

Thumbs up to city techie for digital masterclass

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Guwahati: Credit would go to one person for making the mammoth task of collecting family data of every person in Assam for publishing the final draft of the National Register of (NRC)—software engineer Abhijit Bhuyan. He and his team-mates developed a unique system to trace the families and their ancestors. The digital wizardry of creating 25 softwares ensured the data collected was accurate and publication was on time.

“I am pretty excited and glad the hard work of four years has paid off. I am much relieved now but we are still working to systematize the traffic on our websites where people can log on to check their status,” Bhuyan told TOI.

Bhuyan is instrumental in developing the database that could map the legacy details of applicants. Nearly 27,000 villages were included



MAN OF THE HOUR: Abhijit Bhuyan

in the mapping—probably the largest of its kind in the country. This worked was the backbone of NRC. The key documents that completed the legacy data were the 1951 citizens’ register and the electoral rolls up to the midnight of March 24, 1971. The website has 27,000 booklets—each booklet representing a village. And every family has a page.

“This is one of the most

crucial elements of the NRC, both a monitoring and a decisive support tool. Every detail of a family is registered here. We have 115 layers to show the progress of the work,” said Bhuyan, who is the proprietor of Bhuyan’s Bohniman Systems Private Limited, the company trusted with the compilation.

An alumnus of Assam Engineering College, he started work on the project from September 2014. He digitized the applications first and then uploaded the field verification report—every family with a legacy image booklet was uploaded. In 2016, Bhuyan worked on the family tree.

A graduate of electronics and telecommunications, he launched his company in 1999 and has so far achieved several milestones, including getting the CMMI-level 3, a prestigious grade which no one in the northeast has. IT major Wipro looked into other technicalities of the process.