

AASU, AAGSP's Appeal To People

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GUWAHATI, Nov. 28—

The All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad and the All Assam Students Union have appealed to the people of Assam to make the 12-hour "Path Bandh" programme of November 30 a success to demonstrate once again its determination to uphold the sanctity of the Constitution and the sovereignty of the nation and also to urge the Government to evolve an acceptable formula to solve the foreign nationals issue in Assam.

In a statement, Sri Atul Bora, Convenor, AAGSP, said the programme from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. will cover all types of vehicles, barring a few exemptions, to paralyse all road traffic in the State. The Air, rail and water transport will be free from the purview of the programme.

All vehicles directly connected with the essential services will be exempted from the road blockade including milk, water, electricity, fire fighting, news and the vehicles used by the Police, the CRP and the Army, the statement said.

The owners and drivers of all types of vehicles, rickshaws, bicycles etc. have been

appealed to stay off the roads during the programme, the statement also said.

The statement also appealed to drivers of Government, semi-Government and autonomous organisations including the Assam State Transport Corporation to express their solidarity with the people of Assam, by staying away from their duties on the day.

In a separate statement, the AASU President, Sri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta said only the final examinations will be held on that day. The annual and selection tests will not be exempted.

The pedestrians' movements will not be restricted in any way and the volunteers will be free to use bicycles etc. for supervision, the statement added.

Several organisations have opposed the "Path Bandh" programme.

In a statement, Syeda Anwara Taimur, Leader, Assam Congress Legislature Party (I) said her party had always been pleading for a congenial atmosphere for finding out a solution to the foreign nationals issue through discussion and the Central Government has been following this policy.

In these circumstances the programme is another step aggravating the situation and interfering with the right of the people of using the public roads peacefully.

The statement further appealed to the AASU to drop the road blockade in the larger interest of peace.

Sri Naren Sharma, President, Assam Pradesh Youth Congress (I) in a statement, also opposed the "Road Blockade."

Disturbed Area Act Extended In Reserved Forest In Sibsagar

GUWAHATI, Nov 28—The Assam Government has extended the period of the Assam Disturbed Area Act 1955 in eleven Reserved Forests in Sibsagar district and in certain other areas in Golaghat and Sarupathar.

The step has been taken in view of the continuance of a situation of disorder and disturbance of peace and tranquility in these areas according to a Notification issued in a gazette extraordinary here today.—PTI.

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