

Annual Progress Report 2024 General Body Meeting June 22nd, 2024

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President: Chandan Mozumder Vice President (Comms): Nabarun Das

Secretary: Kamalakshi Hazarika Treasurer: Rita Sarmah Kataki

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2024 GENERAL BODY MEETING

WELCOME!!





A FEW VIRTUAL MEETING RULES

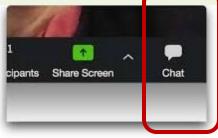


Other than the presenters, all lines will be on mute



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!!



Ritupon Gogoi
Director, Foundation for Social
Transformation (FST)



Apurba Thakuria
State Programme Officer (TT)
Axom Sarba Siksha Abhiyan

- Welcome Donors and Patrons!!
- Welcome AFNA Members and Volunteers!!
- Welcome AFNA Officers and Board of Directors!!





MOMENT OF SILENCE

In Memory Of Community Members Who Have Left Us For The Heavenly Abode



ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

- Opening Ceremony AFNA Anthem
- Felicitation Of Our Invited Guests
- 2023-2024 Year in Review
 - Project Updates
 - Operational Updates
 - Financial Updates
- 2024-2025 Roadmap
- Nomination and Election of new Board Member & Executive Team
- Kick-off to the Fundraising Campaign
- Vote of Thanks
- Closing Ceremony Jatiyo Xangeet Detroit (MI) kids





ANTHEM INAUGURATION



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



FELICITATION OF INVITED GUESTS





Ritupon Gogoi

Director, Foundation for Social Transformation (FST)





- Executive Director, Foundation for Social Transformation (FST), a well known development agency in the North East region
- Social development professional with over 22 years of hands-on experience in community development in both urban and rural settings
- Knowledge and experience working with grassroots organizations, funders and philanthropic institution
- Expertise in results-based management, youth development, gender, and human rights
- Firm believer and practitioner of process-oriented development that is localized and community-led
- Worked in Indo-Global Social Service Society, an Indian donor agency, for 12 years before joining FST in 2016

YouTube Link: xyz





Apurba Thakuria

State Programme Officer (TT), Axom Sarba Siksha Abhiyan

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- Inspector Of Schools, Morigaon, Assam
- Former Inspector Of Schools, Kamrup, Assam
- Long cherished experiences in school education sector
- Winner of National Award given by Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, for Innovative and Best Practices taken in the district of Kamrup
- His best practice in Gohalkona, AssamMeghalaya Border area was highly
 appreciated by treasury & opposition benches
 in Assam State Assembly in the year 2022
- His writings are published in numerous magazine, paper & journals and penned down the book titled Saikhikh Prayasor Dastabez

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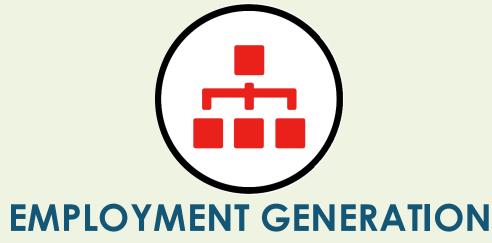
YEAR IN REVIEW: '23-'24

FOCUS AREAS











FIELD VISIT REPORT (RANJU SARMA)

- **Ralyani Niwas: shelter for abandoned and abused girls ages 2 to 21 in Ulubari, Guwahati**
- ASHANEER: shelter for special need girls ages 6 to 18
- A very warm welcome from the girls with impromptu Bihu dances, singing and poem recitals
 - Met future social worker, doctor and a school topper
- Current Needs:
 - A math/science tutor for the upper grades for girls aspiring to study science in college: Cost Rs. 2,00,000
 - A Physiotherapist + Medicine for Epilepsy and Neuro-Muscular Disease for the year for ASHANEER: Cost Rs.3,60,000

How you can help: total need \$6800 Please pledge your donation







FIELD VISIT REPORT (RANJU SARMA)

- SHED: rehabilitation center for specially abled children in Sonapur, Guwahati
- Visited the new girls hostel
 - Children are participating in the gardening and planting flower pots and hanging basket. They also create a variety of decorative items.
 - Looks like autistic children find English easier than Assamese.
- **Current needs:**
 - Renovate the old Girls hostel (Ceiling/Doors Rs. 1,02,000.00, Floor/Windows Rs. 61,000.00, Roof Rs. 43,000.00, Electric System Rs. 18,000.00): Cost Rs. 2,42,000.00

How you can help: total need \$3000 Please pledge your donation





FIELD VISIT REPORT (DEBOJIT BORA)

- Parijat Academy: residential school in Pamohi, Guwahati
 - Attended group activities such as yarn making and weaving where men and ladies were busy making beautiful dresses for commercial purposes
 - Met some teenage students involved with making manure/fertilizer for vegetables they grow
 - Met older boys making thread from banana trunks, and jute (from which they made saleable handicraft articles)
 - All such activities were under the self-sustaining initiatives of Parijat Academy
- **Current Needs:**
 - Teachers' salary: Cost Rs. 2,00,000/month
 - Rebuilding and repairing the school classrooms, hostel rooms & solar installation: Rs. 12,50,000

How you can help: total need \$18,000 Please pledge your donation







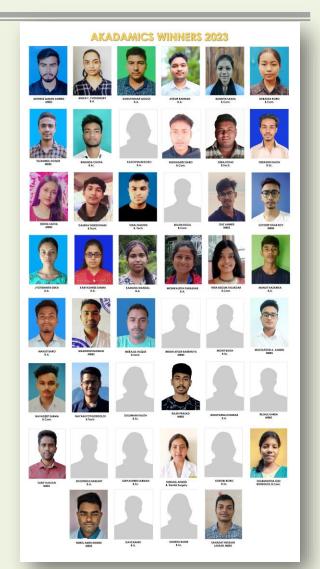
AKADAMICS



Scholarships for Degree Students:

- 11th Year of operation
- Started with 10 scholarships in 2014
- 263 scholarships awarded to date
- 207 scholars have graduated
 - B.A.(96), B.Sc.(21), B. Ayurvedic Medicine(1), B. Com.(18), B.E. and B. Tech(25), B. Pharm(3) & MBBS(33), B. Homeopathy(4), Dentistry(2), Others (4)
- Awarded 75 scholarship in 2023-2024
- 2024 2025 Goal 75 scholarships
- AFNA invests \$26,000 annually on this project

How you can help: \$350 - Supports 1 student for 1 year





AKADAMICS - TESTIMONIALS





PAKHI PATHAK
B.Sc.
Chaiduar College,
Gohpur



ADNAN NAFIS

MBBS

Assam Medical College,
Dibrugarh





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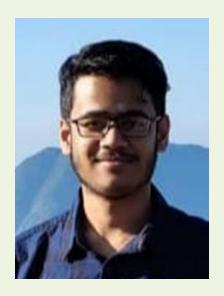
Late Habibur Rahman Boruah Memorial Scholarship 2023 Winners



MERAJUL HAQUE

B.Tech (Civil. Engg.)

Assam Engineering College,
Guwahati



B.Tech (Elec. Engg.)
Assam Engineering College,
Guwahati

Thank you, Mrs. Dilara Boruah and Family!!



WEAVING FOR CARE



- The "Weaving For Care" program is in its 6th year ?
- **Volunteers across North America and Canada are** requested to send handmade clothing items
- All contributions received are sent to a charity called **CARE TO KNIT, INC. in New York**
- Items are distributed in shelters, hospitals and other places
- Children can volunteer in the program and receive a certificate and volunteering hours for college
- Our special thanks to AFNA donors Dr. Archana Chatterjee, Dr. Malaya Roychowdhury, Mrs. Enakshi Baruah and other AFNA members for their generous contribution and support.

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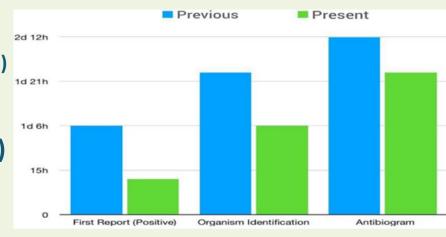


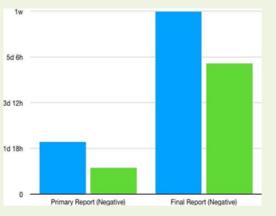
CACHAR CANCER HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTER (CCHRC)

- CCHRC requested two much needed test systems:
 - **ID-AST (Identification and Antibiotic Susceptibility System)**
 - Automated blood culture system
- AFNA contributed Rs. 12,60,000 (50% cost sharing)
- Both Test Systems were installed in July 2023



- Of 361 Blood Culture in Bact/Alert 3D, the hospital served 340+ individuals (a few patients requested for a second culture report)
- In ID/AST system ie. VITEK2 COMPACT: Hospital ran positive isolates from the previous machine, a total of 144 samples were processed and a total of 135+ patients benefited post installation







FEMALE HYGIENE



- Menstrual hygiene book Moon Time was translated to Assamese
- চন্দ্র সময় (Moon Time) was launched in November of 2023 at Guwahati Press Club by AFNA, IMA & Samagra Siksha
 - 1000 books were printed and distributed through IMA Assam branch and Samagra Sikha, Assam.
 - 3500 additional books are in print.
 - 360 schools are covered so far.
- We are distributing 10 books per school

How you can help: \$300 - covers girls in 15 schools











AMRAPARI - WE CAN

- AFNA supported this sustainable project of women's empowerment from October'22 to October'23
- © 60 women Artisans of poor economic condition belonging to Char-Chapori and other areas of Barpeta trained on design and quality of Kheta stitching/embroidery
- 10 Artisans were given Master training & exposure to sustainability
- Women Artisans were trained to establish Market Linkages – Participation in commercial melas, Expos, Brand building, linkages with Govt., and Financial Institutions
- AFNA also provided financial support for Raw Materials and 10 ft sewing machines









EMPLOYMENT GENERATION - ATMA NIRBHAR

Contributed Rs. 6 Lakhs (US \$7,500) towards one time salary shortfall



- Earthquake in Turkey US\$ 5,000
- Wildfire in Maui, Hawaii US\$ 6,000



Annual support of US\$ 6,000 (Rs. 4,80,000) towards health care expenses



Matching scholarship support to High School girls









DONOR ADVISED FUND (DAF)

Dutta-Baruah Orphan Welfare Fund ?

- Equipment for a Library at Panbazar Adarsha Prathamik Vidyalaya, Guwahati
- Annual contribution towards AKSHAR Foundation
- Flood Relief Boat Construction (through RVC)
- Annual Contribution towards AFNA

THANK YOU, Mr. Lohit Datta-Barua!!







OPERATIONS UPDATE: '23-'24





OVERSIGHT

Monthly Volunteer Meeting

- 1st Sunday of every month
- 1:00-2:00pm EST 10:00-11:00am PST
- Virtual Meeting
- Review project execution

Quarterly Board Meeting

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









2023 - 2024 UPDATE

ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS :

- Aug-Sep:
 - AFNA Walk & Run
- Oct- Mar:
 - Calendar Campaign
 - Weaving For Care
- April
 - AFNA Giving Week (7-days of Bohag Bihu)
- May-June:
 - Annual Art Contest
 - Annual Essay Contest
- Jun-July
 - GBM/Convention Fund raiser— TODAY!!





6th AFNA WALK & RUN

- A fun community event that promotes a healthy lifestyle and also raises funds for AFNA's charitable projects
 - It has brought the California Assamese community together over the years for AFNA's cause
 - It has been a very successful fundraiser for AFNA bringing new volunteers
- AFNA run is also organized across the country in Minneapolis, Michigan and NJ by local volunteers around the same time.







Sep 8, 2024

Fremont, CA

Connect with us if you want to arrange this event in your area





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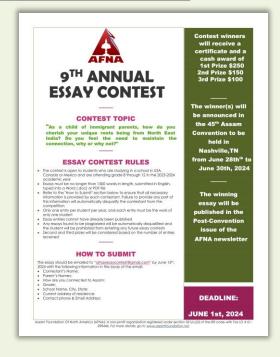




ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

- Topic: As a child of Immigrant parents, how do you cherish your unique roots being from North-East India? Do you feel the need to maintain the connection, why or why not?
- Open to high school students on North America
- Submission deadline: 15th June 2024
- Entrees are submitted to the judges & winners will be announced soon, keep checking our Social Media channels
- Winning entries will be featured in "Fall 2024 Newsletter"

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ANNUAL ART CONTEST

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- Open to all artists around the world
- Theme:
 - Historic Monuments of Assam (past & present)
- Submission deadline extended to:
 - 31st July 2024
- Winning entries will be featured in "2025" Calendar" and "Fall 2024 Newsletter"
- Please go to our Social Media channels for more details





COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE

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Overall communication for AFNA

- Event/Fundraiser announcements & create awareness about AFNA's projects
- Manage online presence@AssamFoundation



- Newsletters 20+ Years
- Calendar 10+ years
- Website Revamp 2024 Focus





2024-2025 ROADMAP





CONTINUED FOCUS

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- Female Hygiene Project
- Partnership with Cachar Cancer Hospital
- Adopt-A-Grandma
- Project KIND

Education

- AKADAMICS
- Support-A-Child

Employment Generation

- Partnership with FST
- Support-A-Disabled Worker

Humanitarian Relief

- Plood relief
- Disaster relief
- Weaving for Care

We will continue our work on:

- Special Projects (all over US)
- AFNA Calendar, Annual Essay& Art Contests
- Tree-4-All, Arbor Day (NJ)
- Ecoblast (NJ)
- International Day Of Yoga (NY)

AFNA

SCALING UP

WHAT?

- Projects in our focus areas that impact 0.1 to 1% of Population
- Projects that have maximum reach with limited funding available

! HOW?

- GO-NGO, NGO-Corporation Partnership
- Partnership with Large Foundations & Universities
- Large Donor Assisted Funds
- Presence in Assam

? WHEN?

- Phase I: seed funding for 1-3 years
- Phase II: continued funding for next 5-10 years (based of Phase I evaluation)

Present status:

- BoD & Officers engaged
- Call for high-impact projects







CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

- U can make a Difference
- Volunteers of all ages needed
 - Project Execution AKADAMICS | Calendar
 - Fundraising AFNA Run | Convention
 - Social Media Facebook | Instagram | X
 - Communication Website | Newsletter | GBM
- Eligible volunteers will receive recognition from AFNA & AmeriCorps (PVSA)

https://tinyurl.com/AFNAvol2024







NEW OFFICERS – NOMINATIONS 2024 - 2026





Nomination and Election of Officers

Process: AFNA constitution Article V, Section 11

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- This year the committee was formed with Sarfaraz Taher, the Chair of the Board, Lipika Deka & Ranju Sarma, BoD members, and Chandan Mozumder, AFNA President in the BoD meeting held on March 22nd, 2024.
- The committee through due process announced the prospective Officers on May 22nd, 2024, which met the stipulation of 30 days notice prior to the Annual General Body Meeting (as per Article V, Section 3) through email to our volunteers and members.
- The final nomination is announced here today
- 2 All current members of AFNA will vote to approve the nomination here.

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Nominations for Officers New Term: 2024-26

NEW OFFICER



Chandan Mozumder, CA
President



Nabarun Das, MI Vice President



Kamalakshi Hazarika, NJ Secretary



Rita Kataki, CA Treasurer



Congratulations Officers!! New Term: 2024-26





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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – Treasurer as Ex-officio Director



Treasurer as Ex-Officio Director

Constitution: Article VI, Section 1. Number and Name of Officers

".... The President and the Secretary of the Foundation shall be the Directors and the other officers may, but need not be, Directors.

On a Regular Board Meeting on Dec 23rd, 2023, the Board of Directors agreed to amend the bye-law language in the above section to:

".... The President, and the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Foundation shall be the Directors and the other officers may, but need not be, Directors. ..."

Constitution: Article XII, Section 1. Amendments of By-Laws

The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to amend, alter or repeal these By-laws or any provision thereof, and may from time to time make additional By-laws.



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Nominations for Directors, Term: 2024-25



Enakshi Baruah, IL

Sangeeta Saikia, TX



Niren Choudhury, NJ



Ranju Sarma, CA



Hiranya Nath, TX



Sarfaraz Taher, MN

Ex Officio



Chandan Mozumder, CA
President



Kamalakshi Hazarika, NJ Secretary



Rita Kataki, CA Treasurer

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Congratulations Directors!! Term: 2024-25



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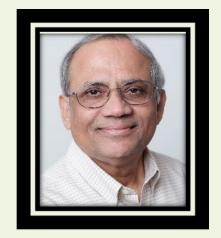
Rita Kataki, CA Treasurer





Thanks to Outgoing Directors

We want to thank our outgoing Directors, Pradip Das & Lipika Deka for their service over the past years and we are grateful for their continued involvement with our projects.



Pradip Das, MO



Lipika Deka, CA





Welcome to New Director



- Dr. Hiranya K. Nath is a Professor of Economics at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) in Huntsville, Texas (USA)
- Global Experience: Has held visiting and adjunct positions at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane (Australia), the IIT Guwahati, Tezpur University, and the Indian Institute of Information Technology Guwahati (IIITG)
- Strong Track Record of Community Service spends significant amount of time in Assam serving the community

He believes that life is all about living.



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 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



FUND RAISING

PHEALTHCARE: Goal \$30,000

- FEMALE HYGIENGE
- CACHAR CANCER HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTER
- RALYANI NIVAS / ASHANEER
- ADOPT-A-GRANMA

EDUCATION: Goal \$30,000

- AKADAMICS
- SUPPORT-A-CHILD

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION: Goal \$20,000

- FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION (FST)
- SUPPORT-A-DISABLED WORKER

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- FLOOD RELIEF
- DISASTER RELIEF

HOW CAN YOU HELP:

\$500 can support 1 cancer patient's expenses for 1 year

\$5000 can support distribution of 2500 books/250 schools

\$350 can support 1 student for 1 year

\$500 can support 1 worker for 1 year

BODs have committed to matching up to \$4000



WE NEED YOUR PATRONAGE

- CORPORATE MATCHING
- TAXES THROUGH H&R BLOCK

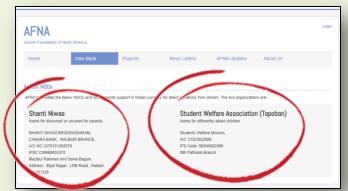


TAKE PART IN OUR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

DIRECT DONATION TO ORGANIZATIONS IN INDIA

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







VOTE OF THANKS





DONORS & VOLUNTEERS!!!



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PLEASE JOIN US AT THE CONVENTION





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