

Silchar all set for bypolls today



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The stage is all set for by polls in Silchar along with Jamunamukh and Lakhipur. Amid tight security, poll officials are leaving for their assigned booths with electronic voting machines on Friday morning where 206,573 voters are set to decide on the fate of 12 candidates.

Polling will begin at 7 in the morning which will conclude at 5 in the afternoon. The results would be available on September 16.

The assembly constituency is holding a straight fight between the BJP's Dilip Paul and the [Congress](#)'s Arun Dutta Mazumder.

By-election for the Silchar seat was necessitated by [Congress](#) legislator Susmita Dev's election to the Lok Sabha.

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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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