

Paralyzing BTAD bandh



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Normal life comes to a grinding halt in BTAD following 12 hour bandh in protest against GK Pillai's stock taking visit which has already been cancelled.

Schools and colleges, shops and markets are remaining closed under the impact of the paralyzing bandh which started at 6 in the morning.

The impact in Kokrajhar is not so huge in view of the rally organized on the occasion of the former union home secretary's visit. The Centre set up a one man commission of GK Pillai to study the separate Bodoland demands afresh.

Non Bodo organizations along with a section of Bodo organizations have vehemently opposed the expert panel calling it a delaying tactic.

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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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