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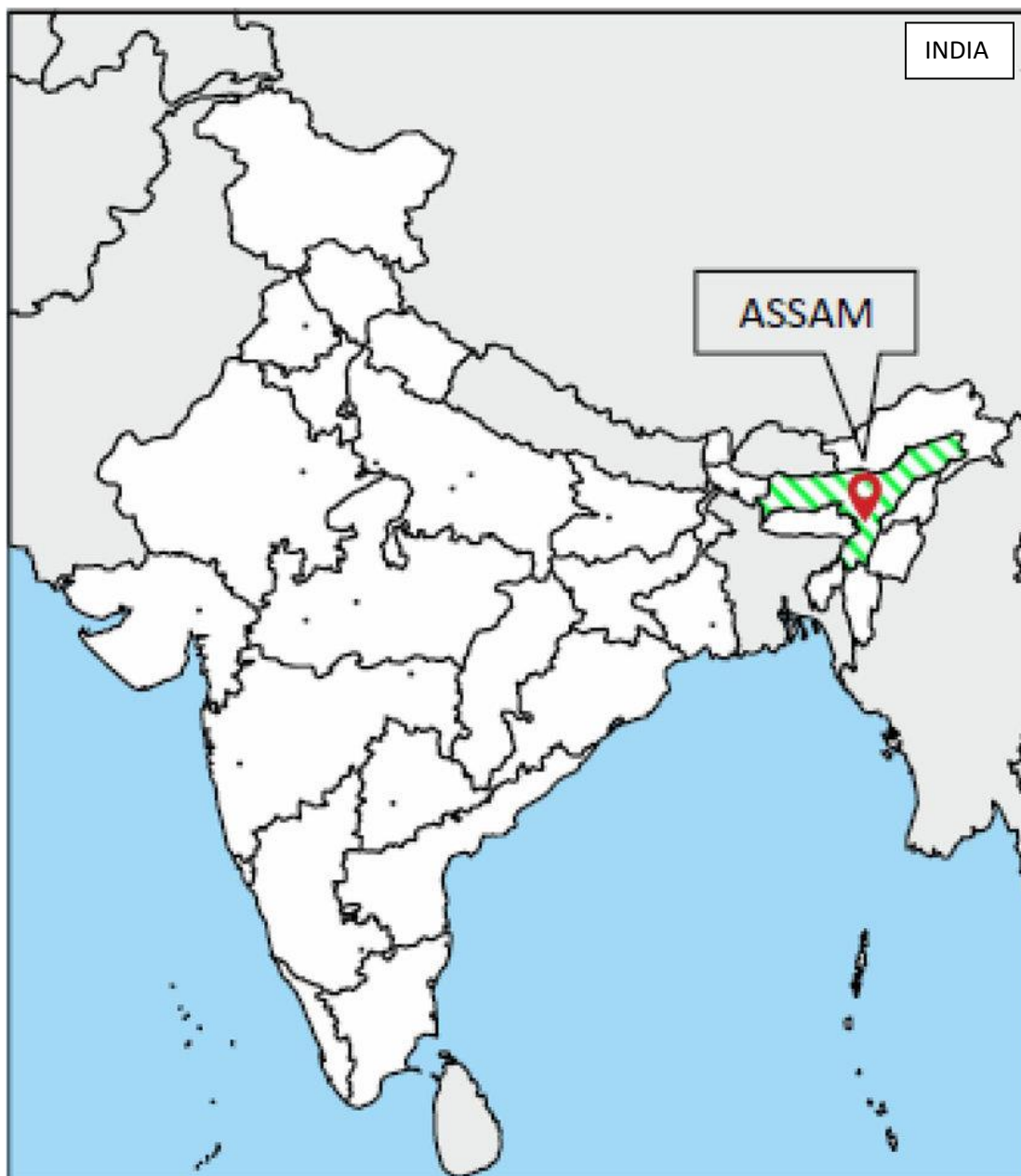
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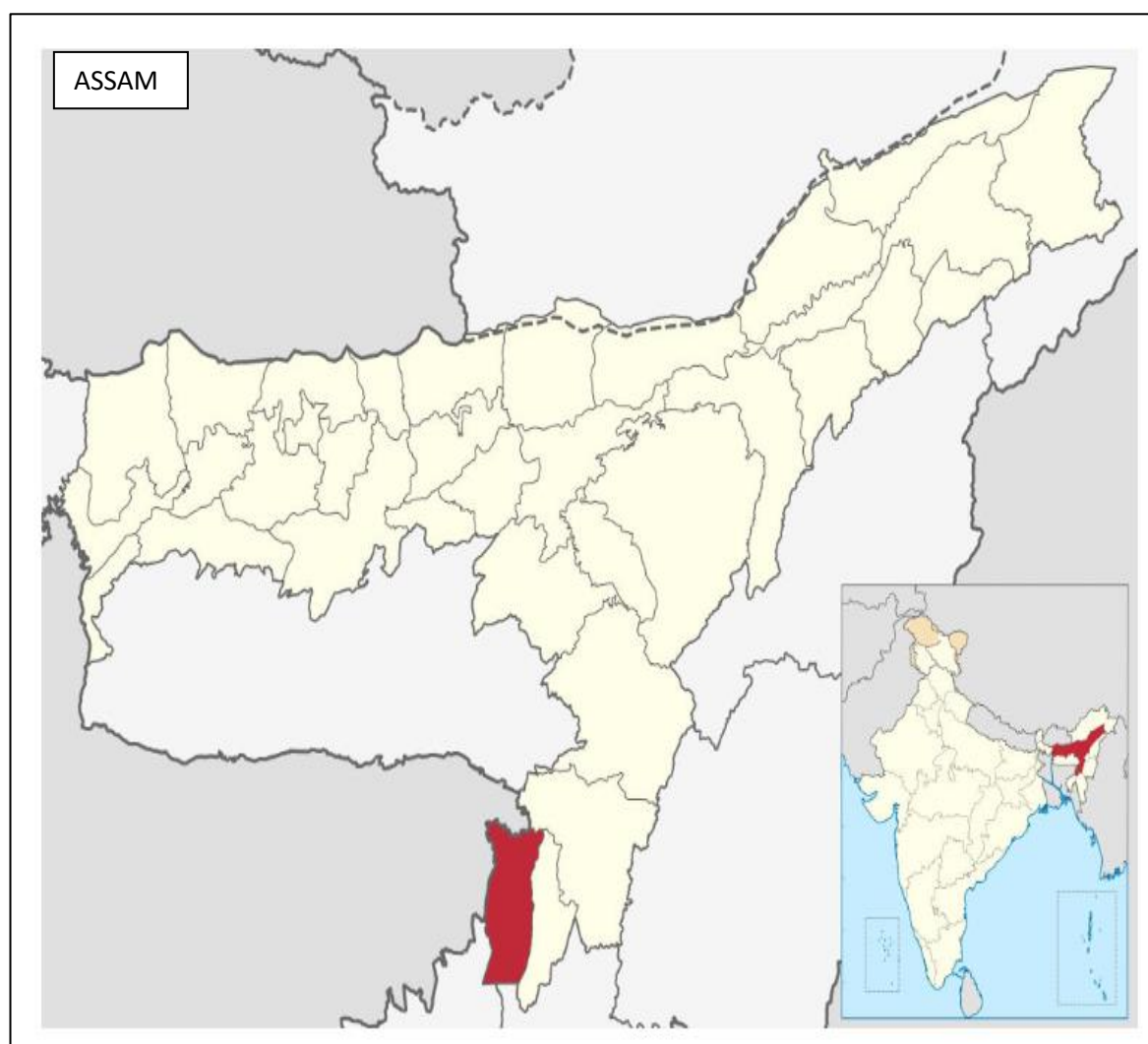
GLOSSARY

<i>Amrar Somoy</i>	:	During our times
<i>Attar</i>	:	Fragrant essential oils used by Muslims
<i>Azaan</i>	:	A formal call to five times prayer from mosque to remind Muslims to pray
<i>Allah sawab diba</i>	:	To earn Allah's blessings
<i>Bhodro/Shorif</i>	:	Respectable
<i>Boro oi geso</i>	:	Grown-up
<i>Burga</i>	:	Burkha
<i>Behaya</i>	:	Without shame
<i>Chaddor</i>	:	A big piece of cloth to cover body
<i>Dawah</i>	:	Preaching of Islam
<i>Dindaar/Amoli Beti</i>	:	Pious women
<i>Dua</i>	:	Invocation or supplication that Muslims make to Allah
<i>Deen</i>	:	Religion
<i>Farz</i>	:	An obligation
<i>Grohonjogyo</i>	:	Acceptable
<i>Gunnahgar</i>	:	Sinful
<i>Hadith</i>	:	record of the prophet Muhammad's daily practices
<i>Hijabi</i>	:	person who wears hijab
<i>Izzat</i>	:	honour
<i>Kaia Roza</i>	:	Half-day fast
<i>Matat unna deoaa</i>	:	to cover one's head with the long scarf that is worn with salwar kameez
<i>Mahram</i>	:	a male relative with whom marriage is permanently impermissible. It includes blood relations as well as relations from in-laws.
<i>Mosid</i>	:	Mosque
<i>Mesab</i>	:	one who leads the prayer in local mosque
<i>Musallah</i>	:	Prayer-rug
<i>Namaz</i>	:	the ritual prayer prescribed by Islam to be observed five times a day
<i>Naat:</i>	:	a form of Islamic vocal music that is typically performed without musical instruments, though some regional styles incorporate

		traditional percussion.
<i>Neqaab</i>	:	Niqaab
<i>Oocha jaga</i>	:	Elevated level
<i>Rakat</i>	:	Ritual cycles in each prayer
<i>Roza</i>	:	Fasting
<i>Kameez</i>	:	long tunic falling either above or below the knee
<i>Salwar</i>	:	loose trousers
<i>Shikito pori</i>	:	Educated daughter
<i>Scooty</i>	:	two-wheeler motor vehicle
<i>Suras</i>	:	Chapters in the Quran
<i>Shorom</i>	:	modest/ embarrassment/ shy
<i>Tuk-Tuk</i>	:	three-wheel motor vehicle
<i>Toki</i>	:	Skullcap
<i>Tasbih</i>	:	Islamic prayer beads
<i>Unna/dupatta</i>	:	A two-metre-long scarf, drapes over the shoulder and usually covers the head.
<i>Uzu</i>	:	Ablutions

**MAP OF INDIA SHOWING STUDY AREA, KARIMGANJ
DISTRICT, ASSAM**





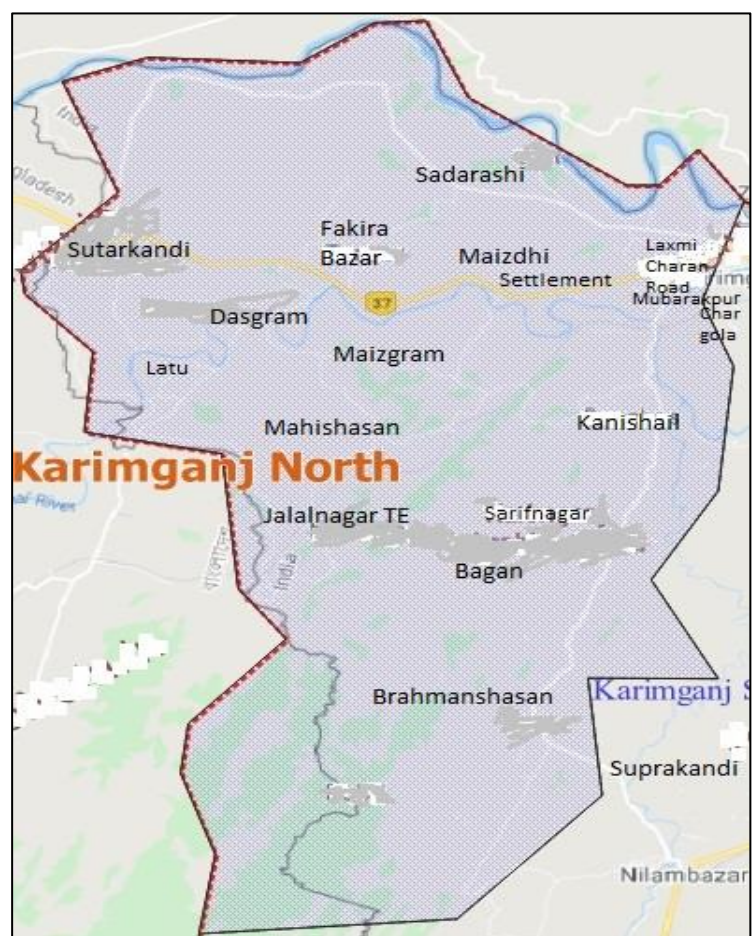
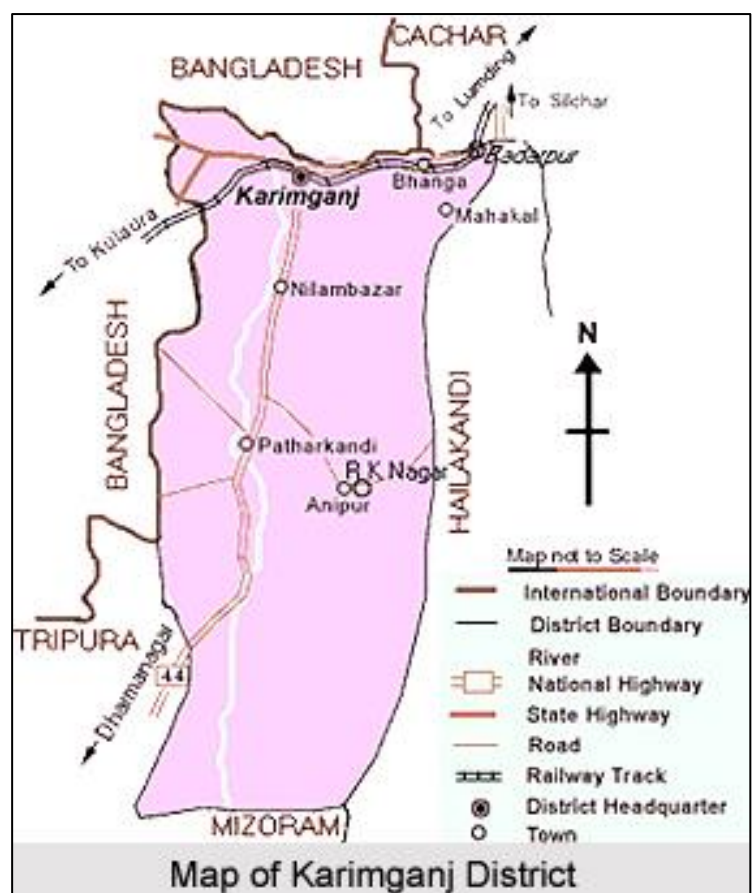




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