy that this election was fought on a development agenda. The unprecedented voter participation and the clear results thereafter is a mandate for development. We hope the new Government under Narendra Modi will focus special attention on the North Eastern Region.”

For India to develop into a leader of the 21st century, we cannot afford to have the North East remain backward. FICCI had drawn up a number of proposals for development initiatives including development of a 4000 km ring road connecting all the north eastern states, rail connectivity with all the state capitals, development of Inland Waterways, development of border townships and direct connectivity with neighbouring countries like Myanmar, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal, more airports and improved Air Connectivity. Connectivity and Infrastructure will continue to be our top agenda and we will continue to push this agenda with the new Government. We hope to see a lot of proactive, affirmative action on the development front from the new Government, he said.

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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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