

Army to man vital services in Assam

GAUHATI, Jan. 9 (PTI): Forces have been deployed to run essential services and maintain law and order in Assam in the face of the threatened 'civil disobedience' movement called by the Assam agitators and 'non-co-operation' by the government employees during the next three days.

Official sources today said that action would be taken under the law against those who would board public transports or enter cinema houses without tickets as planned by the agitators during the two-day 'civil disobedience' movement on the foreigners issue from tomorrow.

Government employees have also been warned of departmental action, including pay-cut and break of service, apart from being proceeded against under Essential Services Maintenance Act for participating in the one-day 'non-co-operation' programme on January 12.

The programme has been called by the co-ordination committee of six employees' organisations in protest against 'the delay in solving the foreign nationals issue' and 'repression' on people and 'killing' of government employees during the current phase of Assam agitation.

Certain offices and establishments have exempted from the purview of the 'non-co-operation' programme.

Meanwhile the Centre has sent formal invitation to the Assam movement leaders for participating in the proposed tripartite talks on foreigners issue at New Delhi on January 18.

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Taimur quits, Cong-I divided on leadership

GAUHATI, Jan. 9 (UNI): Hectic political activity was going on in the capital town of Dispur among Congress (I) legislators today following the resignation of Mrs. Anwara Taimur from the leadership of the CLP (I).

Sources close to the legislature party indicated that the ACLP (I) was divided on the leadership issue. While one group supported former Finance Minister Keshab Chandra Gogoi, the other group was lobbying for former Education and Supply Minister Hiteswar Saikia.

Meanwhile, a group from the non-Congress (I) left and democratic alliance legislature party met Governor Prakash Mehrotra here and reiterated the alliance claim to form a Ministry in the State since had "an absolute majority" in the House.

Mr. Sinha said the strength of the alliance was now 62 in a House of 118.

The other members of the delegation were: Mr. Banerwar Aikia (RCPI), Mr. Gajen Tanti (Cong-S), Mr. Dulal Chandra Barua, Mr. Nagen Sarma, Mr. Daiba Saktihdeka, Mr. Bhubaneswar Barman, (All Janata), Mr. Ramesh Mohan Kouli (Lok Dal) and Mr. Aklius Tirky (Janata).