

Jailed presiding officer critically ill



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The Bornijora polling booth presiding officer Paresh Hazarika fell critically ill hours after he was remanded to judicial custody on Sunday.

Hazarika fell on the ground as soon as he along with five other persons arrested in connection with the vote rigging were brought to the jail in the evening.

Hazarika was rushed to the hospital where his condition is said to be critical.

He along with four other polling officers and a VDP member were arrested by the Baihata police on Saturday morning and on Sunday the Rangia sub-divisional magistrate remanded to judicial custody for 14 days.

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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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