

Illegal coal trade still on in Margherita! How?



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Despite ban, illegal coal [trade](#) is going unchecked in Margherita these days. Over 500 trucks, mostly, from Rajasthan, Bihar, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Guwahati keep moving in Margherita area to allegedly carry coal from Collieries even after the ban on coal transportation allowing the entire area to be a den of coal [smugglers](#).

According to Margherita [AJYCP](#) vice president Partha Sarathi Saikia, the coal mafias might have paid huge amount as commission to the administration and police which is why these are allowed to go unchecked.

He further raised doubts [over](#) the role of NEC [Coal India](#) Limited in Margherita for the rampant rise in the

illegal coal [trade](#). “We do demand Chief Minister Sarbanabda Sonowal’s intervention to [stop](#) it immediately. Otherwise, we have no option to resort to agitation.,” said Saikia.

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Mithun Baruah reports from Margherita.

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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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