

Department of History
Haji Anfar Ali College
Doboka:: Hojai:: Assam

SYLLABUS

Forth Semester (CBCS)

Subject: **HIS-RC/HG-4016**

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY OF ASSAM

UNIT – I : Society and Economy in Early Assam.

- [a] Proto-history, Archaeology, land grants and Agrahara
- [b] Aryanisation debate
- [c] Rural life
- [d] Urban Centres
- [e] Beliefs and practices

UNIT – II: Society in Medieval Assam

- [a] Social Organisation- Cast-Class Relationship, Nobility, Paiks, Slaves and Servants.
- [b] Neo-Vaishnavite Movement in Assam- impact on society.
- [c] Development of Satra institutions.

UNIT – III: Economy in Medieval Assam

- [a] Agriculture and Land System- Classification and Ownership of Land
- [b] Land Revenue and other Taxes
- [c] Trade and Commerce- Export and Import, Trade routes
- [d] Medium of Trade.
- [e] Economic Relation between the Hills and the Valley: the Posa System

UNIT –IV: Economy in Colonial Assam

- [a] Agricultural Relations and Revenue System.
- [b] Plantation Economy of the Tea Industry.
- [c] Development of modern industries- Coal and Oil.
- [d] Development of Transport System.

UNIT- V: Society in Colonial Assam

- [a] Growth of Modern Education and the role of Christian Missionaries.
- [b] Language Controversy in 19th Century Assam.
- [c] Emergence of Middle Class.
- [d] Literary and Cultural Development, Impact of the Bengali Renaissance.
- [e] Development of Press and Growth of Public Associations- The Assam Sahitya Sabha.

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