

Illegal sale of subsidised rice at Mahur



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Chief Ministers' Anna Surakshya Yojana provides rice at Rs.6 rate to 20 lakh below poverty line (BPL) families. However, transactions relating to subsidised foodgrains were just kept on paper, the foodgrains are being sold at higher price of Rs 8 instead. According to the scheme, each family are supposed to get 10 kgs of foodgrains but the people are getting only 9 kg, said the people of Mahur. This illegal business took place at Mahur Cooperative in Dima Hasao district. Under interrogation, the salesman reasoned the lack of coins to return to customers.

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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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