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Assam Association of North America (AANA)

AANA REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT – June 2026

The Assamese Cultural Society of Greater Houston, Texas

The Houston Assamese Community has been organizing Assamese events for decades. For the first time, the community organized as a nonprofit to support these events and come together as a formal community.

As indicated in their website - <https://www.acsgghouston.org/> - The Assamese Cultural Society of Greater Houston, referred to as ACSGH is a cultural, charitable, social, non-profit and non-political organization with the sole purpose of celebrating, conserving and building awareness of the rich Assamese culture in the Greater Houston area. The organization operates within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The upcoming calendar of events ACSGH has put together are - Srimanta Sankar Janmotsav, Diwali 2026, Magh Bihu 2027 and Rongali Bihu 2027 in addition to many events the association already organized in 2025 - 2026. These events are colorful, a large gathering shows up, the food is incredible show casing cuisine such as omita khar, masor tenga, duck curry, xoriyot diya mas, narikol laru, ghila pitha,it is a long exotic list. The shows exhibited at these events are just as amazing. Bihu nas, gaan, husori, kobita, drama, and children presentations representing the Assamese culture light up the stage. The professionalism with which these events are organized is commendable.

The association has actively kept their finances intact and collects a voluntary donation annually. It has established a bank account, by-laws and adheres to the process of operating a non-profit with regular collaboration within the committee. The association has a strong outreach to the Assamese Houstonian community. The committee is comprised of distinguished members as noted in their home page (<https://www.acsgghouston.org/committee-members>). As many veterans have aged, a newer generation is coming into the picture to continue our heritage here in Texas.

The efficiency of Assamese people in the US and Canada in organizing themselves and keeping our culture vibrant has been incredible. ACSGH follows the same spirit, keeping Bihu, Diwali, Sankardev Tithi and other get togethers highly enjoyable in the Greater Houston area, the fourth largest metropolitan area in the US. The organization has invited notable people such as Mayur Bora and astronaut Mike Fincke (directly from space at the 2025 Sankardev Tithi) to the community. It also connects us to other Assamese communities through organizations such as AANA and AFNA. Other regions in the US and Canada may benefit from following the formalized structure Houston has adopted.

More than anything else, the association benefits children. It keeps Assam – the culture and heritage, the Axomiya experience alive for our children, a goal that the Assamese forefathers in Houston had envisioned. We thank the committee and members of the Assamese Cultural Society of Greater Houston for taking this step to bring together a heart, a home to us.

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