

Guwahati polling ends



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Voting has formally closed in Guwahati Lok Sabha constituency at 5 on Thursday evening. The fate of 18 candidates has sealed in the electronic voting machines to be taken out for counting on May 16.

The turn out in the city has not picked up as it was anticipated in the city. But the picture in the outskirts of the city is quite encouraging.

Barring the city, the overall turn out of voters is set to cross 80 per cent. Voters in large numbers were seen in long queues in a section of polling booth till 5 in the evening.

Barring a few incidents of technical glitches in EVMs, the polling was by and large peaceful in the 2345 booths.

The crucial seat witnesses a keen contest between sitting MP Bijaya Chakrabarty of BJP who is pitted against Congress candidate Manas Bora where AGP candidate Birendra Prasad Baishya has no less support in some pockets.

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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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