

Inter-Institutional debate on May 3



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The 8th Manash Borah Memorial Northeast Inter-Institutional Debating Competition will be held at ITA, Machkhowa, Guwahati at 11 am on 31 May 2017. The competition is sponsored by the Manash Borah Memorial Trust and it is organized by Old Boys Association, Sainik School Goalpara (OBASSG). The Competition will be inaugurated by [Prof. Amarjyoti Choudhury](#), former Pro-VC, Tezpur University while the Speaker will be Dr. Monirul Hussain, former Head, Dept of [Political Science](#), Gauhati University. The topic for this year's competition is in the opinion of the house "use of [Social](#) Media has increased indifference towards society"

Debaters can speak either in [Assamese](#) or English. An institution can be represented by a team of two debaters, one speaking for the motion and the other [against](#) the motion. The competition is open to students from class XI to PG onwards. There is no registration fee for the participants. The Best Team will get the Manash Borah Memorial Running Trophy while the best three debaters will get cash prizes of Rs. 7000/- Rs. 5000/- and Rs. 3000/- respectively. For more details visit www.obassg.com or e-mail to abhigyan99@gmail.com

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KOKRAJHAR, September 22, 2026 — The All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU) on Tuesday burnt copies of a book titled *Hamkoshar Parishista* during protests held at several locations across Assam, including Gauhati University, objecting to what it described as the use of the Assamese script to represent the Bodo language.

Hamkoshar Parishista is a multilingual appendix containing learning resources for indigenous languages of Assam, including Bodo, Rabha, Mising and Karbi.

During the protests, ABSU members alleged that Bodo has been represented in the publication using the Assamese script instead of Devanagari, the script used for Bodo.

The organisation asserted that Bodo is recognised under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India and is an Associate Official Language of Assam. ABSU demanded that Bodo be represented in its recognised script in educational and learning resources.

ABSU president Khwrmmdao Wary said the use of the Assamese script to represent Bodo in the publication was disrespectful to the Bodo language and literature.

He said Bodo is an Associate Official Language of Assam and a language recognised under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

Wary demanded the immediate withdrawal of the publication in its present form and called for the use of the Devanagari script for Bodo in the book.



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