Submit your family tree details with the verification officials to prevent misuse of your family legacy by any unscrupulous element

What is a Family Tree?
Family tree is the detail of different generations of your family comprising the names of the legacy person(s) and children and grandchildren of legacy person.

Why should an applicant submit Family Tree details?

- In order to secure an entry into NRC some unscrupulous persons may claim false linkage from anyone who was a resident of Assam/other part of India before the cut-off date of 24th March (midnight), 1971.
- In order to find out such false claims it would be required to cross check all linkage claims made against any legacy person.
- Software has been designed to check all the Application Forms submitted and generate a computerized family tree i.e. the details of all persons who have claimed to be children/grandchildren of the same legacy person. To enable identify false claim, Family Tree details shall also be collected beforehand from the applicants during house to house visits of the verification team. This is called Manual Family Tree collection. The computerized Family Tree & Manual Family Tree shall be matched to identify false claims. If it is shown in the software generated report that 6 brothers are claiming linkage from a certain individual, whereas the family has claimed to have 5 sons of the said legacy person, then the verification team would be able to detect the name of the so called brother not found in the manual form to be a false claim.
- Having made to declare family tree details beforehand, unscrupulous elements will not be left with any chance to charge premium from persons claiming false linkage from their legacy.
- Informing NRC authorities about Family Tree beforehand will lessen the burden of your family members to prove linkage during field verification to verifying officials.
- As such submission of Family Tree would (1) help the verification team identify false claims (2) protect precious legacy data of any family against misuse by illegal migrant to enter NRC and (3) will be a valuable information on linkage for family members to substantiate their claim.

How to provide Family Tree details?
The verification team during house to house visit will be collecting family tree details of applicants. To save time of both the verifying officials and public during house to house visit, the public may fill up these details beforehand in the Manual Family Tree Form designed by the NRC authorities and distributed house to house. These Forms are also available at NSKs, and on the website of NRC Assam (www.nrcassam.nic.in).

Is it mandatory to fill up the Manual Family Tree Form?
- It is not mandatory for the public to keep the Manual Family Tree Form filled-up beforehand to submit to the verification team, but it will be crucial to provide the same information to the verification team during their house to house visit.
- Under Rule 8 of The Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003, the verifying officials are empowered to ask any person to furnish any information within his knowledge in connection with the determination of Citizenship status of any person and the person required to furnish information shall be bound to comply with such requisition. As such the public would be required to provide the family tree details to verification teams.

What if a family does not know in detail the names and addresses of all members of the family tree?
In that case the applicant family may give detail of only those members of the family who are known to them. While the verification team would mandatorily capture the names of the first generation of the family, in cases of the family members of the second generation whose names or locations are not known, then the public may only mention the nick names. If nick names are also not known then the number of children or grandchildren of the legacy person as known to the applicant shall be mentioned. In such cases against the serial number “Name Not Known” may be written.

Illustration of how to fill up Manual Family Tree Form:
Let us find out how our fictitious Chandra Sarma family fills up the Manual Family Tree Form.
In case of this family it is seen in their Form 4 (four) legacies have been used:
1. Head of the household Meera Sarma has used her own legacy detail i.e. passbook of 1966.
2. Chandra Sarma, the Son of Meera Sarma, as well as his son and granddaughter have used the legacy data code of late Janardan Sarma.
3. The married women of the family i.e. Torali Sarma, wife of Chandra Sarma and, Monisha Kalita Sarma wife of Utpal Sarma used legacies of their own ancestors.

As such this family shall be filling up 4 (four) Family Tree Forms as given below:

Points to be noted while filling up Manual Family Tree Form:
1. If the family is using any other admissible document (and not NRC 1951 or any of the Electoral Rolls) in that case the box naming “Legacy Data Code (LDC)” shall be left blank.
2. If in case the Legacy person has/had more than one spouse, the names shall be provided separated by comma.
3. Names of all deceased members, if any, shall also be required to be mentioned in the family tree.

We are committed to conduct a completely unbiased verification process and come up with an error free NRC. All households shall, therefore, be required to provide Family Tree details. It is reiterated that the updated NRC will not include name of any foreigner and shall not exclude the name of any genuine Indian citizen.