

# Annual Progress Report

2016 General Body Meeting

July 2, 2016



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**Vice President: Jib Talukdar**

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# Agenda

1. Last year in review
  - a. Projects Updates
  - b. Operations
  - c. Finance
2. Nomination and Election
  - a. President, Secretary & Treasurer
3. Roadmap
  - a. AFNA Youth Wing
  - b. AKADAMICS Mentoring
  - c. 2016 Budget
4. Getting Involved
5. Guest Speaker - Joshomoyee Devi, FST



# Project Updates

## Focus area: Education

### ★ Support A Child (SAC):

- Supported over 78 at-risk students in SHED, Tapoban and PKGHS in 2016 so far

### ★ AKADAMICS:

- 28 College scholarships were given in 2015
- 1000 + applications received this year
- Another 20 scholarships will be added in 2016



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## Focus area: Employment Generation

### ★ Atma Nirbhar ek Challenge

- Continued support to this org to provide employment for **38** disabled workers in Guwahati

### ★ Swabalambi

- Sponsored 8 master artisans to enable them to buy tools and train other artisans



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## Eco projects & Community work in USA

### ★ Tree planting in Bridgewater Township, NJ

- Tree planted on occasion of Arbor day, 2015
- Plaque inaugurated to honor Padmashree Jadav Payeng, the Forest man of India

### ★ Eco-Blast Fair in Bridgewater Township, NJ

- Community outreach fair on conservation & sustainability
- Highlighted AFNA's work and efforts in Majuli



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## New initiatives / partners

### ★ Shishu Sarothi

- Provides healthcare and educational services to children with disabilities
- Have a long history of interaction with AFNA volunteers
- Provided an initial grant to procure special chairs for kids with Cerebral Palsy

### ★ Seneh

- Old Age Home for destitutes

### ★ Nowgong Mission High School

- School of historical significance
- In discovery phase on how we can help



# Fund Raising Campaigns

## ★ AFNA Annual Calendar

- Calendar created out of volunteer contribution of pictures of Assam.
- 600 copies distributed across North America & India in 2016
- Reach out to [calendar@assamfoundation.net](mailto:calendar@assamfoundation.net) if you want to take part

## ★ AFNA Work-An-Hour

- Donate at least an hour's wage to AFNA
- Run during Bohag Bihu through the Summer
- Our volunteers created a video for this:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPdEeHxh5LA>



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# Operations

## ★ Monthly volunteer meetings

- 1st Sunday of the Month, 10.00am - 11.00am PT
- Project planning & updates
- Everyone is encouraged to join

## ★ Monthly Newsletter

- Sent out to volunteer DL
- Signup to subscribe

## ★ Accounting and Tax Filing

- Performed by volunteer Treasurer
- Aplos s/w with monthly subscription



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# Finance



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# Income Statement - 2015

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Also, please note that our IRS returns are part of public records hosted by IRS.



# Income Statement - 2016 YTD

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\*\*Bank Balance (as of 6/30/2015): \$50,318

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# Thank you volunteers!!

## Your contributions are priceless...



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# Nomination



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# Election of Executive Committee

## Nominee - President



**Pallav Saikia, CA**

Pallav lives in San Francisco Bay area with his wife and two daughters. He has been volunteering for AFNA for last 8 years. He has been AFNA's Treasurer (5years), Secretary (1 year) before serving as President for the current term (2 years).

## Nominee - Secretary



**Lipika Deka, CA**

Dr. Lipika Deka is from Guwahati, Assam. Dr. Deka is an Associate Professor of Mathematics at California State University, Monterey Bay. She lives in Gilroy of San Francisco Bay Area. She has been with AFNA as Secretary for one year.

## Nominee - Treasurer



**Sarfaraz (Reza) Taher, MN**

Reza is from Guwahati, Assam and he lives in Minneapolis with his family. He is the Director of Program Management, Electrophysiology, Boston Scientific. He has been with AFNA for over 3 years, 2 of which in his current role as the Treasurer.



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# Roadmap




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# Youth Leadership Council of AFNA

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# Who are we?

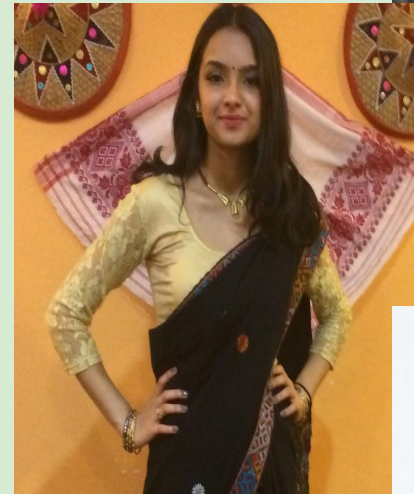
Ajay- A Sophomore attending Bridgewater Raritan High School interested in school, sports, and giving back to my community and heritage.

Anjali- A Senior attending Bridgewater Raritan High School interested in Bharatanatyam Dance and communicating and helping those in need.

Krishangi (Isha)- A Senior attending Plymouth Canton Educational Park, interested in singing Assamese songs and talking to and interacting with people.

Shivani (Mimi)- A Sophomore attending Montgomery High School interested in art and Bharatnatyam Dance.

Our Sponsors: Pallav Bordoloi, Krishanu Kaushik, Suranjoy Hazarika



# Our Mission Statement



“To promote global cooperation and collaboration among young people of Assamese origin to work for the betterment of Assam”

# Our Goals



## Overall

- To create a network among AFNA youth and others.
- To gain a broader perspective in current AFNA projects
- To foster a program that encourages young people in Assam to volunteer and participate in local service projects
- Provide support among young people. i.e. Children's clothes drives, educational help

## Short Term Goals

- Spread awareness of our projects
- Raise funds to get started
  - Initial amount: \$10,000

## Long Term Goals

- Keep growing and build our group
- Expand our outreach to encompass environmental and social concerns



## Our Initial Proposal - Child Happiness Initiative

- What is it?
  - There is a need for cards, toys, and activities for children in hospitals.
  - Connecting even the youngest kids in North America for this cause.
- What can WE do?
  - Create a workshop for the Toronto Convention with activities such as...
  - Stuffed animal drive
  - Clothing drive
  - Create get well cards for ones in the hospital
- Long term
  - Pen Pals between schools in the United States with those in Assam
  - Donate needed money and supplies to schools and hospitals

# Mentoring Students: AKADAMICS & Xomidhan



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# Xomidhan

- Launched in 2010 as a career counselling service
- Provides career counselling via emails, seminars and articles in newspapers and magazines.
- Consists of more than 300 active counselors
- Answered more than 1000 queries ,multiple seminars in Assam
- Recipient of various prestigious awards like e-Northeast for Information.
- Registered as an NGO in 2014



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# Scholarship & Mentoring

- AKADAMICS and Xomidhan have come together to start the program
- AKADAMICS will provide the scholarship where as Xomidhan will provide mentorship.



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# Highlights

- 20 students given scholarship by AKADAMICS - 2016
- Plan to take 5-10 students for Mentorship.
- 2 students wants to study prepare for civil services and we have a mentor who cleared civil service exams
- 1 student wants to study Astro physics and we have a mentor who is working in Japan as an astrophysics engineer.



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# AFNA Focus & Budget 2016



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# 2016 Focus Areas & Needs

- **Education** of underprivileged students
  - Support A Child (support 100 students: \$10,000)
  - AKADAMICS (support 48 students \$10,000)
- **Employment-generation** programs for the poor
  - Support a Disabled Worker at ANeC (support 10 disabled worker: \$5000)
  - Support Disabled Artisans at Swabalambi (8 trainers : \$4800)
- **Volunteering in local communities** in USA

We would need another \$5000 to explore and kick off other new initiatives

**Total funds needed in 2016: \$35,000**

**Funds raised so far ~\$15,000**



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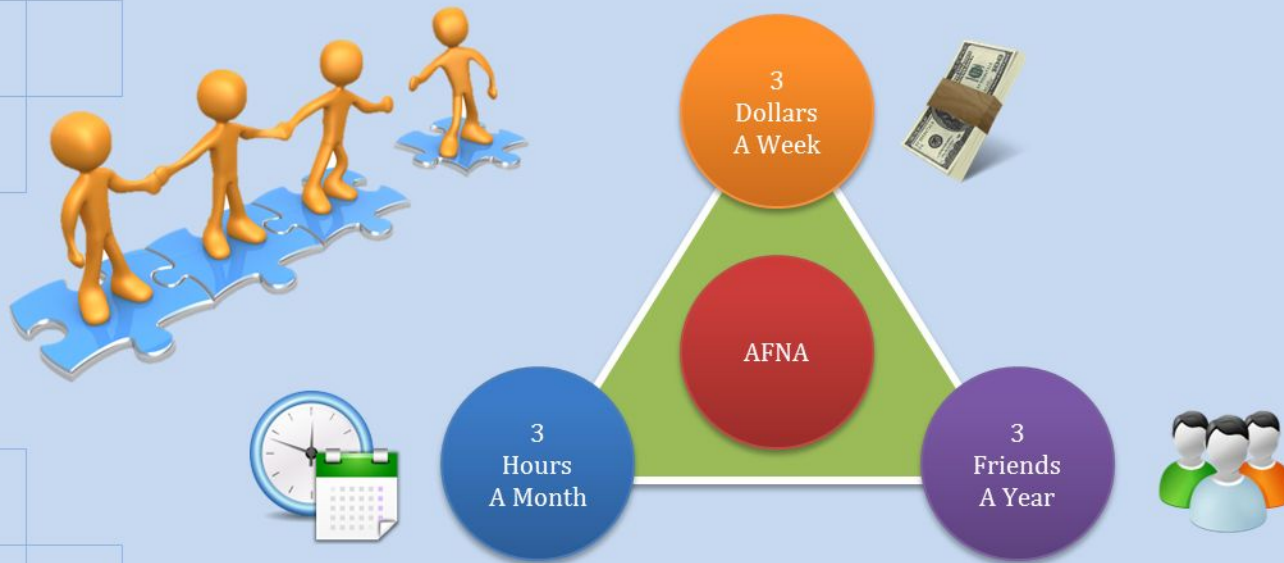
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# Power of Three



*The Power Of 3 - Give To AFNA*

- \$3 a week => \$150 a year (covers a student scholarship or more)
- 3 hours a month of volunteering
- Sign up 3 new friends a year for the above



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## First step:

- Join the monthly volunteer calls : 1st Sunday every month, 1 hour
- Join the volunteer mailing list: [afna-vols@freelists.org](mailto:afna-vols@freelists.org)

## Next step:

- ❖ Steward a particular project Or, just volunteer in any upcoming opportunity:
  - Work with our partners in Assam & USA to analyse needs and execute the project
  - Fund raising activities
- ❖ Share your experience, bring in expertise and opportunities
- ❖ Run awareness building & fundraising campaigns
- ❖ Help with operations
  - Website maintenance
  - Bookkeeping, donor management
  - Newsletter publishing



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# Be a Member

- Membership is \$25 every year, Calendar year
- Keeps our organizational structure in fair standing
- **Helps meet our administrative expenses so that we can pass on 100% of our donations to projects**

# Help with fundraising

- **Always explore employer matching grants:** We have many successfully going: GE, Boston Scientific, Salesforce.com, Qualcomm, Microsoft to name a few
- **Explore retailer programs:** Buy using smile.amazon.com instead of normal amazon.com . When you choose AFNA, we get 0.5% of the sale at no cost to you eScripts
- **Explore Corporate grants**
- **FYI:** Donor receipts are sent out quarterly



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# Please take a moment to donate

**Project fund need for 2016: \$35,000 Shortfall: \$20,000**

**Donate now :**

- Support a School Student: \$100 / year**
- Support a College Student : \$150 / year**
- Support A Disabled Worker / Artisan : \$500 / year**
- Donate to General Fund for utilization in any deserving project**



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# Q&A



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# Guest Speaker

**Foundation for Social Transformation,  
Guwahati  
Joshomoyee Devi**



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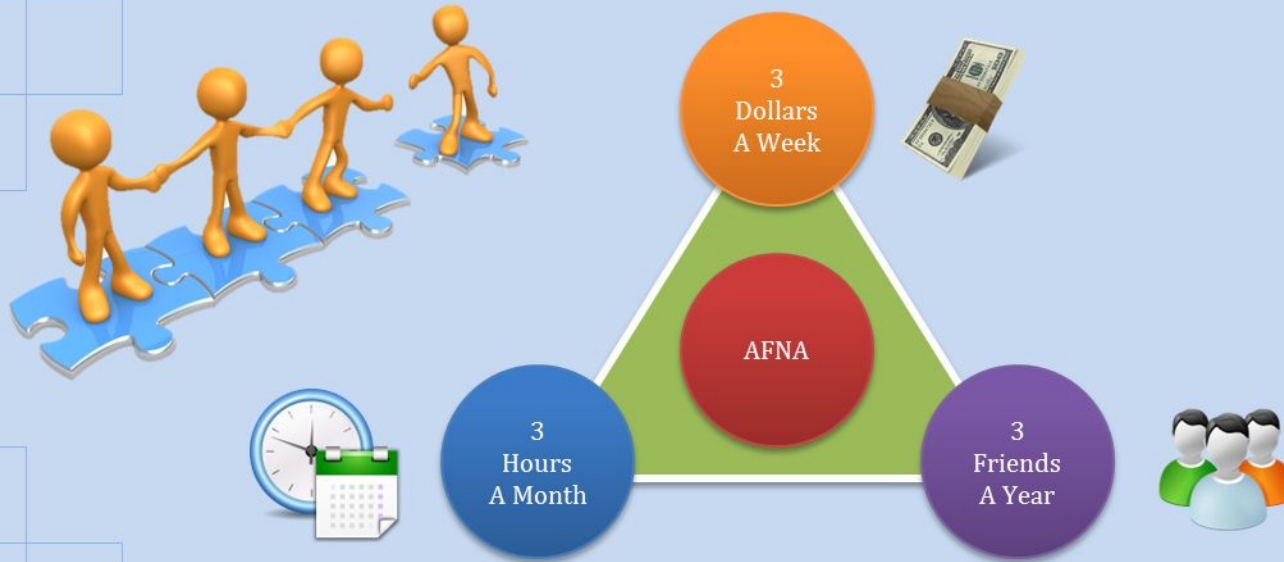
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# Thank you!

Questions / comments / stay in touch?

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