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## GLOSSARY

Adot	:	Habit
Arong	:	Adjutant Stork
Asorit manuh	:	Strange people
Atha	:	Sticky
Beboxai	:	Business
Bhanga-sora	:	Handling and sorting of broken waste materials
Bhija	:	Wet
Bhoroxa	:	Trust
Bijanu	:	Germs
Bog	:	Crane
Bostu	:	Things
Cha	:	Tea
Dakhal	:	Informal occupation
Dam	:	A semi-enclosed space for segregating and weighing wastes
Dami aaxa	:	Costly and unachievable dream/hope
Dangor sahib	:	Top officials
Datha	:	Hard
Duxia manuh	:	Poor people
Dhari	:	Bamboo mat
Demala/Malik	:	Waste dealer
Garib- bari	:	Area of the poor
Ghrina	:	Disgust
Gonti	:	Count
Gundho	:	Smell
Hakka	:	Iron rod to sort and pick waste
Jabra	:	Dumping ground



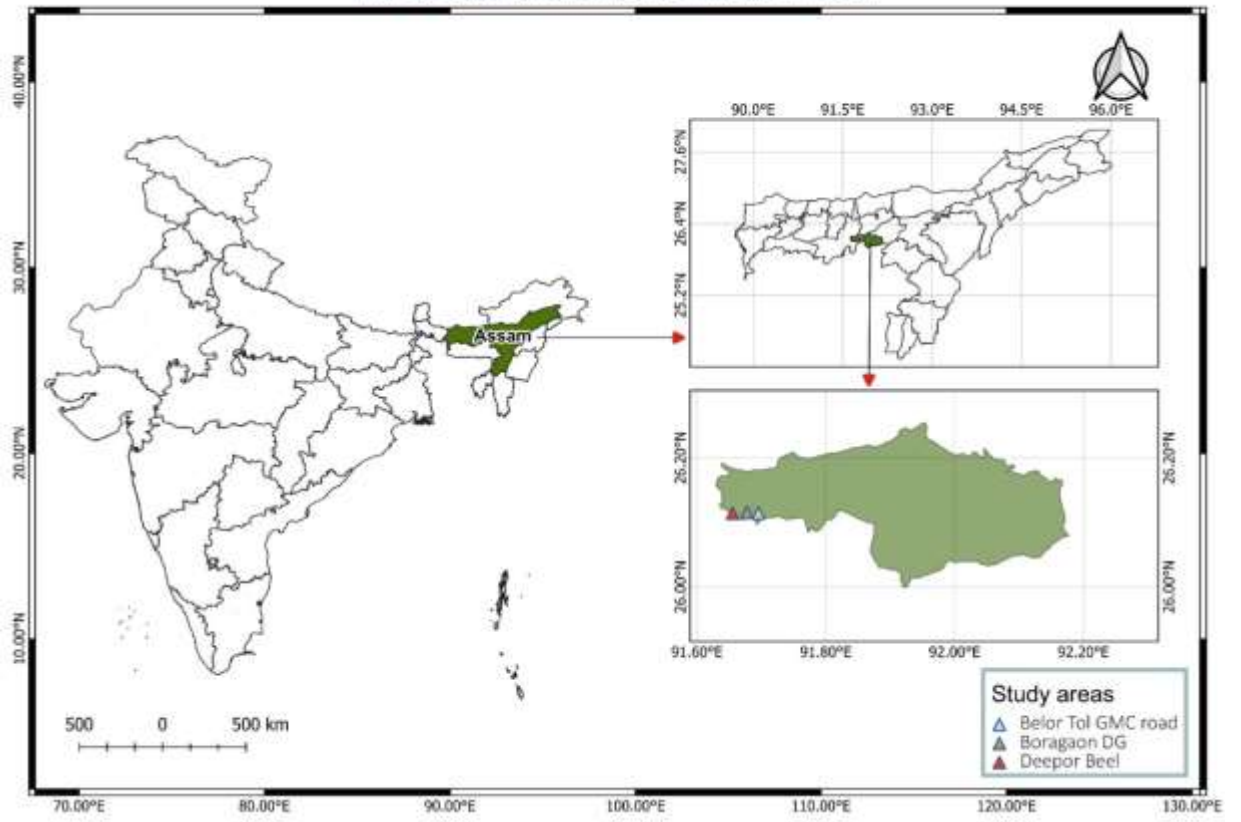
Jaboror bostu	:	Things of the dumpsite
Jabrar pahar	:	Hill formed out of wastes
Jabor khute	:	The act of digging out waste
Jailkhana	:	Prison
Joghonyo	:	Disgustingly dirty
Kaccha	:	Non-concrete
Kala	:	Black color
Kaas	:	Glass
Kandesh	:	Crying
Kumol	:	Soft
Laaz	:	Shame
Letera Kam	:	Dirty/filthy work
Luha	:	Iron
Maal	:	Waste materials
Maal uthua	:	Waste collection/picking
Maas	:	Fish
Mala	:	Junk Jewelry
Mamor	:	Rust
Morom	:	Love/care/affection
Mulloban	:	Valuable
Namaz	:	Prayers
Paan	:	Betel leaves
Pisoliya	:	Sludge
Putul/Putla	:	Toys
Rahi	:	Savings
Saaf	:	Clean
Saatai	:	Classify
Saporis	:	Low lying areas

Sorkar : Government  
Tamul : Betel nut  
Xukan : Dry  
Xupka : Spongy

## ABBREVIATION

CAA	: Citizenship Amendment Act
GMC	: Guwahati Municipal Corporation
GDP	: Gross Domestic Product
GMA	: Guwahati Metropolitan Area
IBA	: Important Bird Area
ICLS	: International Conference of Labour Statisticians
MT	: Metric Tons
NGO	: Non-governmental organization
NRC	: National Register of Citizens
PPE	: Personal Protective Equipment
PMAY-G	: Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin
PM-SYM	: Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan
RF	: Reserve Forest
SPCB	: State Pollution Control Board
SWM	: Solid Waste Management
TPD	: Tons per day
WEIGO	: Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing

### MAP OF INDIA SHOWING STUDY AREAS IN ASSAM



Abbreviation used in the map- GMC (Guwahati Municipal Corporation) and DG (Dumping Ground)

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