



# AANA Regional Spotlight

## from the Twin Cities

### Minnesota Highlights, March 2026

Hello! We are from the US -Midwest Great Plains region comprising of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Spring in the Midwest Great Plains really does have a distinct feel 🌱  
Here is our first regional spotlight from Minnesota.



On January 7, 2026, Chandra Dhar Bordoloi, father of Dr. Sanjeev Bordoloi, celebrated his **100th birthday** in Jorhat. Dr. Sanjeev Bordoloi (top, right) is a Professor in the College of Business at the University of St. Thomas, Minnesota. Family, relatives, friends, neighbors, and other guests, totaling about 200, attended the lavish birthday party. Earlier that day, his family sponsored free lunch via Roti-on-Wheels, a prominent hunger-relief project launched by the Lions Club of Jorhat, to about 300 people.



The Assamese Minnesota community celebrated Magh Bihu at Rupam and Sukanya's home in Carver, Minnesota. Despite the subzero temperatures outside, the warmth of the gathering and the spirit of the community made it a truly cozy and joyful evening. The highlight of the celebration was the delectable spread of traditional Bihu fare and traditional Bhogali Bihu games. The authentic Assamese dishes combined with laughter and lively conversations made the evening truly memorable for all.

Saniyah Taher, a senior at Mounds View High School and a member of Team Potential Energy, a *FIRST* Robotics team, recently competed at the State Robotics Championship and has qualified for the World Robotics Championship in Houston, Texas. This is the third consecutive time that this team has represented Minnesota in the World Championships. This international tournament will feature teams from 30-35 countries. We wish Saniyah the very best of luck as she represents her team on the world stage! Saniyah is the daughter of Sarfaraz Taher and Sabina Zeenat.

