

Voting Underway Across Assam; Steady Turnout, Peaceful Polling



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Voting for the Assam Assembly elections gathered steady momentum through the morning hours on April 9, with scenes from across the state reflecting a strong and participatory democratic exercise. By mid-morning, polling booths were already witnessing long queues, as men and women, young voters and the elderly alike, stepped out early to cast their votes. The initial hours after 9 AM saw a smooth and peaceful polling process, backed by visible security presence and efficient booth management.

In Guwahati, the day unfolded with a calm yet purposeful energy. Polling stations across the city saw a steady stream of voters, many arriving with family members, some even accompanied by children, turning the act of voting into a shared civic moment. The queues remained orderly, moving at a consistent pace, as election officials facilitated the process with minimal disruption. The urban electorate appeared keen to vote early, avoiding the rush expected later in the day.

Across Upper Assam, particularly in the tea garden regions and semi-urban centres, the response was equally encouraging. Voters began lining up soon after polling started, and by the time the clock moved past 9 AM, there was already a noticeable build-up at booths. The mood remained upbeat, with people patiently waiting their turn, reflecting a continued pattern of strong electoral participation that the region is known for. Early turnout figures indicated a healthy start, with polling officials reporting a smooth flow of voters across districts.

In Lower Assam, the visuals told a story of determination. Despite intermittent rain in some areas, voters turned out in large numbers, forming dense queues outside polling stations. In districts like Dhubri and adjoining areas, umbrellas dotted the lines of waiting voters, yet the turnout did not falter. The presence of security personnel and election staff ensured that polling continued without disruption, even as concerns in the region were being closely monitored.

Taken together, the morning hours of polling across Assam painted a picture of active public participation and orderly conduct. From city polling booths in Guwahati to the tea belts of Upper Assam and the rain-soaked centres of Lower Assam, the common thread was the willingness of people to stand in line and take part in the electoral process. As the day progresses, the steady early turnout suggests that Assam is witnessing another robust chapter in its democratic journey.

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