

Strike affects bank customers



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Bank customer and common citizens in Kokrajhar, [heart](#) of BTAD administration face banking [crisis](#) on Tuesday due to the an all-[India](#) bank strike called by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), representing bank employees and officers across the country, opposing what it has termed [as](#) “anti-people banking and labour laws reform”, besides the government’s move to infringe upon [rights](#) of [trade](#) unions and outsourcing of permanent jobs.

In Kokrajhar, all banks public and private sectors remained closed for the day [as](#) bank staff are demanding legitimate [compensation](#) to employees and officers for extra hours of work performed on demonetisation work and reimbursement of the cost to banks by the government.

It also called for removal on the ceiling on gratuity and exemption of all superannuation benefits from income tax. The other [demands](#) of the UFBU, which includes- extension of erstwhile pension scheme in bank in lieu of NPS, proper implementation of compassionate appointment scheme, adequate recruitment in banks, measures to recover bad loans, introduction of five-day banking, and negotiation of next wage revision process.

Common citizen and bank customers expresses that the bank strike affected [normal](#) life for the day.

‘I visited [SBI](#) bank to withdraw money from my account, but saw bank was closed for the day. I face hardship of financial while maintaining my family’, said a retired pensioner in Kokrajhar.

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