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### Santhali students demand ST status



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The All Santhali Students Union(ASSU) demanded early inclusion into Scheduled Tribe (ST [\(/taxonomy/term/1997\)](#)) status of Santhali community [\(/taxonomy/term/2084\)](#) in the state [\(/taxonomy/term/2332\)](#) of Assam to gain community [\(/taxonomy/term/2084\)](#) development and welfare [\(/taxonomy/term/2003\)](#).

Speaking to the reporters at a Press Conference held at Kokrajhar Press Club today in Kokrajhar, Simon Kisku, president of the students union demanded early granting of ST status to Santhali community in the state of Assam. He said that Santhali community in the state are deprived from all frontal aspects of development and welfare due to backwardness among society. He said that Santhali community has language and culture, but yet community still has to get ray of ushering in the state.

He has urged government to take bold step while granting ST status to the community to gain development and integration. He demanded creations of posts of Santhali subject teachers in the Santhali schools along with supply textbooks of Santhali language in the state. He said that though BTAD administration allowed schools to teach with Santhali language, but still there 322 teacher's posts are lying vacant in the region.

Kisku strongly slammed the recent eviction along Deosri, Ashrabari area in Chirang district said that it was anti human eviction carried out by forest department without prior giving notice about eviction. He said that 16 families were affected due to evicted drive in the area, which was anti human living, he alleged.

'Government should rehabilitate the evicted families along with allotment of land in the area so that citizens could be live in healthy environment', Kisku said.



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