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Delimitation Dilemma: Upper Assam Bandh Today



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Sivasagar Caught in the delimitation dilemma, the normal life in upper Assam districts comes to a grinding halt following a 12 hour bandh.

Called by an all party forum to oppose the draft of the delimitation process, the bandh evokes total response in Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Sivasagar, Jorhat and Golaghat.

Banks, schools and colleges are remaining closed due to the bandh call. Only police vehicles are seen plying on the streets. No untoward incidents have been reported so far.

Speaking to Assam Times ([http://www.assamtimes.org/.](http://www.assamtimes.org/)), the Ujani Asom Samasti Surakshya Committee officials say the delimitation of constituencies will mark an end to a Assembly constituency each in Jorhat, Sivasagar and Dibrugarh.

“We have nothing to oppose the delimitation exercise but we are against accepting the draft proposal in its present form. It is further impractical to run the delimitation process on the basis of the Census 2001,” they say. Our Delhi Correspondent adds: In yet another development, an all party delegation on Tuesday reiterated its demand for Central intervention to stall the process.

Led by Speaker of Assam Assembly, Tanka Bahadur Rai the delegation called on Union home minister, Shivraj Patil and chairman of the Delimitation Commission, Justice (retired) Kuldip Singh and demanded steps to defer the entire process citing the incompleteness of the National Register of Citizens.

The delegation comprises Dr Bhumidhar Barman, Bharat Narah, former Chief Minister, Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, Chandra Mohan Patowary, Nurul Hussain, Dr Kamala Kalita, Dhrupad Borgohain, Parimal Suklabaidya and Pramila Rani Brahma, among others.



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