

Mesmerizing procession



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Dressed in traditional attire, thousands of people in Guwahati took a huge cultural procession in the city on the last day of the Asom Sahitya Sabha's special session on Monday.

Led by Sabha president Imran Shah, the 7km long colourful procession took off from the Rudra Singha Sports Complex and covered the entire city mesmerizing the Guwahatians in the morning.

Students from the various schools and colleges were also seen participating in the procession much to the delight of the Sahitya Sabha officials. The session is set to end on Monday after the cultural function in the evening.

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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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