

Concern over 'anti-tribal' laws



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The All [Tribal](#) Students' Union [Manipur](#) has expressed grave concern [over](#) a set of laws which they feel would do more harm for the tribal people. In statement sent to Assam Times, the student organization called these set of anti tribal policy. "Modern political history of the tribals in [Manipur](#) is more or less a struggle for survival around this vicious circle where everything the [Tribal](#) hold dear have been coerced away some way or other. Now even their identity is at stake," the student organization observed.

ATSUM reiterated have asked the 20 tribal MLAs to tender their resignation by owning up the responsibility of having failed to perform their constitutional duty.

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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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