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Assam Employees Warned Against Indiscipline

GAUHATI, Dec. 16.—The Assam Government today warned its employees that organizing or participating in any demonstration would be treated as an act of "serious indiscipline" and departmental action, apart from arrest, would be taken against them, reports PTI.

The warning came in the wake of the decision of the Assam State and Central Government Employees Action Committee to stage demonstrations at their places of work before and after duty hours on December 18 in protest against what it called "continued Government repression".

The district authorities have been directed to take steps to ensure that no demonstration is held in violation of the prohibitory orders now in force in the State, the Chief Secretary, Mr Ramesh Chandra, said.

He said employees who participated in any demonstration would face disciplinary action under the service conduct rules.

All educational institutions in Gauhati virtually remained closed today as students abstained from

classes protesting against the alleged indiscriminate arrest of students and atrocities on "peaceful masses" by the police.

The protest day called by the All-Gauhati Students' Union, demanded the unconditional release of arrested students.

In a statement, ASSU alleged that during the 36-hour civil disobedience programme, the police and CRPF meted out inhuman treatment to peaceful agitators in different parts of the State.