

Over 80% turn out in Lakhimpur



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Amid tight security arrangement, voting in the first phase of Lok Sabha election has come to an end in Lakhimpur on Monday. The voting which began at 7 in the morning ended at 5 in the afternoon. The turn out is believed to have crossed a huge 80 per cent.

But some booths had to extended the voting hour till 5-30 due to some technical reasons. Around 14,24,008 voters peacefully exercised their franchise to decide on the fate of 13 candidates which is sealed in the EVMs.

Long queues of voters were seen in front of the polling booths from early in the morning. Polling took place at 1,921 booths from 7 in the morning to 5 in the afternoon in all the booths simultaneously.

Union minister Ranee Narah seeks fresh mandate to lock in a keen contest with BJP state president Sarbananda Sonowal.

AGP candidate Hari Prasad Dihingia is no less popular in some pockets. Tight security arrangement is in place at all polling booths to ensure free and fair polls on Monday. The counting will take place on May 16.

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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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