

Only Citizenship Bill can save Assam from becoming Kashmir: BJP

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Making its stand on the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2016, the Assam BJP on Thursday said that the state can be saved from becoming a 'Kashmir' only with the implementation of the Bill coupled with enforcing the Assam Accord's Clause VI and ST status to six communities.

Addressing a rally of party workers in Guwahati, state Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said he cannot allow Assam to become the next 'Jammu and Kashmir'.

Sarma's statement came a day after student outfits from all the northeastern states under the banner of North East Students' Organization (NESO) gathered in Guwahati on Wednesday and warned the BJP-led government at the Centre and the state against the Bill.

The students' bodies' rally also termed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal as "saviour and protector of illegal immigrants" from Bangladesh. "In 1971 Hindus in Assam accounted for 71 per cent of the population. It came down to 61 per cent in 2011. By 2021 if the eight lakh population of



Hindu Bengali from Bangladesh is taken out from Assam, the community's population of Assam will reduce to a mere 51 or 52 per cent, which will pave the way for Badruddin Ajmal or Sirajuddin Ajmal to become chief minister of the state," Sarma said.

"I do not require a certificate if I am secular or communal. People are pitting Hindus against Hindus. Those opposing Hindu Bangladeshis do not know that they have lost the power to decide in 14 districts of Assam. Already 30 seats have gone, if the Bill comes in, we can still save at least 17 assembly seats," said Sarma.

Earlier the United Minorities Front (UMF) which was formed in 1985 as a reaction to Assam agitation wanted citizenship to Hindus from Bangladesh, later they changed their stand, Sarma said.

Targeting the religious minorities of Assam, Sarma said members of the All Assam Minority Students Union (AAMSU) have been sending messages on social media to oppose the Bill. "However, these people are themselves economic refugee in Assam, why are they talking about who should get citizenship? I get threatening messages on my mobile," said Sarma.

Announcing that after 2021, he will not be in politics, Sarma said, "This is the last battle of Panipat. Those people who did bloodshed in Jammu and Kashmir are teaching us secularism, we are committed to protect Jati, Mati, Bhethi (identity, land and homeland)." Hitting out at the ongoing protesters against the Bill, Sarma said those people were quiet when land of several 'satras' (Vashnavite monastery) were encroached upon by illegal immigrants. "I ask the people here to fan out and tell people about the Bill. Those opposing the Bill were mum when militant outfit ULFA had their bases in Bangladesh," he said

2019 General Election: A matter of anxiety

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Warming up of General Election 2019 hits to the citizens of the country, the anxiety in the people would have been usual with reference to the previous elections 2014; which of the election brought a mass revolution through public opinion 2014 is historic because, the Congress led UPA government was ruling for 10 years in the parliament which of the government remained under pressure of scams and corruptions, on the other. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was unable to administer the unlikely con-uption cases; by the time Manmohan Singh was under control of the National Advisory Council whose chairperson was Smt. Sonia Gandhi.

It was fact and exposed that Manmohan was on chair of Prime Minister under dictation of Sonia Gandhi. This is not my word, it is the word of Sanjay Baru, through his book 'Accidental Prime Minister'. It is also widely exposed matter in the country.

UPA lost, NDA led by Shri Narendra Modi won the election with full majority. NDA's position has been firmed after winning UP, H.P. Utharakhand, Assam and Tripura assembly election. Narendra Modi's popularity climbed high; Modi's popularity inside India has been lowering with the popularity on the abroad nations. Narendra Modi improves relations with the Arabian states even maintained high rise ii'endship with Israel, which was exceptional at the same time America's friendship also improves even being holding better ti'endship with Russia.

In the mean time, India has shown own capability upon Pakistan. India has shown strategic power to China after long interval. Thus, India could sail all round improvement in the country.

But, the atmosphere of Manipur is different look on the eve of General Election. In spite of studying the momentum of the Nation, by which, a leader could educate the people about the works done by the Government of NDA, local leaders of BJP are trying to shine own personality. To make publicity about own personality should not act through poster in public before the individual has been properly nominated by the particular party.

But, poster in photos in favour of individual candidature is against the constitution, rather, ruling party has to check the activities of the individuals, so that, misunderstanding in the mass can be removed. Otherwise, people thought that the photo poster individual has been nominated by the party to be MP candidate, since such time should have been awaited. Therefore, anxiety of the candidates has been appeared, which is not yet appeared in the people is astonished. Rather, recommendation of candidature from Mandaj Committee would not come into media which now trying to traditionalize, would be wrong step. Because, to be a parliamentary would elect by the people of Manipur.

Therefore, let the people curious to elect a deserving candidate before anxiety of the candidate express in public domain.

There and there alone a perfect parliamentarian can be selected, nominated and elected at the right point of time.

Therefore, the party elements have to enquire the matter of self-press-up publicity, hence such activity should not be allowed; because the party is National Party; for which the people prayed for.

Republic Day 2019, 855 police officers to be awarded medals

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As many as 855 police personnel will be awarded gallantry and police medals on Republic Day this year by President Ram Nath Kovind. The President's Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG) will be awarded to three personnel, while 146 personnel will be awarded the Police Medals for Gallantry (PMG). Seventy four personnel will be awarded the President's



Police Medals for Distinguished Service while 632 personnel will be awarded the Police Medal for

Meritorious Service. The PMG is the second highest police bravery medal followed by the President's

Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG). All three President's Police Medal for Gallantry have been awarded to Central Reserve Police Force personnel.

Among the 146 personnel named for Police Medals for Gallantry, 41 are from CRPF, 26 from Odisha Police, 25 from J&K Police, 14 from Chhattisgarh Police, 13 from Meghalaya, 10 from Uttar Pradesh, eight from BSF, four from Delhi, three from Jharkhand and one each from Assam Rifles and ITBP.

Delhi Public School bus accident in Guwahati; driver, students injured

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Guwahati's Delhi Public School (DPS) bus driver along with a few students sustained minor injuries after the school bus lost control and crashed into a tree. The

bus was reportedly carrying around 30 persons at the time. The incident took place at the Podumbari (Jalukbari) area (NH 37) of Guwahati on January 25.

The injured are undergoing treatment at Excel Care Hospital, Boragoin.

As per source, the school bus was carrying 30 students and was moving towards Gorchuk from Jalukbari area. Eyewitnesses claim that the speeding school bus tried to overtake a vehicle after which it lost control and rammed into the tree.

Republic Day Speech: President Ram Nath Kovind to address nation on the eve of R-Day 2019

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Republic Day Speech: Upholding the national traditions, President Ramnath Kovind will address the nation on the eve of the 70th Republic Day on Friday. The address will be broadcast from 7 pm on the entire national network of All India Radio and telecast over all channels of Doordarshan in Hindi followed by the English version, the Rashtrapati Bhavan said in a statement. This will be followed by broadcast in regional languages by

regional channels of Doordarshan, it said. The AIR will broadcast regional language versions 9.30pm onwards on its respective regional networks, the Rashtrapati Bhavan said in a statement.

The address to the nation takes place just a day before the Republic Day celebrations where the president will take the salute of the military and cultural parade at the Rajpath. Ahead of the celebrations, chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations, President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa arrived in India and was accorded the

ceremonial Guard of Honour at the Rashtrapati Bhawan. Ramaphosa also visited the Rajghat and paid his tributes to Mahatma Gandhi during the day. The chief guest will accompany the President to the saluting dais on Saturday. Meanwhile, elaborate security arrangements have been made across Delhi and the with the deployment of additional forces at famous establishments across the city. Apart from the CISA, Delhi Police beefing up their deployments, the National Security Guard (NSG) has also deployed its strategic counter-terror and counter-hijack task forces.

Priyanka Gandhi will be Congress' trump card for 2019 polls: Shiv Sena

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Praising Congress president Rahul Gandhi and attacking the BJP for calling him a failure, the Shiv Sena Friday hailed the entry of Priyanka Gandhi into active politics while predicting that she would revive the party's fortunes in the Hindi heartland.

In an editorial in *Saamna*, the Sena mouthpiece, party president Uddhav Thackeray, who is editor of the paper,

said, "Priyanka Gandhi looks exactly like Indira Gandhi, which is reflected in her demeanour as well. Therefore, Congress will certainly gain in Hindi heartland. Despite the fears that Robert Vadra's secret deals would come out in open, she has taken the plunge in active politics... Priyanka cannon is firing and if she pulls in crowds for her rallies she would emerge as the trump card like Indira Gandhi."

Rapping BJP for calling Rahul

Gandhi a failure, the Sena said: "By roping in Priyanka in active politics, Rahul Gandhi has shown that he was doing everything possible to win Lok Sabha election. He has played the effective card. It is being said that Priyanka is being brought in because Rahul Gandhi has failed. Such arguments don't hold water. "Rahul Gandhi is the president of Congress party. He has cornered the government on Rafale issue. Forget about this, in three key states, Congress has snatched power from BJP

and revived a dying Congress. Not giving him credit is a reflection of bad tendency..."

Pointing at the alliance of BSP and SP and the patience shown by Rahul Gandhi, Sena said, "BSP and SP kept Congress out of seat sharing. But Rahul Gandhi did not create a ruckus but with utmost restraint argued that 'there was no problem. We will fight all seats in Uttar Pradesh and wherever possible will help SP and BSP. Taking this stand and bringing Priyanka into politics shows there is a definite plan and it will benefit the Congress."

Stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself had to comment about Priyanka's entry into politics, the Sena added, "If people have accepted the heirs of such, why are some people getting stomach pain." The Sena said that the BJP leadership strongly resents Nehru-Indira Gandhi as "this is the only family which is challenging BJP", adding that the BJP fears the Congress this will prove a hurdle in 2019 elections.

Sikkim HSP gets new party president

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Dr. Bina Basnett was elected as the President of Hamro Sikkim Party (HSP) at the party headquarters on Thursday. The meet was attended by all Central Executive Committee

CEC members. Senior Politician and former Minister RB Subba and former Indian Football captain Bhaichung Bhutia were unanimously nominated as the working presidents respectively. Dr. Bina completed her schooling in 2003 from

Gangtok Deurali Girls SSS, she pursued her MBBS from SMIMS Tadong (CRH), after completing MBBS in 2009 she continued her MD at Patna AIIMS and later practiced and worked as a lecturer in Lady Hardinge Medical College New Delhi.

Tripura Man held on rape charge

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A man was arrested on the charge of raping his 4-year-old daughter in Dhalai district, police said Thursday. The 4-year-old child complained of severe pain in her private parts when she was at her Anganwadi school

and when the teacher questioned her, she revealed what her father had done to her.

The Anganwadi school teacher then filed an FIR on the basis of which the accused was arrested Wednesday, Superintendent of Police Sudipta Das said. The man, who apparently

raped her at his house in Kamalpur on Tuesday night, was booked under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Das said the girl had undergone a medical check up. The mother of the victim lives with her own mother elsewhere in the state.