

House clears GST, ends session



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After a long wait, the three day special Assam assembly session on Thursday passed the Assam Goods Services Tax, 2017 opening a new leaf in the country's tax regime.

This would pave the way to simplify the country's tax structure which [Parliament](#) has already passed recently.

Apart from it, the government tabled six other bills which include the Assam College Employees (Provincialization) Amendment Bill, the Assam Appropriation Bill (No VI), the Assam Taxation (specified land) (Amendment) Bill, the [Plantation](#) Labour (Amendment) Bill, the Payment of Bonus (Assam Amendment) Bill, the Assam Board of Revenue (Amendment) Bill.

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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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