

NHPC GM rescued



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Sonitpur police have rescued Anil Kumar Agrawal 51 day after the Songbijit faction of NDFB kidnapped the NHPC general manager from Bhalukpong area at gunpoint. Sources told assamtimes that the dramatic rescue took place during a fierce encounter on Monday night at a dense jungle along the Assam Arunachal Pradesh border. The encounter took place when a five member Police team led by SP Arabina Kalita and ASP Shiladitya Chetia was carrying out an operation in the area to be attacked by the militants with grenade explosion. Both Kalita and Chetia sustained injuries during the attack. This was followed by heavy exchange of firing where the militants managed to flee leaving Agrawl who was rescued to be brought back to Tezpur. The NHPC top official was kidnapped on September 21 demanding Rs 20 crore for release.

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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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