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COURSE INTRODUCTION

This course of the Sixth Semester of the BA (Political Science) programme of KKHSOU is titled "Politics in Assam" is designed to help the learners to gain a comprehensive idea on the various dimensions of the socio-political system of Assam from the colonial period to the present. It is supposed that the learners of the Bachelor Degree Programme in Political Science should have thorough knowledge regarding various aspects of the political system of the state where he/she resides. Keeping this in view, the Course begins with the political structure and processes of Assam during colonial rule. The first unit of the course deals with the British annexation of Assam and early revolts against British rule in Assam. In this unit, we have discussed about the decline of Ahom rule and consolidation of British rule in Assam including the significances as well as the consequences of the early revolts against British rule. The second unit of the course discusses the historic revolt of 1857 in Assam. The role played by Maniram Dewan is also discussed in this unit. The third unit, takes up a detailed explanation of the various political awakenings of Assam. Through this unit, the learners will learn more about the role of Raijmels, Phulaguri Dhawa and uprising of the Jaintias. The fourth and fifth unit is related with the agrarian revolts and growth of Assamese Nationalism. The riots of Rangiya, Lachima and Patharughat are discussed in the fourth unit. Similarly, various factors contributing towards the growth of Assamese nationalism, partition of Bengal and its impact on Assam are analysed in the fifth unit. The sixth unit describes the development of press in Assam and growth of political associations as well as public organisations during the colonial Period such as the Jorhat Sarbajanik Sabha, Assam Association, or the Surma Valley Political Conference. The seventh unit takes up discessiony freedom struggle and the, role of Assam in Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement and Quit India Movement which are elaborately explained. The eight unit eight deals with the Cabinet Mission Plan and Assam. It explains the grouping system and its reaction in Assam including the attitudes of M. K. Gandhi and other national leaders towards Assam.

Reorganisation of states of Assam are discussed in unit nine. Here, formation of Nagaland, North Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971 and its impacts are also analysed. Another important aspects of Political System of Assam namely- Language Movement and Assam Movement are discussed in the tenth unit. Origin, nature and importance of both the movements are explained in this unit. The eleventh unit deals with the problem of insurgency in Assam. Factors responsible for the growth of insurgency in Assam and insurgent outfits like ULFA and NDFB are discussed in this unit. Sixth Schedule and the Movement for Autonomy in the Hills is another important aspect of the politics in Assam. Therefore, in unit twelve, various aspects of the autonomy movements in Assam are explained. Unit thirteen highlights the Bodoland movement and formation of Bodoland Territorial Council in Assam. Regionalism plays an important role in the national as well as state politics of our Country. Therefore, in unit fourteen , takes up discussions on the growth of regionalism in Assam and emergence of regional political parties in Assam.

While going through the units of this course, you will find that the units are further divided into certain sections and sub-sections, wherever necessary, for your better understanding. Besides, in order to give you additional information on certain relevant topics, you will find a category called "LET US KNOW" after the sections in each unit. Another category that has been included at the end of each section of a particular unit is "CHECK YOUR PROGRESS". The purpose of this category is to help you to asses for yourself as to how thoroughly you have understood a particular section. You may then match your answers with "ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS" given at the end of each unit. The section "FURTHER READING" in each unit contains the names of a few books which you might

want to consult if you are interested in learning more elaborately about the concepts discussed in a particular unit. Furthermore, the category called "MODEL QUESTIONS" is intended to give you a hint of the type of questions you are likely to get in the examination.