

Bandh disrupts normal life in Udalguri



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UDALGURI: Along with other parts of the [state](#), the 12-hour [state-wide bandh](#) called by six organisations demanding scheduled tribe ([ST](#)) status for six communities disrupted [normal](#) life across [Udalguri](#) district on Monday. The [bandh](#) paralysed [normal](#) life with business establishment, government, private offices, markets and shops remaining down shutter. The major townships of the district including Kalaigaon, [Tangla](#), [Dimakuchi](#), [Mazbat](#), Khoirabari, Rowta, [Harisinga Mazbat](#), Panery, [Udalguri](#), Rowta evoked full response. While vehicles, except those belonging to security personnel and on emergency services, remained off the [roads](#). The [bandh](#) was initially called for 48 hours until its duration being reduced to 12 hours on Monday morning. The six communities such as Moran, Motok, Koch-Rajbongshi, [Tai Ahom](#), Sutia and [Adivasi](#) or tea tribe have for long been demanding [ST](#) status. The six communities believe that if they are accorded [ST](#) status, they can benefit from the advantages of reservation in education and government employment.

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