

Model Bodoland Territorial Council, dying a slow death



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No doubt, violence is crystal-clear, yet peace remains illusive. Will 'peace return in Bodoland'-is what every common men and women talks about these days. The innocent lives are being target in the name of peace and prosperity. Probably, peace will return at the cost of innocent lives.

The recent incidents which took away more 40 innocent lives are glaring examples of rapid escalating violence in the four districts of Bodoland. Three and half years have just elapsed since the first Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) began its administration. Certainly, people expected not violence but development and peace to reign in.

A slogan 'Model BTC' was conceptualized, raised and reiterated aloud to bring peace, harmony and progress in Bodoland. For genuine reasons, people lent their ears as well, as they felt it should be. However, a half-way it got manipulated and redesigned to suit political interests. Very soon, people realized that it's nothing but a mighty slogan for political mileage - a false propaganda dying fast half-way now.

Definitely, the whole concept of making BTC a model of peace and development is diminishing very fast as rampant corruption has taken its way. In the name of providing better connectivity funds are being

sanctioned for building roads and bridges and various other new projects. However, half the fund is filling the pockets of handful leaders. As there is no mechanism to monitor the activities leaders have no problem getting themselves engaged in corruption.

The lack of proper infrastructures in schools and colleges in the entire BTC area is the need of the hour. Failure to meet the growing educational infrastructure will intensive the problem of illiteracy as the school drop-outs ratio is skyrocketing. And before it is too late, steps need to be taken to arrest the situation by providing better infrastructures and scholarships should also be arranged to the needy students.

This is what we call 'a model BTC'? People seem losing their faith in BTC administration as the question of security, prosperity and peace is being raised. The ongoing escalating violence will only sabotage the lives of peace-loving people. Before it's too late a little corrective steps need to be taken to bring peace and harmony which will pave the way for all round development in Bodoland.

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