

Assam Bandh cripples normal life



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The dawn to dusk Assam [bandh](#) called by six communities demanding scheduled tribe ([ST](#)) status brought [normal](#) life to a standstill in [Udalguri](#) district on Monday. Banks, business establishments remained closed during the period. The [bandh](#) supporters resorted to hooliganism by burning tyres and damaging four wheelers and trucks at [Tangla](#) and Kalaigaon. A noted citizen of the town resenting the [bandh](#) culture said , " The BJP which came to power in [New Delhi](#) and in the [state](#) promising to resolve the [ST](#) status issue of the six communities have been postponing the issue. The six communities under the banner of Soi Jonogusthi Oikyo Manch have been organising strikes since [2016](#) which have been affecting the common people the most. "The government should come up with a solution regarding this at the earliest", he added.

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