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## Bandh paralyses normal life in Goalpara



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Normal life has been paralysed in Goalpara district following a 24-hour Assam \*bandh\* called today by the All Assam Tribal Sangha to protest against the large-scale deprivation of the SC and ST candidates by the State Government in the appointment of school teachers in the name of TET qualification. During the \*bandh\* all shops, business and commercial establishments, educational and financial institutions, government offices, banks remained closed and vehicular traffic remained off the road on 37 NH in most parts of Goalpara district including Dhupdhara, Dudhnoi, Rangjuli, Daranggiri. There were, however, no reports of any untoward incidents from any part of the district. The \*bandh\* is also supported by several SC and ST organisations like All Rabha Students Union, All Tiwa Students Union, All Dimasa Students Union, Garo Students Union, Sonowal Kachary Students Union, Deuri Students Union etc. It may be noted here that the All Assam Tribal Sangha (AATS) called the \*bandh\* after a joint meeting held at the Guwahati Tribal Rest House on Wednesday. The meeting was held with various organisations to discuss the large-scale deprivation of the SC and ST candidates in the appointment of school teachers in the name of TET qualification. The meeting unanimously condemned the anti-tribal and anti-SC policy of the State Government and drew up other agitation programmes also.



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