

Gorkhas demand ST status



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Hundreds of Gorkha peoples from four districts of BTAD region throng to participate in a three-hour sit-in-demonstration agitation programme on Monday at [DRDA](#) parking ground near DC office demanding Scheduled Tribe ([ST](#)) status, recognition of Original Inhabitant (OI) status in NRC, nominate members from Gorka [community](#) in BTC council.

Agitators with banner, placards, fetoone participated the demonstration and shouted slogans demanding early granting [ST](#) status, OI status in NRC update, which was organized by Assam Gorka Sammelan, BTAD regional committee. The agitators voice sky wave with shoutings- 'No [ST](#) No Rest', Gorkhas should be regarded [as](#) OI citizens in Assam nominate a member from Gorkha [community](#) in BTC council. The Sammelan submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister through Deputy Commissioner, Kokrajhar seeking early [ST](#) status to Gorkha [community](#) in Assam. The Sammelan warn to take vigorous mass agitation if their [demands](#) are not meet [as](#) early in coming days.

Laksmhi Sedai, president of the Sammelan told that the Gorkhas are [indigenous](#) peoples of the [state](#) with own culture, identity and language because Gorkhas have been dwelling peacefully in Assam since time of immemorial [as](#) defense personnel, a few government officials and academicians, cattle breeders etc in all spheres of Assam. He has demanded the Gorkhas should get early [ST](#) status to meet healthy development I the [state](#). He expressed serious concern [over](#) tactically non granting OI status to Gorkha [community](#) in NRC update in Assam, besides keeping [community](#) on confusion with marking non-original inhabitants.

He has put demand of OI status for Gorkha [community](#) while filling NRC update. He has also demanded a member should be nominated from Gorkha [community](#) in BTC council to represent [community](#) with development aspects.

“We started our agitation from Kokrajhar to the cause of [ST](#) status, OI in NRC update, nomination of a member from Gorkha in BTC council. We put [demands](#) to the higher authority and government to meet early fulfillment, other wise mass agitation will be initiated in days to coming. Government deprived Gorkha [community](#) from all fronts of development [as](#) well [ST](#) status since long years back. The government should take stern measure to fulfill [community](#)’s issues and aspects”, Sedai said.

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