

## Three-Way Contest in Sidli LAC Bye-Election as UPPL Gains Support Ahead of November 13 Polls



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KOKRAJHAR, OCT 28: Three candidates are set to contest the upcoming bye-elections in the 31 No. Sidli Legislative Assembly Constituency (ST) scheduled for November 13 in Chirang district, along with four other constituencies in Assam. Today marked the last day for withdrawal of nominations, confirming three candidates as valid contenders in Sidli LAC's bye-election.

The contest will feature a triangular battle between Nirmal Kumar Brahma of the UPPL, backed by the NDA alliance; Suddha Kumar Basumatary of the BPF; and Sanjib Wary of the Congress. The Chirang District Commissioner and Sidli LAC Returning Officer confirmed the final list of candidates and outlined preparations to ensure free and fair elections across the constituency.

With over 216,700 voters eligible to cast their ballots across 273 polling stations, the bye-election in Sidli LAC is expected to see significant turnout, with results scheduled to be counted on November 23. Ahead of the elections, more than 400 new members from parties like the BPF and Congress have reportedly joined the ruling UPPL party at various locations under Sidli LAC, strengthening UPPL's campaign.

A massive UPPL campaign rally was held, welcoming new members, including a notable 170 individuals from the BPF who joined in Tukrajhar, where Assam cabinet minister Urkhao Gwra Brahma, MLA Jiran Basumatary, and BTR executive member Ranjit Basumatary were in attendance. Additional UPPL membership gains were recorded at block committees in Salakati, Chirang, Nishima, and Kajalgaon, with new members honored with traditional Aronai, Phulam Gamocha, and party scarves.

Addressing supporters in Salakati, UPPL's chief executive member of the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) and party president, Pramod Boro, expressed confidence in the popularity of UPPL's candidate, Nirmal Kumar Brahma, backed by the NDA. Boro affirmed that community-wide support signals a positive outcome for Brahma in the Sidli LAC bye-election, along with favorable prospects for all NDA-backed candidates in Assam.

“The massive joining of new members to the UPPL reflects the growing support for our mission and commitment to community well-being,” stated Boro. “We look forward to working together towards a shared vision of progress and prosperity in our region.”

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