

Salary discrimination: Primary teachers on strike



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Normal classes remained heavily disrupted in 42,000 primary schools across the [state](#) on Monday when the teachers stayed away from duties allging utter discrimination of the government.

Called by the Assam State Primary Teachers' Association (ASPTA), sround 116,000 teachers have not been attending the classes from the morning much to the major inconveniace of 40 lakh students.

Talking to Assam Times, the striking teachers said, " we are quite disappointed with the government notification where we wont get the salaries as per the 7th Pay Panel recommnedation which we have been receving frm August last year."

"The Assam government in September this year issued a notiication where the graduate teachers who were drawing salaries in the pay scale beginning Rs 8,700 would receive scales of non-graduate teachers whose pay scale starts at Rs 6,200. We [don](#)'t understand how the finance department can take such a decision," said an agitating teacher.

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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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