

Gogoi says 'no' to diktat on Hindi



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Chief minister Tarun Gogoi said on Monday that art and culture cannot be confined to a particular state or area as Assam is proud of its unity in diversity.

Talking to reporters in the sidelines of a bihu function at Latasheel Playground in the morning, Gogoi said that the performers have every right to perform in any language in the bihu functions.

“Nobody can stop them from performing even Hindi songs. Accordingly, no performer will abide by a diktat if somebody passes,” said the chief minister before hoisting the flag of the festival.

Gogoi’s comment assumed significant three days after ULFA-I asked the artists not to perform Hindi songs in the bihu functions.

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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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