

## DOCUMENTATION ON KARENG GHAR

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Kareng Ghar is situated at Gargaon ( City Of Pride) which is around 15 km away from Sibsagar town. Kareng ghar is a royal house of the Tai Ahom kings, the third capital of the Tai Ahoms. The palace was well secured by digging tunnels around it and building fort like walls on the canal bank with soil which is called “Garh”. The place was named as Gargaon after the huge Garh.

The Kareng Ghar was documented by the students of 4<sup>th</sup> Sem on their study tour trip to Sivsagar during the month Jan 2015. It was chosen because of its historical importance in the region and unique construction techniques. It was a five day documentation trip where students analyzed and documented every architectural detail possible.

It is believed that the palace was first constructed of wood and stone at Gargaon by Suklenmung in 1540AD. Later it was constructed of bricks at the time of Rajeshwar Singha in 1751AD. The Kareng Ghar was made with bricks and an indigenous cement which includes a mixture of

bora chaul (which is a kind of sticky rice) matimah ( a kind of cereal) and eggs of duck.

The relevance of the palace can be derived from the fact that it serves as one of main tourist attractions in Assam and thousands of tourist visits every year to embrace the beauty of this great Ahom Architecture.

The entire Kareng Ghar documentation work was exhibited in “Aedificatoria 2015” where it was appreciated by the eminent Architects of Assam as it was a great approach in promoting the heritage of Assam.







