

2nd Global Assamese Conference 2027

31 December 2026 – 2 January

Host Platform: Global Assamese Engagement Initiative

Main Venue: Assam Down Town University, Guwahati

Day 1 Venue: Mystique Mayong Resort, Mayong, Morigaon

CONVENTION THEME

Connect, Collaborate, Contribute: Assam in a Changing World

The 2nd Global Assamese Convention 2027 will bring together the Assamese diaspora, friends of Assam, local institutions, professionals, entrepreneurs, civic leaders, academics, cultural practitioners and community members to explore practical pathways for engagement with Assam's future. The Convention will move beyond sentiment alone. It will seek to identify areas where ideas, experience, institutional partnerships and diaspora goodwill can be translated into realistic action.

Day 1

Thursday, 31 December 2026

Nature, Fellowship and New Year's Resolve

Venue: Mystique Mayong Resort, Mayong

THEME

Return to the Land: Nature, Fellowship and a Shared Commitment to Assam

Day 1 will open the Convention not in a conventional conference hall, but in the natural and cultural landscape of Mayong. It will be a retreat-style gathering centred on arrival, welcome, local experience, fellowship, cultural celebration and a New Year's pledge to serve Assam.

Programme Outline

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm | Arrival, Registration and Check-in

Delegates arrive at Mystique Mayong Resort, complete registration, collect welcome kits and check in.

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm | Welcome Tea: Arrival into the Landscape

A relaxed fellowship tea introducing delegates to the natural setting of Mayong and Pobitora.

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm | Opening Circle: Why We Have Come

A warm opening circle to establish the spirit of the gathering as one of connection, humility, service and shared belonging.

4:15 pm – 5:45 pm | Mayong Experience Tracks

Delegates may choose from parallel local experience tracks, subject to weather and logistical feasibility:

Track A: Nature and Village Walk

Track B: Mayong Heritage and Museum Visit

Track C: Storytelling and Oral Traditions

Track D: Local Craft and Handloom Interaction

5:45 pm – 6:30 pm | Sunset Fellowship Tea:

“For Assam, I Offer...”

Participants will be invited to write one sentence beginning with:

“For Assam, I wish...” or “For Assam, I can offer...”

These reflections will form the Mayong Wall of Intentions.

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm | Mayong Evening Fellowship

Conversation, Dinner and Stories Across the Brahmaputra

An extended evening of reflection, fellowship, food, storytelling and informal networking in the natural setting of Mayong. The session begins with a short curated conversation on:

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Nature, Memory and the Future of Assam

Suggested voices:

1. A local naturalist or Pobitora representative
2. A Mayong cultural historian, elder or community representative
3. A diaspora representative reflecting on responsibility and engagement

This will be followed by a fellowship dinner:

Taste of Assam, Taste of the World

Delegates may be seated around broad themes such as health, education, enterprise, culture, environment, youth, heritage, technology and community development.

The evening will then transition into:

Bonfire Fellowship: Stories Across the Brahmaputra

Suggested elements include a folk song, diaspora memory, a humorous Assam story, a local community voice, youth reflection, and informal group singing.

10:00 pm – 11:30 pm | New Year's Eve Cultural Celebration

Music, performance, Bihu and folk elements, diaspora youth participation, informal dance and fellowship.

11:30 pm – 11:55 pm | The Silent Fifteen: Listening to the Land

A reflective pause before midnight, with selected reflections from the Mayong Wall of Intentions.

11:55 pm – 12:10 am | Midnight Countdown and Mayong New Year Pledge

Delegates welcome 2027 together with a shared pledge to connect, collaborate and contribute to Assam with humility, discipline and care.

12:10 am onwards | Celebration Under the Open Sky

Day 2

Friday, 1 January 2027

Enterprise, Skills, Healthcare and Practical Innovation

Venue: Assam Down Town University, Guwahati

Optional Dawn Programme (6:00 am – 8:00 am)

Pobitora Dawn Experience

Subject to availability and prior booking, delegates may join an early-morning wildlife safari, a birdwatching walk, a nature photography session, or a quiet dawn reflection in the resort surroundings.

THEME

From Aspiration to Capability: Building Assam's Future

Day 2 will combine the formal inauguration with plenary sessions focused on entrepreneurship, skills, healthcare quality and practical problem-solving. The aim is to bring the diaspora and local institutions into conversation with people already building, innovating and serving within Assam.

MORNING

9:00 am – 9:45 am | Delegate Arrival, Registration and Networking

Arrival of delegates, institutional representatives, invited guests and participants.

9:45 am – 11:00 am | Formal Inaugural Session

Formal opening of the 2nd Global Assamese Convention 2027.

- Welcome address
- Lighting of the ceremonial lamp
- Introduction to the Global Assamese Engagement Initiative
- Greetings from Assam Down Town University
- Addresses by invited dignitaries
- Statement of purpose for the Convention
- Acknowledgement of partners, organisers and diaspora delegates

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11:00 am – 11:20 am | Release of the Convention Souvenir

The Convention Souvenir will be released as a record of memory, ideas, diaspora voices, institutional aspirations and the continuing journey from GAC 2026 to GAC 2027.

11:20 am – 11:40 am | Tea Break

11:40 am – 12:30 pm | Keynote Address I

Assam, Identity and Global Belonging

The first keynote will frame the wider meaning of global Assamese engagement: how Assam can remain rooted in its cultural and historical inheritance while engaging confidently with India and the wider world. Possible focus areas:

- Assamese identity in a global age
- Language and cultural continuity
- The responsibility of the diaspora
- Institution-building beyond events; Assam's place in India and the world

AFTERNOON

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm | Plenary I

Local Enterprise, Global Confidence: Entrepreneurial Journeys from Assam

This plenary will feature successful local entrepreneurs whose work demonstrates that Assam's future can be built through discipline, imagination, risk-taking and local confidence.

Coordinator:

Dr Nayanjyoti Goswami
Managing Director, Assam Startup / AISF

Entrepreneur Speakers:

Anupam Deka, Repose
Manoj Kr. Basumatary, Pigman
Akash Jyoti Gogoi, Bahubali Egg

The entrepreneurs will reflect on their own journeys, including early struggles, local opportunities, scale, market access, financing, branding, job creation, and lessons for young entrepreneurs.

Suggested discussion points:

What does it take to build from Assam?
How can local enterprise move beyond subsidy dependency?
What practical support do entrepreneurs need most?
How can diaspora networks help with mentorship, markets, branding and credibility?
How do we build an entrepreneurial culture among young people?

Possible outcome:

An entrepreneurship mentoring and support forum under the Global Assamese Engagement Initiative.

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm Lunch Break

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm Special Session

Trends and Skills Development: A Private University Perspective

Speaker:

Jyotirmoy Dutta, Assam Down Town University
This session will examine emerging trends in education, skills development, employability and institutional readiness from the perspective of a private educational institution working with young people in Assam.

Suggested focus areas:

Changing skill requirements
Employability and industry-readiness

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3:30 pm – 5:00 pm | Plenary II

Healthcare Landscape and Patient Care Quality in Assam

This plenary will focus on improving the quality of patient care in Assam as a moral, professional, and institutional priority. It will also examine the much-discussed idea of medical tourism in Assam, asking what standards, systems and trust would be required before such ambition can become credible.

Lead:

Dr Jayanta B. Sarma, Assam Healthcare Cooperative Society

International Convenor:

Dr Arindam Bharadwaj, Denmark

Dr Promod Sarma, Founder of Pratisksha Group of Hospitals, and other leading clinician-entrepreneurs from the medical sector to participate in the discussion.

Suggested discussion points:

- Healthcare quality and patient safety in Assam
- Clinical governance and trust
- Patient experience and dignity of care
- Private-sector healthcare and ethical responsibility
- Why medical tourism cannot be built on publicity alone
- What standards are needed for credible regional healthcare
- Role of diaspora clinicians and healthcare managers
- Potential for training, audit, accreditation and quality improvement

Possible outcomes:

A healthcare quality and patient care working group

A pilot training programme on patient safety and service quality

A realistic roadmap for healthcare credibility before medical tourism

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm | Tea Break

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Plenary III

Seeing Differently: Practical Innovations the Diaspora Notices Abroad

This plenary will use visuals, short documentary clips and lived observations from the diaspora to ask a simple question:

What can Assam learn from elsewhere without needing rocket science?

The session will not focus on grand technology alone, but on everyday systems, civic habits, institutional design, public communication, service delivery, environmental care, waste management, traffic discipline, public libraries, community spaces, patient pathways, school systems, public transport, signage, museums, digital access and local problem-solving.

Suggested format:

- Short visual presentation
- Brief documentary segment
- Diaspora reflections from different countries
- Moderated discussion on adaptable lessons for Assam

Suggested discussion points:

- What simple systems work well elsewhere?
- What can Assam adapt without copying blindly?
- Why do some societies solve ordinary problems better?
- How can civic imagination be cultivated?
- What can be piloted through institutions, municipalities, schools or community groups?

Possible outcome:

A “Small Ideas for Assam” visual archive and action list under the Global Assamese Engagement Initiative.

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6:45 pm – 7:45 pm | Strategic Reflection

From Ideas to Working Groups:

- Participants identify areas for follow-up: Enterprise and entrepreneurship
- Skills and education
- Healthcare quality
- Practical innovation and civic learning; Institutional partnerships
- Diaspora mentoring

Day 3

Saturday, 2 January 2027

Ecology, Civic Responsibility and the Future Platform

Venue: Assam Down Town University, Guwahati

THEME

From Concern to Stewardship: Assam's Environment, Institutions and Collective Future

Day 3 will begin with inner reflection and move toward ecological responsibility, institutional consolidation and practical commitments. It will include a focused plenary on Guwahati's wetlands and rivulet systems, drawing on the proposal for rejuvenate the Bharalu–Mora Bharalu–Bahini–Basistha–Deepor system.

Dawn Programme

6:00 am – 7:00 am | Optional Dawn Meditation

Inner Discipline and Public Service

Facilitator:

Raju Bhai Mehta, Gujarat, India

A quiet dawn session to begin the final day with reflection, discipline and service- mindedness.

MORNING

9:30 am – 10:15 am | Keynote Address II

Sustainability, Civic Imagination and Responsible Development

The second keynote will frame sustainability not as a slogan, but as a way of thinking about Assam's future: rivers, wetlands, biodiversity, urban planning, livelihoods, climate resilience, responsible tourism and citizen stewardship.

Possible focus areas:

- Assam's ecological vulnerability
- Rivers and wetlands as living systems
- Urban growth and environmental responsibility
- Community participation in sustainability
- Diaspora knowledge and local action
- Responsible development as a moral and practical necessity

10:30 am – 12:00 am | Plenary IV

Reimagining Guwahati's Wetlands and Rivulets

Bharalu–Mora Bharalu–Bahini–Basistha–Deepor Rejuvenation

This plenary will focus on the rejuvenation of Guwahati's rivulet and wetland system, drawing on the white paper "Rejuvenation of Bharalu–Mora Bharalu–Bahini–Basistha–Deepor System: A Collaborative Project."

Lead Presenter:

Dr Achintya Bezbaruah, North Dakota State University, USA

Technical Contributors/Co-presenters:

Dr Bipul Takuldar, Assam Engineering College; Dr Arup Kumar Sarma, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati; Dr Prasanta Saikia, Gauhati University; Malabika Kakati Saikia, Gauhati University

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Suggested focus areas:

- Guwahati's rivulets and wetlands as an interconnected ecological system
- Why the Bharalu–Mora Bharalu–Bahini–Basistha–Deepor system matters
- Wastewater, solid waste and the causes of rivulet degradation
- Why dredging alone cannot deliver sustainable rejuvenation
- Community-specific technical interventions and nature-based treatment
- Resource recovery and circular economy possibilities
- Public education and the creation of নদী ৰক্ষক / River Protectors
- The Government–Institution–Public Partnership model
- How one pilot segment can build public and institutional confidence

Possible outcomes:

- Formation of a Guwahati Wetland and Rivulet Rejuvenation Support Group
- Diaspora-supported technical advisory network
- Public education and awareness collaboration
- Support for a pilot demonstration segment
- Documentation, communication and advocacy support

12:00 am – 12:45 pm | Lunch Break AFTERNOON

12:45 pm – 2:15 pm | Assamese in the Digital Age: Intelligent OCR, Digital Dictionary and Language Technology

This session will explore how the Assamese language, literature, and archival heritage can be strengthened through intelligent Optical Character Recognition, a comprehensive digital dictionary, and broader language technology. The session will focus on the need for language-aware OCR that can recognise the complexities of the Assamese script, including conjunct characters, diacritics, and visually similar letters. It will also examine how a digital dictionary can serve as a validation layer to improve accuracy, correct recognition errors, support regional and technical vocabulary, and enable more reliable digitisation.

Lead:

Professor Dhruba Bhattacharya, Tezpur University

Suggested focus areas:

- Assamese OCR and the challenges of complex script recognition
- Digitisation of books, manuscripts, newspapers, records and educational resources
- Development of a comprehensive Assamese digital dictionary
- Language technology for digital libraries, e-governance and education
- Corpus creation, searchability and computational linguistics
- Artificial intelligence and the future of Assamese in the digital world
- Preserving cultural identity through digital inclusion

Possible outcomes:

- A working group on Assamese language technology
- Identification of institutional and technical partners
- A roadmap for Assamese OCR and digital dictionary development
- Collaboration between universities, archives, publishers and technology experts
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2:30 pm – 4:15 pm | Working Group

From Ideas to Projects

Participants break into working groups aligned with the Convention's main themes. Each group identifies:

- One realistic priority for 2027
- Potential lead persons or coordinators
- Possible partner institutions
- Required resources
- Timeline for follow-up
- How progress will be reported

Each group presents a concise summary of proposed actions.

4:15 pm – 4:35 pm | Tea Break

4:35 pm – 5:30 pm | Closing Session

The Guwahati Commitment

The closing session will gather the major conclusions and commitments of the Convention.

Suggested components:

Summary of Day 1, Day 2 and Day 3

- Presentation of working group outcomes
- Announcement of next steps

Acknowledgement of partners, speakers, volunteers and delegates; Statement on the future of the Global Assamese Engagement Initiative; Closing reflections

Possible closing statement

The 2nd Global Assamese Convention 2027 affirms that global Assamese engagement must now move from memory to responsibility, from sentiment to systems, and from isolated goodwill to sustained collaboration.

5:30 pm onwards

Informal Farewell and Networking

PROPOSED KEYNOTES

Keynote I — Day 2

Assam, Identity and Global Belonging

A keynote on rootedness, cultural continuity, diaspora responsibility and Assam's place in a changing world.

Keynote II — Day 3

Sustainability, Civic Imagination and Responsible Development

A keynote on ecology, urban futures, institutional responsibility, wetlands, rivers, climate resilience and citizen stewardship.

Suggested Strategic Outputs

1. Entrepreneurship mentoring and support forum
2. Skills and youth development collaboration
3. Healthcare quality and patient care improvement working group
4. Practical innovation and civic learning archive
5. Guwahati Wetland and Rivulet Rejuvenation Support Group
6. Diaspora technical advisory and mentoring database
7. Institutional partnership framework

This keeps the programme purposeful without overcrowding it. It also gives each day a distinctive identity while allowing the Convention to move toward actual working groups and institutional continuity.