

Annual Progress Report 2021 General Body Meeting June 27th, 2021

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Vice President (Comms): Chandan Mozumder

Secretary: Enakshi Baruah Treasurer: Anamitra Bhattacharyya

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2021 GENERAL BODY MEETING

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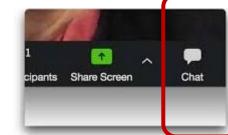
A FEW VIRTUAL MEETING RULES



Other than the presenters, all lines will be on mute



If you have a question, please use the chat line





We will take breaks for Q&A and open the lines



Please continue to view the chat line for important information



We will record the meeting for future reference



If we have any technical difficulties, please bear with us





A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME!!

- Welcome to our invited guests!!
 - 2021 Hellen Keller Award Winner Atma Nirbhar Ek Challenge
 - Dr. Mrs. Mahfuza Rahman, President
 - Mrs. Urmila Baruah, General Secretary
 - 2021 Padma Shri Winner Dr. Birubala Rabha
 - 귅 🛮 Ms. Anamika Barua
 - Dr. Lohit Datta-Barua, Long-time AFNA Patron
- Welcome Donors and Patrons!!
- Welcome AFNA Members and Volunteers!!
- Welcome AFNA Office Bearers and Board of Directors!!



ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING



- Condolence In Honor of Those Who Have Left Us
- Opening Ceremony AFNA Anthem Inauguration
- Felicitation Of Our Special Guests
- 2020-2021 Year in Review
 - Project Updates
 - Operational Updates
 - Financial Updates
- 2021-2022 Roadmap
- Nomination and Election of new Board Of Directors
- Kick-off to the Fundraising Campaign
- Felicitations to the AFNA Anthem Team
- Vote of Thanks



LET'S HONOR THOSE WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US

1-Minute Silence



ANTHEM INAUGURATION



YouTube Link: https://youtu.be/alhWuEMhFuQ



THANK YOU!!



Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is proudly presented at the 2021 General Body Meeting to

Joon Jonak

In recognition of the services provided as the Music and Tune Composer of the AFNA Anthem

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Sarfaraz Taher President - AFNA

June 27, 2021

Enakshi Baruah

Enakshi Baruah General Secretary - AFNA



FELICITATION OF OUR PARTNERS





ATMA NIRBHAR-EK CHALLENGE

Represented Today by:

- Dr. Mrs. Mahfuza Rahman, President
- Mrs. Urmila Baruah, Gen. Secretary

Key Achievements:

- 25yrs of excellence
- Role Model Persons with Disabilities
- Role Model Supporter of Increased Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities
- Role Model NGOs/Organizations
- ▼ Two-time winner 2000, 2021











DR. BIRUBALA RABHA

Brief History:

- Women's right activist from Assam
- Fighting superstition and witch hunting
- Leading campaigns to promote women's education and scientific temperaments

Key Achievements

- 2021 Padma Shri Award winner
- 2018 Women's World Summit Foundation Prize Winner
- © Got Assam Witch Hunting Act, 2015 enacted
- Awarded Honorary Doctorate (PhD) by Gauhati University, 2015





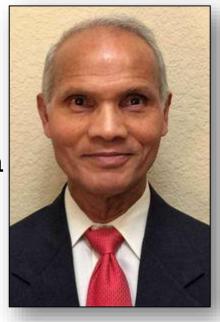
DR. LOHIT DATTA-BARUA

Brief History:

- An orphan growing up with his maternal grandparents as parents; Immigrated to the USA to charter his own story of triumph
- From Panbazar to Houston, from BITS to GM of Enron
- An Energy Man all his career

Key Achievements:

- Founder member of AANA and AFNA
- Conquering Kilimanjaro at 60
- GM of Enron
- Man with a big heart lives by the motto Paying Forward



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Year In Review: '20-'21



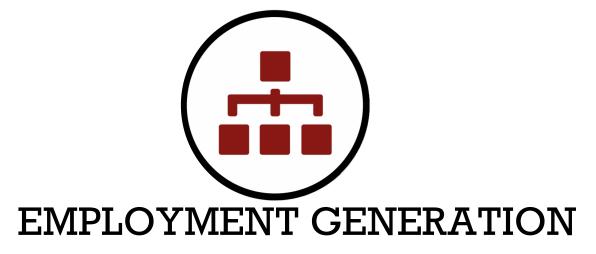
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FOCUS AREAS













COVID RELIEF: 2020 & 2021

- 2020 First Wave (April-May) \$24K contributed
 - **Assam (₹9.8L):** 1,215 families provided with 15-day ration-kit, 7 locations
 - **USA:** 100,000 meals through the food banks across the US
- 2021 Second Wave (Q2-Q3,'21) Target \$100K (or ₹70L)
 - Immediate Add capacity
 - Oxygen Cylinders
 - Oxygen Concentrators
 - PPE
 - Oximeters

Funding - 65%

- Post-Covid Relief
 - Rehabilitation of the affected
 - Innovation and infrastructure
 - Vaccination Camps

Funding - 35%





COVID RELIEF: 2021 STATUS

Funds Raised to Date:

- Received: \$67K
- Pledged: \$19K (corporate matching, in the mail, etc.)

Relief Status

- Immediate Add capacity
 - Oxygen Cylinders 50
 - Oxygen Concentrators 47
 - PPE 1500
 - Oximeters 50

Expense - \$53K or ₹37.1L

Post-Covid Relief

- Rehabilitation Funding for orphanages, adult homes, small business owners
- Innovation Funding support of new concepts
- Vaccination Awareness

Proposal in Review





COVID RELIEF: OUR PARTNERS

National Health Mission, Assam

- Installation and distribution of oxygen concentrators, PPE and oximeters
- Placed and deployed from the medical colleges in Assam
- Purbuttor Pradeshiya Marwari Yuva Manch (PPMYM)
 - Oxygen Cylinder distribution
 - 6 locations in Assam Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Cachar, Silapathar, Tezpur, Dibrugarh



THANK YOU!!!





FLOOD RELIEF - 2020

Assam Flood Relief - RVC

Provided relief to 324 Households from 5 villages under Ramdhan Dikhari Panchayat, Dhemaji District.

Sl. No	Particulars	Expenditure
1	Shelter materials (Tarpaulin 12'x15')	50,000.00
2	WASH Dignity Kit (Bucket (1), Mug (1), Sanitary Pad (2), Antiseptic liquid (1), Tooth Brush (5), Tooth Paste (2), Hair Oil (1), Bathing Soap (3), Detergent Soap (3), Comb (1)	2,72,818.00
3	Honorarium to Community Volunteers	20,000.00
4	Travel and Transportation	16,499.00
5	Awareness drive among children on Covid19 and WASH in relief camp sites	3,320.00
	Total	₹3,62,637 ~\$5130







FLOOD RESILIENCE

Flood is a necessary evil

- Unless severe, it helps rejuvenates the fields
- Villagers are normally displaced for a week or two
- Raised Handpumps and Toilets will alleviate health issues during flood
- AFNA sponsored 3 raised handpumps in 2020
- AFNA helped with boats for mobility during flood season in the past
- Also co-developed the Child Friendly Space (CFS) concept with RVC for flood relief camps







RELIEF EXECUTED in the USA

- USA Wildfires \$10,000
 - Support provided to Fire Fighter Families in the states of Washington, Oregon and California
- Feeding America \$5,000 Thanksgiving 2020
 - 20,000 meals provided
 - 2 Foodbanks (National & N. IL)
- Winter Storm Relief \$3,000
 - 10,000 meals and Water bottles were provided
 - 3 Foodbanks in the Texas –
 Houston, Austin and Dallas











PROJECT: WEAVING FOR CARE

- Objective:
 - Provide self-handmade clothing items to Charity
 - Remind the next generation that weaving is a means of self-sustenance
- 3rd Year in operation; Over 80 items donated so far
- Articles have been donated to The CARE TO KNIT, Inc. NY – who donates these to hospitals, shelters, and veterans
- THANK YOU, Donors!!
- Please contact: Kamalakshi
 Hazarika goodfund@yahoo.com





AKADAMICS

Scholarships for Degree Students:

- 8th Year of operation
- Started with 10 scholarships in 2014
- 180 scholarships awarded to date
- 38 more scholarships this year
- 137 scholars have graduated
 - B.A.(73), B.Sc.(14), B. Ayurvedic Medicine(1), B. Com.(7), B.E. and B. Tech(19), B. Pharm(3) & MBBS(19), B. Homeopathy(1)
- 2021 Goal Scale Up!!

How you can help:

- Supports 1 student for 1 অসম ফাওন্ডেচন অফ নৰ্থ আমেৰিকা





AKADAMICS - Testimonials



10th Grade: 80.5%

• 12th Grade: 90.2%

 School: B.H. Howly College

Pursuing: B.A.

Year of Graduation:2021

Father has a grocery shop. First of two girls. Parents have not studied beyond high school. First to pursue graduation. 2018 Inter college debate winner.



Dubari Kashyap

• 10th Grade: 88.4%

• 12th Grade: 89.3%

School: Jawahar
 Navodaya Vidyalaya

• Pursuing: B.Tech, IITG

Year of Graduation: 2021



Monjit Doley

Father has a lowly paying job although is a graduate. Cost of studying in IIT is too high for them to bear. Has not received any other scholarship. Multi-talented student. Recently graduated and got a job in GAII.





AKSHAR FOUNDATION

Vocational Training for Children who could not continue school

Training on Landscaping Design:

- Creation of mini golf course, planting of ornamental hedges, grafting fruits for the nursery & cultivation of organic vegetables
- Completed ~75% of the project so far
- Funded ₹ 1,61,000 (materials, equipment, transportation & salaries)

Training on Recycling:

Completed building of a recycling machine (Precious Plastics) to recycle plastics bags and plastic bottles

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- Students are constructing eco-bricks on their own
- Funded ₹ 2,61,800 (partial funding for equipment and transportation)









AKSHAR FOUNDATION

- Message from 4 students who had to drop out from school and were working as child laborers; now productive members of the society
- First batch of students from Akshar are going to appear in the 10th grade examination







SUPPORT-A-CHILD

Support for school age students:

- Society for Health and Economic Development (SHED), Sonapur
 - Supplementing expense for resident students
 - Provided \$2000 (₹1,40,000) in 2020
- Patacharkuchi High School, (near Barpeta)
 - Scholarship for students
 - Provided \$722 (₹50,000) in 2020
- Kalyani Niwas (36 girls)
 - Doctor's salary
 - Medicines, toiletries, laboratory test cost, hygienic supplies
 - Medical Items and Instruments
 - Water Purifier
 - Contributed ₹403,200 in 2021











PROJECT KIND - KALYANI NIWAS

Home for Girls aged 18 and under:

- Total permanent residents have increased from 36 to 40 by end of 2020
- Vocational trainer for weaving, doll making, arts and crafts has been hired on a part time basis
- All children at the home have been partially or fully vaccinated on a special government initiative
- Home renovations for improved living conditions underway
- Installation of a water purifier and purchasing of essential medical equipment have been prioritized
- **②** 2021 contribution ₹403,200









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ADOPT-A-GRANDMA

SENEH (Bhabada Devi Memorial Trust):

- 5th year of supporting SENEH
- 30 women all over 55 years old
- Mental and physical care is of utmost need
- \$6000 (or Rs. 4,10,000) a year for healthcare expenses



How you can help: \$300 - Supports 1 grandma for 1 year





ADOPT-A-GRANDMA: Testimonials



WEAVING FOR LIVING



Weaving Center setup

- Located in Mission Birubala office campus in Goalpara, West Assam
- Engages multiple weavers from the Mission and also women rescued from Witch-Hunting
- AFNA provided seed funding to procure looms & yarn
- On a self-sustaining mode after initial investment recovering running cost from sale of traditional clothes
- AFNA's grant-Rs. 1,76,687.00 (~\$2400)









OPERATIONS UPDATE: '20-'21





2020 - 2021 UPDATE

FUNDRAISERS:

- AFNA Art Sale (Aug) for Assam Flood- Thank you donor artists!
- Calendar Campaign (Oct-Mar) executed remotely; AFNA volunteers across different states distributed the calendars volunteering their personal time; Thank you, Volunteers!!
- AFNA Giving Week (7-days of Bohag Bihu) New campaign!!
- Convention Fund raiser (Jun-July) Today!!
- AFNA Walk & Run (Aug-Sep) Aug 29, 2021

ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS:

- Tree-4-All (NJ)
- Co-sponsoring Int. Day of Yoga
- Annual Essay Contest for Kids





ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

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- **Honoring Late Himadri Das**
- Topic:
 - "How is online collaboration bringing our community in North America closer to Assam?"
- **Last Date for Submission:**
 - July 30th, 2021
- Please go to our Social Media channels for more details



CONTEST TOPIC

To be announced in the AFNA General Body Meeting on June 27th.

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

- . The contest is open to students who are studying in a school in USA, Canada or Mexico and will be attending grade 8 through 12 in the 2020-2021 academic year
- Only Assamese origin students residing and studying in USA, Canada or Mexico can participate in the contest
- Essays must be no longer than 1500 words in length, submitted in English. typed into a Word (.doc) or PDF file (Please don't put your name or your parents' names in this document).
- Refer to the "How to Submit" section below to ensure that all necessary information is provided by each contestant. Failure to provide any part of this information will automatically disqualify the contestant from the competition

- . Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future essay contests.
- Second and third prizes will be considered based on the number of entries

HOW TO SUBMIT

The essay should be emailed to "afnaessaycontest@gmail.com" by the deadline, with the following information in the body of the email

- Contestant's Name: Parent's Names:
- · How are you connected to Assam:
- · Grade (2020-21):
- School Name, City, State:
- · Current address of residence

At least one grand prize winner will receive a Certificate

Cash Award (s)

Winning essay(s) will be published in the Post-Convention issue of the AANA-**ASSNA-AFNA** Quarterly **Publication** "PRONAAM"

DEADLINE:

To be Announced in the AFNA

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OVERSIGHT

Monthly Volunteer Meeting

- lst Sunday of every month
- 12 noon to 1 PM CST
- Zoom Meeting
- Review project execution

Quarterly Board Meeting

- 2nd Sunday of February, May, August and November
- Review overall governance



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COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE

□ 1ST Year –ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Maintained and created new online presence @AssamFoundation



- Newsletters − 20+ Years
- Calendar 10 years!!
- Led overall communications for AFNA







COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE

- Covid-19 Relief for Assam
 - Biggest & boldest fundraiser goal: \$100,000 in 3 weeks
 - Thank you to our supporter and donors who helped to spread the word



- Local organization and donors in Assam/India came forward to help!
- Well received by people in Assam







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Thank you, Communications Team!!



2021-2022 ROADMAP



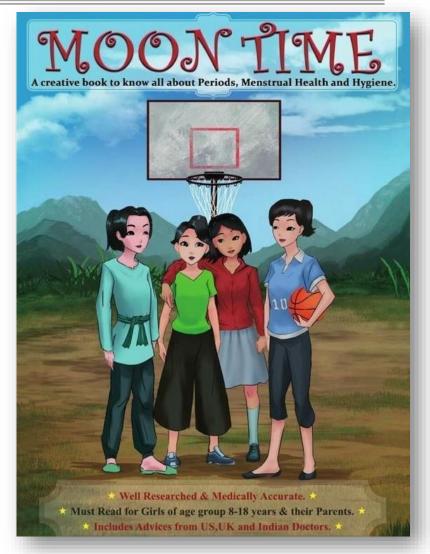
FEMALE HYGIENE KIT

Phase I (2021-2022):

- Create awareness translate "MOON TIME" to Assamese July 2021
- Print and distribute locally, in collaboration with Spherule Foundation and Mission Pink Health (IMA) target is to distribute 10,000 for free by mid 2022
- Supply free Hygiene Kits second half 2021 2022

Phase II (Late 2022):

- Biodegradable pads donate compostable pads for underprivileged girls in remote villages
- Reusable pads donate reusable pads in collaboration with Parijat Academy







POST COVID RELIEF – IN PLAN PHASE

Relief and Rehabilitation Plan –

- Immediate Relief food & safety relief for the affected families
- Targeting 500 to 1000 families
- Livelihood rebuilding through support in economic activity
- Working on finalizing proposal with new and existing partners
- Support Innovative products
 - For disinfecting and sanitization
- Vaccination Awareness













CONTINUED FOCUS

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- Education:
 - Support-A-Child
 - AKADAMICS
- Healthcare:
 - Adopt-A-Grandma
 - PROJECT KIND
- Employment Generation:
 - Support-A-Disabled Worker
 - Vocational Training
- Disaster Relief:
 - Flood Relief Phase 2 and 3

We will continue our work on:

- Tree-4-All, Arbor Day (NJ)
- Ecoblast (NJ)
- International Day Of Yoga (NY)
- AFNA Annual Essay Competition
- Weaving for Care
- Special Projects (all over US)



NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS – NOMINATION – 2021 - 2022



BOARD BOARD

New BOD Election Process

- Process: According to AFNA constitution Article V, Section 11
 - The Board of Directors elect the Nominating Committee consisting of AFNA's President and at least one other Director at a BoD meeting. This year the committee was formed with Lipika Deka, the Chair of the Board, Debabrata Sarma, a BoD member and Sarfaraz Taher, AFNA president
 - The announcement of the committee was made in the volunteer meeting held on Apr 11th, 2021.
 - The committee diligently worked on finding the initial nominations and announced the initial nominations of the directors about 30 days prior to the Annual General Body Meeting (Article V, Section 3) through email to our volunteers and members.
 - The final nomination is announced here today by the nomination committee.
 - All current members of AFNA will vote to approve the nomination here.



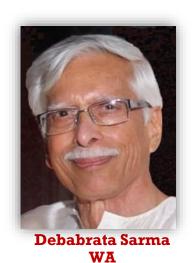
NOMINATIONS – 2021 to 2022





CA







Pradip Das

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Lipika Deka CA

Pallav Saikia CA

NJ



OUTGOING BOD MEMBER





We want to thank our outgoing BoD Somesh Barkataki for his service as a Director during the years 2019-2021



EX OFFICIO MEMBERS





Enakshi Baruah, IL, Gen. Secy.



Sarfaraz Taher, MN, President





CURRENT - 2020 TO 2022



Sarfaraz Taher, MN, President



Enakshi Baruah, IL, Gen. Secretary



Chandan Mozumder, MI, Vice President (Comms.)



Anamitra Bhattacharyya, MI, Treasurer



FUND RAISING KICK-OFF





AFNA HAS HAD HUGE GROWTH

VOLUNTEERS

- You can choose your project of choice
- You do not have to be members to contribute
- You will have a passionate team to work with
- We are an apolitical and not affiliated to any faith

MEMBERS

- Members have voting rights during meetings
- \$25 annual membership fee

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

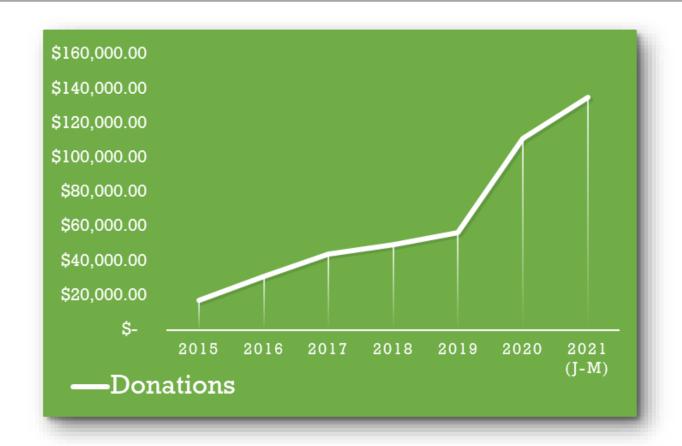
We need 50 new volunteers/members

If you are interested, you can raise your hand now OR indicate in the chat line OR email us at info@assamfoundation.net

OR call any AFNA volunteer/member for information



AFNA HAS HAD HUGE GROWTH



We need more hands to support this growth





FUND RAISING

- SUPPORT-A-CHILD
 - **GOAL:** \$10,000
- ADOPT-A-GRANDMA
 - **GOAL:** \$12,000
- HYGIENE KIT
 - **GOAL:** \$10,000
- AKADAMICS
 - **GOAL:** \$12,000

HOW CAN YOU HELP:

\$300 can support 3 students for 1 year

\$300 can support 1 Grandma for 1 year

\$500 can support 10 girls for 1 year

\$350 can support 1 student for 1 year

AFNA BOD will match the first \$2000 of your donation





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HOW CAN YOU HELP:

ADOPT-A-GRANDMA

AKADAMICS

COVID-RELIEF

DISASTER RELIEF

GENERAL FUND

PROJECT KIND

SUPPORT-A-CHILD

SUPPORT-A-DISABLED WORKER

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

WEAVING-FOR-CARE

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WE NEED YOUR PATRONAGE

- CORPORATE MATCHING
- AMAZON SMILE
- TAXES THROUGH H&R BLOCK

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Support AFNA by starting your shopping at https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0994468





Help AFNA earn during the tax season

- Mention AFNA to your H&R Block Tax Consultant
- AFNA earns \$20 for your referral
- There is no cost to you
- AFNA has been earning meaningful amounts via this non-profit referral program

TAKE PART IN OUR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

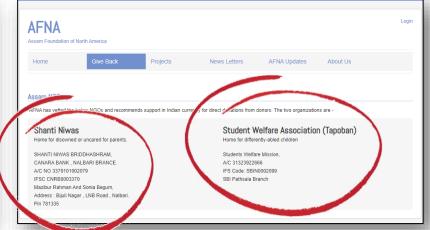




DONATE TO ORGANIZATIONS IN INDIA AFNA

- Organizations vetted by AFNA
 - Shanti Niwas Briddhashram, Nalbari:
 - Shelter for Old and Helpless and Abandoned Parents
 - Students Welfare Association/Tapoban, Pathsala:
 - Residential School for Differently Abled Children







AFNA ANTHEM - FELICITATIONS



AFNA ANTHEM – THE TEAM

The Singers (In order of their appearance)



Isha Kaushik

A recent Neuroscience graduate from the University of Michigan, Isha is an avid musician, who can sing in multiple languages, and play several musical instruments with equal dexterity. She has been actively involved with various events and activities of the Assamese community of North America since her childhood.



Nimisha Bora

Nimisha Bora is a rising junior at Eastview High School in Minnesota. Singing, composing, and playing a variety of instruments is what she loves most. Nimisha has been promoting our Assamese culture through music by performing at fundraisers and global events. She also wants to give back some of her time to help animals in need in Assam.



Prithu Neog

An eight grader, at Carnage Magnet Middle School in North Carolina, Prithu have been taking singing lessons and learning piano from a young age. He is also proficient in playing bass, drums, guitars & synthesizers. He listens to a diverse variety of genres and has also ventured into songwriting and production. His projects are on his YouTube channel - Prithu Neog.



Shreya Pujari

Shreya, from
Pleasanton, CA, is a
singer at the Berklee
College of Music. She
frequently sings,
dances, models, and
participates in various
events to promote
Assamese culture to a
global audience.



Ashwin Hazarika

An 8th grader at Clarksville
Middle School, Ashwin is
excited to be in high school
this fall. His passion is to sing,
play soccer and write poems.
He is a singer and song writer
who can sing Bollywood,
Western and Assamese songs.
He was honored to sing the
U.S. national anthem in
Democratic National
Convention in Aug 2020.



Sangeet Barkataki

Sangeet is a rising sophomore at Amador Valley High School, in San Francisco Bay Area. His passion is singing, song writing and music production. He loves to play soccer, is trained in Taekwondo and participates actively in National Quiz Bowl. He is trained in Indian and western vocal music.

Concept and Lyrics

Krishanu Kaushik

After having served AFNA in various official roles, Krishanu continues to be an active volunteer, leading various aspects including fund-raising, community engagement, volunteer outreach and other special initiatives, like the annual Essay Competition, involving the next generation.

Composer (Tune and Music)



Joon Jonak

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Music composer, director, arranger and singer who have composed music for more than 700 Assamese songs, for various popular singers and a couple of feature films. He owns and manages a professional recording studio - Studio DJ - in Jyotinagar, Tinsukia.

Video Production and Editing

Krishna Hazarika



Krishna Hazarika, an IT executive by profession, enjoys painting, photography, audio and video editing; and many more. Lately he is enjoying the company of 8 months old puppy Leo



Q & A



VOTE OF THANKS





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