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## **HIS –HE-6016 : HISTORY OF ASSAM (c. 1826 – 1947)**

**Lectures : 5; Tutorial : 1 (per week)**

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course, students will be able to describe the period of British rule in Assam after its annexation by the imperialist forces. They will also be able to situate the development of nationalism in Assam and its role in India's freedom struggle. The course would enable the students to analyse the main currents of the political and socio-economic developments in Assam during the colonial period.

### **Unit I:**

- [a] Political condition in Assam on the eve of the British rule.
- [b] Establishment and Consolidation of the British rule: Reforms and Reorganizations- David Scott – Annexation of Lower Assam, Administrative
- [c] Reorganisation and Revenue Measures of Scott; Robertson – Administrative and Revenue Measures; Jenkins' Administrative Measures

### **Unit II:**

- [a] Ahom Monarchy in Upper Assam (1833-38)
- [b] Annexation of Cachar
- [c] Early phase of Revolts and Resistance to British rule- Gomdhar Konwar, Piyali Phukan, U. Tirut Singh,
- [d] The Khamti and the Singpho rebellion
- [e] The 1857 Revolt in Assam and its aftermath.

### **Unit III:**

- [a] Establishment of Chief Commissionership in Assam.
- [b] Land Revenue Measures and Peasant Uprisings in 19th century Assam
- [c] Growth of national consciousness – Assam Association, Sarbajanik Sabhas, Raiyat Sabhas.
- [d] Government of India Act, 1919 – Dyarchy on Trial in Assam.

### **Unit IV :**

- [a] Non Co-operation Movement and Swarajist Politics in Assam
- [b] The Civil Disobedience Movement
- [c] Trade Union and Allied Movements
- [d] Tribal League and Politics in Assam

### **Unit V:**

- [a] Quit India Movement in Assam.
- [b] Cabinet Mission Plan and the Grouping Controversy
- [c] The Sylhet Referendum.

[d] Migration, Line System and its Impact on Politics in Assam

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Guha, Amalendu : *Planters Raj to Swaraj, Freedom Struggle and Electoral Politics in Assam.*  
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**HIS –HE-6026 : ASSAM SINCE INDEPENDENCE**

**Lectures : 5; Tutorial : 1 (per week)**

**Course Outcome:** Students will be able to assess the aftermath of Partition and other socio-economic developments in post-independence Assam upon completion of this course. They will also be able to identify the main currents of political and socio-economic development in Assam after India's independence and the causes and impact of various struggles and movements in contemporary Assam.

**Unit I- Political developments**

- [a] Political changes and impact of partition
- [b] Administrative Re-organisation.
- [c] Indo-China War (1962)
- [d] Electoral politics in Assam
- [e] Independence of Bangladesh and its impact on Assam

**Unit II- Economic developments**

- [a] Economic impact of the Partition
- [b] Revenue policies
- [c] Five year plans
- [d] Industrialisation and Urban Development
- [e] Demographic Changes
- [f] Transport and communication

**Unit III : Movements and Ethnic Ressurgence :**

- [a] Growth of middle class
- [b] Language movement

- [c] Refinery Movement
- [d] Assam Movement
- [e] Ethnic Resurgence and movement for autonomy; insurgency

**Unit IV: Environmental issues :**

- [a] Natural disasters : earthquake of 1950, flood, erosion.
- [b] Land policies and land hunger
- [c] Development and environment
- [c] Big dam issue
- [d] Development, Displacement and natural resources.

**Unit V- Cultural development**

- [a] Activities of The Assam Sahitya Sabha,
- [b] Development of Media (print and electronic), the All India Radio.
- [c] Development of Education : Elementary, Secondary and Higher
- [d] Women's Movements : Mahila Samiti, Asam Lekhika Somaroh

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- Goswami, P.C., *Economic Development of Assam*
- Hussain, Monirul, *The Assam Movement: Class, Ideology and Identity*, 1993
- Medhi, S. B : *Transport System and Economic Development in Assam*, Publication Board, Assam.

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