

Cong. (I) in north-east to be revamped

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THE Congress(I) high command has drawn up elaborate plans to revamp the party apparatus in the sensitive north-eastern region to meet the growing challenge of proclial and revivalist forces.

With its eyes trained on the forthcoming general elections due in about 16 months from now, the party high command has initiated the process of mending its fences.

While the moribund organisation in Assam and Tripura is sought to be revitalised by dissolving the pradesh Congress committees and appointing "ad hoc" executive bodies in their places, the main thrust of the rejuvenation programme will be on involving the local youth in the party activities.

With this aim in mind, it has been decided to hold the national council meeting of the Indian Youth Congress (I) and a convention of the Youth Congress (I) units of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh here on October 13 and 14.

All the national council members of the Indian Youth Congress (I), which includes over 40 MPs and all pradesh Youth Congress (I) presidents of the seven political units of the region, will participate in the national council meeting as well as the convention.

One thousand delegates from the seven pradesh Youth Congress (I) units of the north-eastern region will attend the convention. Besides the Congress (I) leaders of the north-eastern region, the convention will be addressed by Mr. C. M. Stephen, Union minister of communication, Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, MP and president of the Indian Youth Congress (I), Mr. Rajiv Gandhi MP, Mr. Arun Nehru, MP and Mr. P. K. Thungon, Union deputy minister of rehabilitation.

The star attraction of the convention, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, will have a busy schedule during his visit to the north-eastern region. He will inaugurate free eye camps at Tura (Megha-

laya) on October 11, Itanagar and Pasighat (Arunachal Pradesh) and Mokikchung (Nagaland) on October 12.

The free eye camps in the four parliamentary constituencies of north-eastern India will be sponsored by the Sanjay Gandhi memorial trust as a part of their campaign to organise such camps in 100 parliamentary constituencies all over India.

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