

## DECLARATION

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## PREFACE

The present study entitled **Social Reformation, Kalicharan Brahma and Bodo Society: A Sociological Study** is aimed to analyze how social reformation takes place in Bodo society due to Kalicharan Brahma. For understanding this, six Bodo villages of Kazigaon sub-division of Kokrajhar district were taken for study namely Gombiraghat, Maliahgoi, Gombrikhata, Harjhora, Kazigaon and Bongshhijhora. These villages are Bodo village and well adopted Brahma religion and philosophy of kalicharan Brahma. The study comprises seventh chapters. The chapter one titled **Framework of the Study** deals with the formulation of the problem of the research in the light of review of existing studies and designing of methodological strategy consisted of universe and units of study, methods for collection and analysis of data. Chapter two entitled **Kalicharan Brahma: The Biography** focuses light on the life of Kalicharan. This chapter tried to explain the story related to Kalicharan's birth, Childhood, Education, Family Life, relation with friends, Religious Life, conversion to Brahma Dharma, becoming a spiritual leader and his Contribution to Bodo Society and finally end of his life. Chapter three, **The Study area**, talk about geographic and demographic feature of north east India, Assam, BTAD and finally give a short description of the physical layout of these villages. Chapter four entitled **Socio-Economic Background of the Respondents** give a detail description of families, marriage, kinship, age, education, occupational background of the respondents of studied villages. The chapter five titled **Kalicharan Brahma and Reformation of Bodo Society** is divided into three parts. First part depicts social condition of traditional Bodo society, second part highlights Kalicharan Brahma's philosophy and idea, and the third part talk about Kalichara's contribution for the reformation of Bodo society. The chapter six entitled **Brahma Religion and Contemporary Bodo Society** discusses Brahma religion and its impact on contemporary Bodo society. The chapter eight finally summarizes the research, draws major findings and concludes the study.

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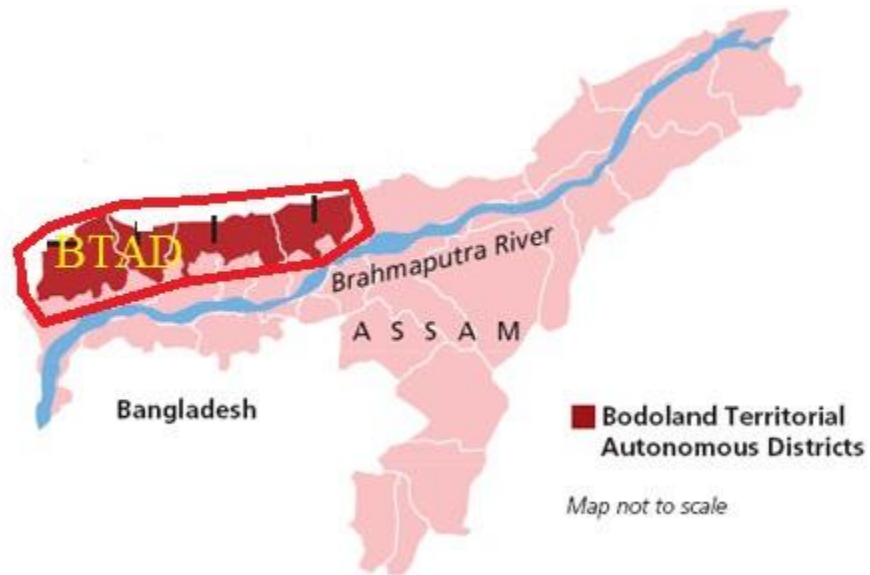




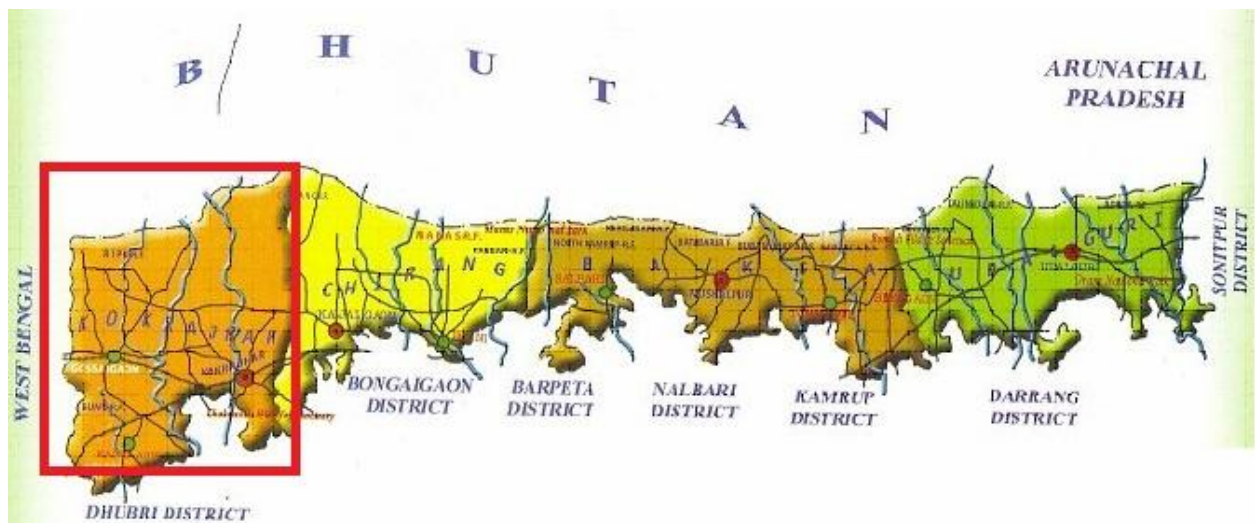
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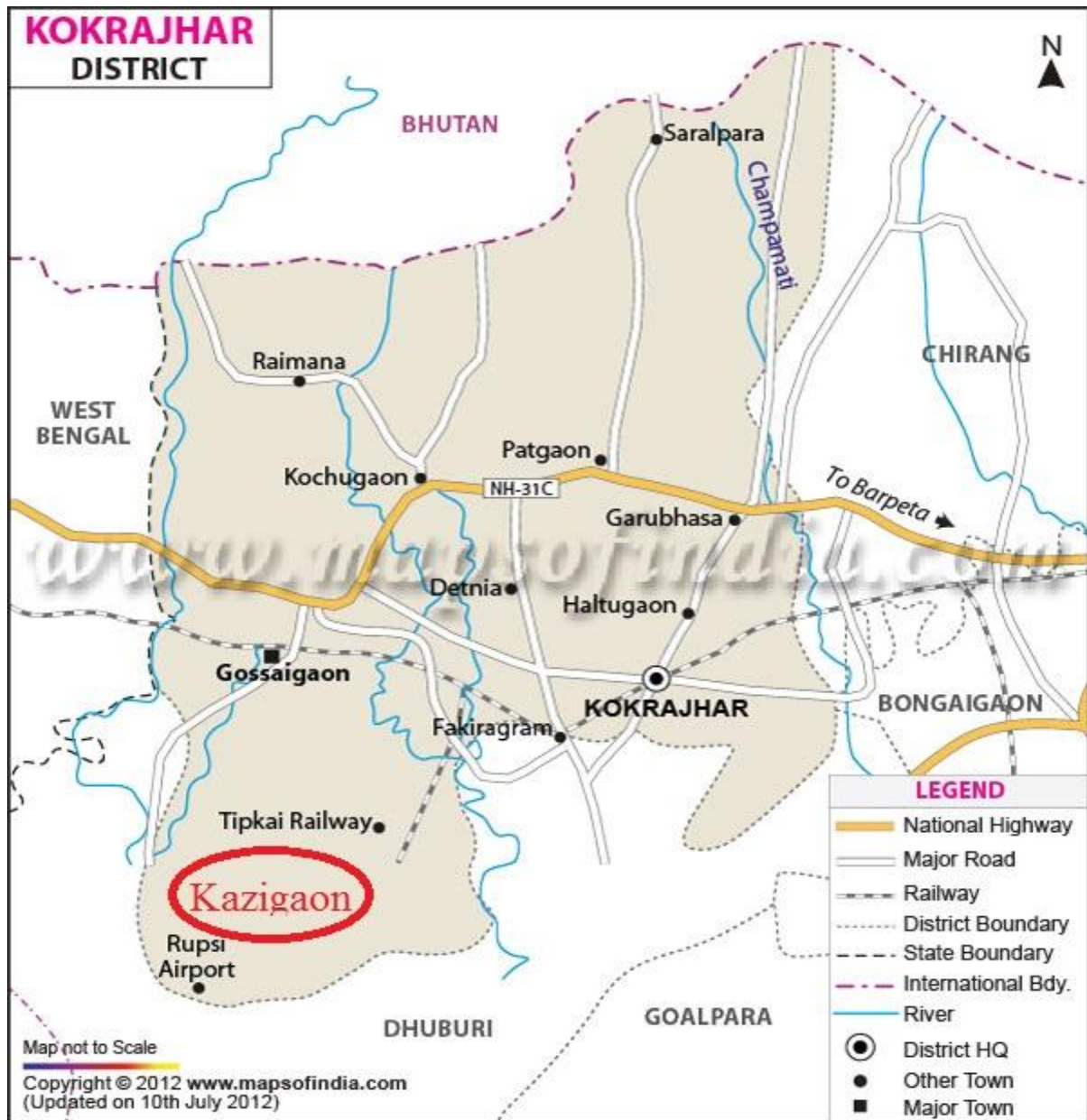
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## Map of Study Area



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