



# অসম এছ'চিয়েচন অফ নর্থ আমেৰিকা Assam Association of North America (AANA) **AANA REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT – April 2026** **Michigan**

## **Bhogali Bihu, January 2026**

The crisp, cold evening did not deter the warm, enthusiastic spirit of the Aami Raiz! Bhogali Bihu was celebrated with much pomp and fare on January 24th. As always, we commemorated the evening with a makeshift 'Agni puja', offering our thanks to the elements that help us provide food and nourish the soul.

Throughout the evening, some community members regaled us with songs, both nostalgic and upbeat. A hearty meal is the center piece of any Bhogali Bihu celebration, and this year was no exception! After a sumptuous feast of home-cooked comforts, we hit the floor for some Mukoli Bihu, bringing the evening to a close, with the anticipation of Rongali Bihu around the corner.



## **AAMI Engages in Cultural Exchange Through Saraswati Puja Celebrations, March 2026**

AAMI continued its active engagement with the local diaspora through participation in Saraswati Puja celebrations hosted by fellow community organizations. At the event organized by the Udayan Bengali Community, Birina Phukan presented a graceful Kathak performance. Her students also captivated the audience with a beautiful Kathak presentation. The MBA band added to the festive spirit with lively renditions of popular songs.

At another Saraswati Puja celebration hosted by the West Michigan Bengali Cultural Association, Ashvi Sharma performed a soulful bhajan, while Smaya Sharma participated in a dance performance. Through these collaborative efforts, AAMI continues to foster warm cultural connections and promote meaningful exchange within the broader diaspora community.

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