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Agitators to attend Assam talks

GAUHATI, December 23 (UND).

THE All-Assam Students' Union (AASU) and the All-Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (AAGSP) today decided to participate in the proposed tripartite talks to find a solution to the foreigners' issue.

At a joint meeting here, the AASU and the AAGSP, however, decided to join in the tripartite talks only on the basis of their latest 17-point-draft proposal submitted to the government, according to the AAGSP convener, Mr. Atul Bora.

Mr. Bora said their decision to participate in the talks would be communicated to the Union government tomorrow.

The composition of the delegation would be decided after the announcement of the date for talks. However, they would not insist on any particular venue for the talks, Mr. Bora said.

Meanwhile, a seven-member delegation of the AASU and the AAGSP would leave for New Delhi on Friday for a publicity campaign. The delegation would meet the leaders of the opposition parties in parliament, he said.

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The AASU and the AAGSP also chalked out a month-long agitational programme beginning on December 27. Among the major programmes were a 36-hour road blockade from 5 a.m. of December 31, a 12-hour dawn-to-dusk "Assam curfew" on January 26 and a 36-hour civil disobedience.

They appealed to the people to travel in rail, government buses and water transport without paying fares and also not to buy postage stamps. People had also been asked not to make money transaction through the post offices during the civil disobedience period.

They also urged people not to pay the entertainment tax on cinema tickets during that period, Mr. Bora said.

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