

Brisk polling in Meghalaya



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SHILLONG: Amid a massive security blanket voting begins in [Meghalaya](#) to elect 59 legislators in the 60 member assembly on Tuesday.

Altogether 18.4 lakh voters are exercising their franchise at 3085 booths to decide on the fate of 361 contestants who include chief minister Mukul Sangma, BJP president Shibun Lyngdoh.

Voters in large number are waiting in serpentine queue in front of many booths to exercise their franchise as [soon](#) as voting commenced at 7 in the morning to conclude at 4 in the afternoon.

Security forces are fanning in the nook and corner of the sensitive and hypersensitive areas to ensure free and fair polls

Voting in William Nagar constituency has been countermanded following the death of [NCP](#) candidate Jonathone N Sangma in militant attack.

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KOKRAJHAR, September 22, 2026 — The All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU) on Tuesday burnt copies of a book titled *Hamkoshar Parishista* during protests held at several locations across Assam, including Gauhati University, objecting to what it described as the use of the Assamese script to represent the Bodo language.

Hamkoshar Parishista is a multilingual appendix containing learning resources for indigenous languages of Assam, including Bodo, Rabha, Mising and Karbi.

During the protests, ABSU members alleged that Bodo has been represented in the publication using the Assamese script instead of Devanagari, the script used for Bodo.

The organisation asserted that Bodo is recognised under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India and is an Associate Official Language of Assam. ABSU demanded that Bodo be represented in its recognised script in educational and learning resources.

ABSU president Khwrmmdao Wary said the use of the Assamese script to represent Bodo in the publication was disrespectful to the Bodo language and literature.

He said Bodo is an Associate Official Language of Assam and a language recognised under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

Wary demanded the immediate withdrawal of the publication in its present form and called for the use of the Devanagari script for Bodo in the book.

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