GLOSSARY

**Bargohain**: During the Ahom Rule in Assam there were three great councilors of state called Gohains and Bargohain was second in rank among three gohains, who were the chief councilors of king.

**Buragohain**: Buragohain was the chief of King’s councilors and can be called Prime Minister of Ahom King.

**Barpatragohain**: Barpatra gohain is the third in the rank among gohains.

**Barphukan**: Barphukan was the king’s Viceroy who ruled the tract between the Kallang River and the Brahmaputra in Guwahati. His office was considered as higher in rank than of Barbaruah.

**Barbaruah**: Barbaruah was the revenue officer and administered justice and the commander of forces of Ahom administrative set-up.

**Paik**: With the exception of the nobles, priests and persons of high caste and their slaves during the Ahom Rule in Assam, the whole male population between the ages of fifteen and fifty were liable to render service to the state. They were known as paiks or foot soldiers.

**Khel**: A division of people made by Ahom ruler for specific profession.

**Nam Ghar**: It is a great religious place or a common house where the followers of Vaishnavism of Assam offer worship, praise or prayers to GOD Vishnu. This worshiping system was introduced by saint Sankardev to organize and integrate the Assamese people irrespective of different castes, races, communities and religions. Nam Ghar is the great symbol of Assamese unity and the composite culture of great traditional place in Assam.
**Sanskrit Tol**: A centre of Sanskrit Education. It was the main educational institutions in the medieval Assam.

**Mahila Samity**: A committee organized by the women to fulfill their interest.

**Medhi**: An officer appointed by the Gosains of Assam to collect the annual contributions from their disciples.

**Satola**: An officer of Satra (an institute of vaisnavite religion founded by Saint Sankardev) whose duty is to collect the contributions from the disciples.

**Gaon Barik**: A village officer.

**Melki**: A member of meeting, an arbitrator, versed in arbitration.

**Bayan**: A player on musical instrument.

**Gayan**: A singer accompanied with instrumental music.

**Deuri**: An officer of a temple, on who distributes to the people what was offered to the idol.

**Gaon Sabha**: The lower organization of Panchayat. The meeting of Gaon Sabha organize by the president of Gaon Panchayat as per the rule of Panchayat Act.

**Visayapati**: Leaders of the officers.

**Adhiar Andiolan**: An arms movement organized by the RCPI immediately after independence of India which main demand was ‘land for farmers’.

**Mula Gabharu Sangha**: An organization was formed by the women of Assam during the time of Assam agitation against foreigners.