

# AASU's Appeal To Peacefully Observe 'People's Curfew'

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By A Staff Reporter  
GUWAHATI, Jan. 23—The All Assam Students Union has appealed to the people of Assam to peacefully observe the "people's curfew" on January 26 to protest against the curtailment of the democratic rights of the citizens and the murders committed by the Government.

In a joint statement here today, Sri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, AASU President and Sri Bhriгу Kumar Phukan, General Secretary, requested the people to stay indoors from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on that day. The AASU's protest is only against the misuse of power by the Government, the statement said, while reaffirming the respect to the constitution and the National Flag by the people of Assam and AASU.

The AASU called upon the volunteer forces and also the people to keep an alert eye on the violators of the 'curfew' and to maintain peace.

Commenting on the recent Tripartite Talks in New Delhi the statement said the attempt of the Government to include certain irrelevant documents in the detection formula has resulted in the lack of consensus on the issue.

The Dispur Gana Sangram Parishad has alleged of a Government conspiracy in holding the Republic Day celebrations against the wishes of the people.

In a statement, the Secretary of the Parishad said the Education Secretary, Sri U. C. Sarania by a letter No. ESP 264/81/18 dated January 21, has planned to arrest the students of schools within a radius

of two kilometres from the Janata Bhaban Field at Dispur after school-hours on January 25 and to force them to be present at the Republic Day celebrations.

# Gogoi's Appeal To People For Cooperation

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GUWAHATI, Jan. 23—The Chief Minister Sri Keshab Chandra Gogoi today appealed to all sections of people of Assam to extend help and co-operation for creating a cordial atmosphere and to refrain from such activities that might create tensions and bitterness among the people.

In his appeal to the people of Assam on the first of his day in office along with 12 members of the council of Ministers, Sri Gogoi said that his Government would always endeavour to reflect peoples hopes and aspirations in thoughts and deeds of the Government in order to lead the State towards economic progress. He said that his Government would give proper emphasis on the implementation of new 20-point programme announced by the Prime Minister recently.

Renewing his appeal to the movement leaders to call off all agitational programmes, Sri Gogoi said that the tripartite talks at New Delhi threw a new ray of hope for early solution to the foreign nationals issue and all felt relieved at the satisfactory progress of the talks. There were agreement on some points and consensus on other points would certainly emerge in next

round of talks from February 8. He reiterated that his Ministry would give top priority to the solution of foreign nationals issue and wholeheartedly devote in the process of bringing about a solution as and when necessary. Sri Gogoi further hoped that people would help in maintaining law and order and thus contribute to the success of the solution efforts.

In an oblique reference to AASU and AAGSP's call for "Assam Curfew" on January 26, the Chief Minister said that the Opposition Parties and the Government were trying sincerely to find out a settlement to the foreigners issue and at this moment the people at large also do not think agitational programmes to be justified. In the interest of the success of the talks, programme on January 26 would be called off. It would be wiser to create a congenial atmosphere for talks by maintaining law and order. The Republic Day is a sacred day for all which is a national festival. He requested the people with all earnestness not to create any anxiety and indignation on that day.

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