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Assam Association of North America (AANA)

AANA REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT – April 2026

Michigan

Pranjit Deka Visit and His Community Engagement in Michigan, March 2026

AAMI had the pleasure of welcoming Pranjit Deka, Executive Editor of Headline8, during his official visit under the U.S. Department of State–sponsored International Visitor Leadership Program, which took him across several major U.S. cities. During his Michigan visit, members of the Assamese diaspora made special efforts to connect with him. In a spontaneous gathering, Pranjit attended a Bihu rehearsal hosted by Dipshika and Anujit Barooah. The interaction evolved into a meaningful cultural exchange and was later featured on his news platform.

Another highlight of his visit was a dinner reception hosted by Ashapurna and Vishal Sharma for Pranjit Deka and his delegation. The evening offered a valuable opportunity for dialogue and exchange of ideas with the visiting delegates. AAMI looks forward to such engagements in the future, further strengthening ties between Assam and the global Assamese community.



Rongali Bihu, April 2026

The 57th AAMI Rongali Bihu celebration was a vibrant and culturally enriching gathering that brought the community together to welcome the Assamese New Year. This year's theme held special significance as we paid tribute to our beloved Zubeen Da while commemorating the birth centenary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika. Our Bihutoli beautifully reflected both the legends enduring legacy through thoughtful and creative tributes presented by AAMI.

The event began with a warm 'meet and greet', where guests enjoyed traditional pitha, pona, and snacks prepared by members. The cultural program featured "Mukti," the children's segment, and "Akashi Ganga," the adult performances. The children's presentations beautifully reflected enthusiasm, talent, and cultural pride through song and dance presentations. The program then transitioned into a dynamic series of adult performances, showcasing a rich blend of classical, folk, and contemporary art forms. Audiences were treated to elegant Kathak pieces, energetic Bihu and Bollywood dances, and a variety of musical performances, including an Asha Bhosle medley in her honor. The timeless classics of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, and lively renditions of Zubeen Da's songs, all thoughtfully curated to align with the evening's theme. A highlight of the celebration was the spirited Mukoli Bihu performance, which captured the true vibrancy and essence of the festival. The event concluded with a dinner, offering attendees a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect, and celebrate together, making the 57th AAMI Rongali Bihu a truly memorable and heartfelt occasion.

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