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## Token strike by JNV employees of India



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The regular employees of JNV Darrang, Kalaigaon observed a token strike on November 16 under the banner of joint action committee of 'Employees Forum of Novodaya Vidyalaya Samiti' demanding GPF and pension facilities like other central government employees of India. They also demand introduction of CCS pension rules 1972 for the employees of JNV who had joined prior to 01.01.04. According to Paul Soren, Vice Principal of JNV Darrang and president of Assam unit of AINVSA ( All India Vidyalaya Staff Association JNV employees had staged s' Hunger Work Day' on September 5 /09 demanding implementation of their demands. He said they also organized a mass rally at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on November 9 /09 on the occasion where more than 6000 employees of JNV India participated demanding to implement their long standing demands. He said that they also demand granting of 10% of special residential allowance to the non teaching staff of JNV India. According to R.K.Pandey, president of Darrang district unit of AINVSA all the employees of the JNV Darrang have sent post cards individually to Kapil Sibal, Minister Human Resource Development, India; Pranab Mukherjee, Minister, union Minister Home Affairs; Sonia Gandhi, UPA, chair person and Rahul Gandhi, General Secretary of INC.

However the normal functioning of the school was not interrupted as the contractual staff looked after the smooth running of the school. The employees of the JNV hoped that the government of India would listen to their grievances and some solutions would come out very soon. The employees observed the strike with slogans and play cards such as "Pension is our professional rights"; "Pension and special allowances need of the hour- in residential schools"; "24 hour duty hence pension and special allowances"; "We want pension, implement GPF cum pension and 10% RA for non-teaching" etc.

R.K.Sinha, Media Secretary of AINVSA Assam unit told this correspondent that they would resort to indefinite strike from December /09 if their demands were not implemented.



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