

Guwahati Bandh Hits Normal Life



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A 24-hour Kamrup [Bandh](#) was called by the co-ordination committee of different [trade](#) bodies and chambers of commerce protesting the recent bomb blast at Athgaon. The [bandh](#) has evoked good response within Guwahati as well as the suburbs. The State unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party and Asom Gana Parishad had also supported the [bandh](#).

Shops and commercial activities inside the city limits remained closed and the public transport system was near non-existent with a skeletal bus service run by the ASTC.

The [bandh](#) that started at six in the morning witnessed a dharna on the MG Road at Fancy Bazar, where a good number of representatives of civil society were present. They all urged the State and the Union Government to restart the talk process with the [ULFA](#), which was reportedly involved in the recent blasts. Traffic movement was stopped by supporters of the [bandh](#) in Athgaon. There was very less vehicular movement in the city and Government offices also witnessed thin attendance. There was a general feeling of support for the [bandh](#) throughout the city. Residents of the city have openly voiced their concerns about the degrading situation in Assam with tactical support from across the border.

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