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Assam Govt's Warning To Employees

BY A STAFF REPORTER
GUWAHATI, JAN. 24 -
THE GOVERNMENT OF
ASSAM HAS WARNED
ITS EMPLOYEES THAT
FAILURE TO ATTEND
THE REPUBLIC DAY
FUNCTION WILL CON-
STITUTE AN ACT OF IN-
DISCIPLINE AND MAKE
DEFAULTERS LIABLE
FOR DEPARTMENTAL
ACTION.

A wireless message from Dispur sent to Deputy Commissioners, and Sub-Divisional Officers said that arrangements would be made for recording of presence of the employees at the parade grounds. This warning is understood to have been issued on the eve of the Republic Day in view of the AASU and AAGSP's call for "People's Curfew" (which was earlier called as Assam Curfew) on January 26.

Reacting to the Government warning, the Coordination Committee of the All Assam Karmachari Parishad has said in a Press release that January 26 is a declared national holiday for all, providing remission to convicts in jail." In this sacred day of the nation, the attempt of the Government of Assam to force the employees for participation and to record their attendance in the functions was highly reprehensible and liable to affect the sanctity of the occasion, the Press release said.

The Coordination Committee expressed its strong protest against the circular issued by the Government directing district and sub-divisional authorities to force the attendance of employees for official function.

Official Programme Of R-D Celebration

GUWAHATI, Jan 24—The official programme of celebration of the Republic Day at Guwahati has been drawn up.

As per programme the observance will start with 'Prabhat Gitanjali through Fixed Loudspeaker System from 4-30 am to 5-30 am which will be followed by hoisting of National Flag from 6-30 am in residences of citizens Government offices educational institutions business places etc From 7 am to 8 am Students would start converging on the Parade Ground Dispur.

Ceremonial hoisting of National Flag will be held at Dispur Parade Ground at 9 am with ceremonial parade. The programme also includes free cinema shows for school children upto the age of 12 years in local cinema halls from 10 am to 1 pm which will be followed by childrens' rally drill etc. from 3 pm to 5 pm at Nehru Stadium Free cinema show will be exhibited at Judge's Field from 6 pm.

All restrictions on the use of the National Flag have been withdrawn on that day. Prohibitory orders under section 144 Cr PC are relaxed throughout Guwahati sub-division on January 26 insofar as celebration of Republic Day is concerned.

Minority Association In Karbi Anglong

From Our Correspondent

DIPHU, Jan. 23—Twentyfive minority communities of Karbi Anglong district have merged together to form an Association, the Karbi Anglong District Minority Association to press the District Council authority for realising fulfilment of their common demands for securing due status and democratic rights at par with the Karbis who are the majority in the district.

The 25 communities forming the Association represent the entire population of Karbi Anglong district except the Karbi population. The Association was formed in a 3-day conference of representatives of the communities held at Diphu in the last week of December last under the presidency of Sri Resuo Rengma, ex-Deputy Chairman of Karbi Anglong District Council.

A memorandum was submitted by the Association to the Chief Executive Member, District Council, demanding fulfilment of their various demands the most important among them being the immediate abolition of artificial Area Restriction of recognising the same sub-Caste of Tribals residing in the Hills and plains with a view to ensuring percolation of benefits of tribal developments to all the really deserving tribal people.

The minority communities who constitute a greater part of the population of Karbi Anglong "aggressively asserted" that they felt insecure in the present state of affairs in the district and were deprived of obtaining equal share in the progress of this remote Hills district. They alleged that they had been look upon as "unreliable, undependable and untrustworthy" and to remove the discrimination and bias against them they had to stand up unitedly to fight for the common cause.

On December 28 last, the last day of the conference, a big procession was taken out through the main street, of Diphu town which finally thronged at in front of the District Council office and submitted the memorandum to the Chief Executive Member, District Council.

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The other demands include protection of fundamental rights of the citizens, withdrawal of eviction notices issued against the non-Karbi settlers in various belts and blocks in the district, allotment of land, both in urban and rural areas, to the people of minority communities which had so long been denied to them.

It may be noted that the Karbi Anglong Kachari Samaj earlier submitted a seven-point charter of demands to the Chief Executive Member on June 26 last demanding immediate redressal of their various grievances which the Association have also supported and included in the memorandum.

The office-bearers of the Association were selected in the conference as follows—Sri Resuo Rengma—President, Sri Bidya Bora and Sri Ananda Uzir—Vice-Presidents, Sri Modan Domari—General Secretary, Sri N K Dey and Sri Uttar Hazarika—Joint Secretary and Sri, A R Choudhury—Treasurer. The Executive Committee consists of 51 members in all.

The minority communities representing the Association are Bodo Kachari, Dimacha Kachari, Lauang, Miri, Deuri Mech Kachari; Kuki; Naga, Huar, Chakma, Garo, Khasi, Shyam; Nepali; Ex-tea garden, Bilaspuria, Rava, Riang; Manipuri; Assamese, Bengali, Marwardi, Hindusthani; Punjabi and Muslim all residing in Karbi Anglong district.

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