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RGU students protest against CAB



RONO HILLS, Nov 25: Protesting the NDA Government's reported move to bring the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Bill (CAB) in the ongoing winter session of the Parliament, the students of Rajiv Gandhi (Central) University on Monday took out a torchlight procession in the varsity campus demanding revocation of the proposed Bill. Hundreds of students of RGU joined the anti-CAB protest and engaged in slogan shouting against the Bill and the BJP-led Govts at the Centre and in the State. They also burnt the effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah during the demonstration. "We will not rest. Our protest will continue until the Bill is completely revoked," RGU Students' Union president Dopum Sonam said. Coming down heavily on the ruling dispensation, NESO coordinator Pritam Waii Sonam said, "Instead of announcing developmental packages for the Northeast region, the Central Government is only giving us AFSPA [Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act] and CAB." "There will be no more requests, prayers, or appeasement from the indigenous people of NE. We will take out democratic protests against this Bill till our last breath," he added. RGU Research Scholars' Forum general secretary Prem Taba said the CAB is not an ordinary bill, but a directive from the central government to "kill" the indigenous people. "The Bill, if implemented, will completely annihilate the tribal population in the state. The Government is not doing enough for its own people and instead, they want to bring in the illegal refugees," he alleged. "There should be no bargaining in this, we demand a complete scrapping of the Bill," Taba added. The RGUSU president Dopum Sonam said the union will submit a memorandum to the Prime Minister through the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh after the procession while alleging that the Central Government has become pro-refugees and anti-indigenous. Apart from RGU students, representatives of NESO, AAPSU, Arunachal Students Union Shillong, Students' Union of NERIST, NERIST Research Scholars' Association and various other student bodies attended the torchlight procession.

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