

Paper III

Course Code: HISHDSE601

Course Title: Social and Economic History of Assam

Unit: I Social and Economic History of Ancient Assam

- 1.01 : Development of Caste System in Ancient Assam, Social Classes and Occupational Groups
- 1.02 : Religious Beliefs and Practices in Ancient Assam : Vaishnavism, Saivism, Shaktism and Buddhism; Art, Sculpture and Architecture of Early Assam
- 1.03 : Land System and Ownership of Land; Land Grant and Agrahara Settlements
- 1.04 : Development of Agriculture, Trade and Medium of Exchange

Unit: II Society in Medieval Assam

- 2.01 : Social Structure in the Brahmaputra Valley – Caste System
- 2.02 : Social Organization –Caste-Class Relationship, Nobility, Paiks, Slaves and Servants
- 2.03 : Neo-Vaishnavite Movement in Assam – Sankardeva and his followers, Development of *Satra* Institutions, Bhakti movement and Development of Assamese literature
- 2.04 : Art and Architecture in Medieval Assam
- 2.04 : Patriarchy, Women and Society in Medieval Assam

Unit: III Economy in Medieval Assam

- 3.01 : Agriculture and Land System – Classification and Ownership of Land
- 3.02 : Land Revenue and other Taxes
- 3.03 : Trade and Commerce – Export and Import, Trade routes and Means of Transport, Medium of Trade – Coinage
- 3.04 : Economic Relation between the Hills and Valleys

Unit: IV Society in Colonial Assam

- 4.01 : Growth of Modern Education and role of the Christian Missionaries
- 4.02 : Language Controversy in 19th century Assam
- 4.03 : Emergence of Middle Class, Issues relating to Women
- 4.04 : Development of Press, Periodicals and Growth of Public Associations –Ahom Sabha, The Assam Sahitya Sabha, Tribal league and other Ethnic organizations, Satras in Colonial Assam

Unit: V Economy in Colonial Assam

- 5.01 : Agriculture; Colonial Land Regulations and Revenue System, Cottage Industry
- 5.02 : Plantation Economy- Waste Land Grants, Growth of Tea Industry
- 5.03 : Development of Modern Industries - Coal and Oil.
- 5.04 : Development of Transport System: Water, Rail and Road