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COURSE INTRODUCTION : INTRODUCTION TO HOSTORY OF ASSAM

This is an introductory course of Assam History for learners pursing undergraduate programme under Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University. The title of the course is *Introduction to Assam History*. There are twelve units in this course.

The first unit *Sources of Ancient Assam* introduces you to the various materials and sources available for the study of the History of Ancient Assam and its relevance.

The second unit *Legendary Period* discusses the period when Naraka and his successors ruled ancient Assam, before the coming of the Ahoms.

The third unit *Ruling Dynasties of Ancient Assam* gives you the details of the political history of Ancient Assam. After going through this unit, you will be able to describe the early ruling dynasties and the glorious achievement of the kings.

The fourth unit *Society, Economy, Religion and Administration of Ancient Assam* discusses the state affairs and developments in ancient Assam. This unit explains about the social setup, the economic structure, the religious system and the administrative machinery that existed in ancient Assam.

The fifth unit *Sources of History of Medieval Assam* will help you in identifying various sources for the study of the history of Medieval Assam. After going through this unit you will be able to discuss the literary and archaeological sources in details.

The sixth unit *The Ahoms* introduces you to the establishment of the Ahom rule in Assam. This unit will give you a brief overview of the political history of Assam under the rule of the Ahom kings beginning from Sukapha till the signing of the Yandaboo Treaty of 1826.

The seventh unit *The Koches* discusses the origin and the rise of the Koches. This unit will explain the significance of the Koch history as contemporaries of the Ahoms.

The eighth unit *Society, Economy, Religion and Administration of Medieval* Assam under the Ahoms will explain the status of the society and its people along with the religious system during the Ahom period. It will also describe the administrative system and economic affairs of the state.

The ninth unit *Establishment of the British Rule and Anti-British Movement* gives you the detail of the downfall of the Ahoms and the arrival of the British to Assam. This unit also explains the Anglo- Burmese wars in detail and the early anti-British movements.

The tenth unit *Socio-economic Transformation of Assam during Colonial Period* explains the colonial policies and the subsequent changes brought in the society as well as the economic sphere.

The unit explores the impact of the colonial policies on the people and the immediate agrarian revolt by the peasants.

The eleventh unit *Emergence of Political Consciousness* will make you familiar with the rise of the feeling of nationalism among the Assamese people and the growth of various organisations to meet their collective interests.

The twelfth unit *Participation of Assam in the National Movement* will discuss the growing political awareness of the common people and their active participation in the freedom struggle movement.

While going through this paper, you will notice that some boxes are put in the left hand or right hand side of the text. These boxes are meant to serve the purpose of in-text glossary for you. Again, you may find some boxes marked with: “LET US KNOW”. These boxes will provide you with some additional interesting and relevant information. The boxes marked with “ACTIVITY” will help you in making your learning more active and efficient. And, at the end of each section, you will get “CHECK YOUR PROGRESS” questions. These have been designed to self-check your progress of study. It will be better if you solve the problems put in these boxes immediately after you go through the sections of the units and then match your answers with “ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS” given at the end of each unit.

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UNIT 6 : The Ahoms

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UNIT 8 : Society, Economy, Religion and Administration of Medieval Assam under the Ahoms

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UNIT 9 : Establishment of the British rule and Anti-British Movements

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UNIT 11 : Emergence of Political Consciousness

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UNIT 12 : Participation of Assam in the National Movement

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