

**Syllabi of the M.A. Programme in History under Choice Based Credit System, Department of History, Dibrugarh University.**

<b>Semester –I</b>			
<b>Domain</b>	<b>Paper Code</b>	<b>Title of the Paper</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Core 1	10100	Religion and Society in Early India (up to 1200 AD)	4
Core 2	10200	Society and religion in Medieval India	4
Core 3	10300	Social History of Modern India 1757-1947	4
			4x3=12
<b>Opt any Two Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) from Below</b>			
DSE 1	104.1	State and State Formation in North East India (Pre-Colonial)	4
DSE 2	104.2	Political History of Modern Assam (1826 – 1947)	4
DSE 3	105.1	State in India (Pre Colonial Period)	4
DSE 4	105.2	Constitutional History of India	4
			4x2=8
<b>Opt any One Ability Enhancement Skill (AES) from Below</b>			
AEC1	106.1	Archive	2
AEC2	106.2	Epigraphy	2
			2x1=2
<b>TOTAL CREDIT OF SEMESTER I</b>			<b>12+8+2=22</b>
<b>Semester –II</b>			
Core 4	20100	Economic History of Early India (Up to 1200 AD)	4
Core 5	20200	Economic History of Medieval India 1200-1750	4
Core 6	20300	Economic History of Modern India 1757-1947	4
			4x3=12
<b>Opt any one Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) from Below</b>			
DSE 5	204.1	Society, Culture and Economy of Assam: From Earliest Time to 1228	4
DSE 6	204.2	Social and Religious History of Medieval Assam	4
DSE 7	204.3	Social History of Modern Assam	4
			4x1=4
<b>Opt any one Generic Elective from Below</b>			
GE 1	205.1	World Revolutions	4
GE 2	205.2	Society, Culture and Economy of Assam: From Earliest Time to 1228	4
GE 3	205.3	Social and Religious History of Medieval Assam	4
GE 4	205.4	Social History of Modern Assam	4
			4x1=4
<b>TOTAL CREDIT OF SEMESTER II</b>			<b>12+4+4=20</b>

### Semester –III

Core 7	30100	History of Contemporary World (1945 -2003)	4
Core 8	30200	Women in Indian History	4
Core 9	30300	Historiography Non -Indian	4
			4x3=12
<b>Opt any one Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) from Below</b>			
DSE 8	304.1	History of Art and Archaeology of Ancient Assam	4
DSE 9	304.2	Economic History of Medieval Assam	4
DSE 10	304.3	Economic History of Modern Assam (1826-1947)	4
DSE 11	305.1	Science and Technology in Pre-colonial India	4
			4x1=4
<b>Opt any one Generic Elective from Below</b>			
GE 5	306.1	History of Nation and Nationalism	4
GE 6	306.2	History of Art and Archaeology of Ancient Assam	4
GE 7	306.3	Economic History of Medieval Assam	4
GE 8	306.4	History of Contemporary India 1947-2000	4
GE 9	306.5	Science and Technology in Pre-Colonial India	4
			4x1=4
<b>Opt any One Ability Enhancement Skill (AES) from Below</b>			
AEC 3	307.1	Oral History and Oral Tradition	2
AEC 4	307.2	Visual Material as Primary Sources	2
			2x1=2
<b>TOTAL CREDIT OF SEMESTER III</b>			<b>12+4+4+2=22</b>

### Semester –IV

Core 10	40100	History of Freedom Struggle in India 1858-1947	4
Core 11	40200	History of Ecology and Environment in India	4
Core 12	40300	Historiography: Indian	4
			4x3=12
<b>Opt any one Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) from Below</b>			
DSE 13	404.1	Art and Architecture in early India	4
DSE 14	404.2	Art and Architecture in medieval India	4
DSE 15	404.3	History of Tribes of Northeast India:1826-1947	4
			4x1=4
<b>TOTAL CREDIT OF SEMESTER IV</b>			<b>12+4=16</b>

**TOTAL CREDIT OF ALL THE SEMESTER OF M.A PROGRAMME 22+20+22+13=80**

## Semester-I

<b>Course code</b>	:	<b>101</b>
<b>Course Title</b>	:	<b>Religion and Society in Early India (up to 1200 AD)</b>
<b>Nature of the Course</b>	:	<b>Core</b>
<b>Credit</b>	:	<b>4x1=4</b>

### Course Objectives:

The objective of the course is

- To introduce the multiple religious traditions in India and their process of evolution throughout the ancient and early medieval period.
- To study the developments from pre-Vedic the Vedic and post-Vedic up to early medieval period will be discussed In chronological terms
- To explore the historical contexts in which the religions emerged, developed and transformed over centuries.

### Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations

#### Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar

#### Course contents:

Topic	Credit	
	Lecture	Tutorial
<b>Unit- I</b>		
1.1: Sources and Approaches to study of early Indian religious traditions	3	2
1.2: Understanding dynamics of religion	3	
1.3: Prehistoric genesis of religion in India	3	
1.4: Religions in the Indus valley civilization	3	
<b>Unit-II:</b>		
2.1: Religion in Early Vedic and Later Vedic literature	3	2
2.2: Ritualistic religion and Upanishadic philosophies	3	
2.3: Priesthood and social stratification	3	
2.4: Socio-economic backgrounds	3	
<b>Unit-III:</b>		
3.1: Alternative religious traditions in the 6 <sup>th</sup> century BCE- Social context	3	2
3.2: Early Buddhism, Jainism and Ajivikas	3	
3.3: Materialistic philosophy and Carvakas	3	
3.4: Growth and transformation in Buddhism and Jainism	3	

<b>Unit –IV:</b>		
4.1: Development of Puranic religions and sectarian identities	2	2
4.2: Vishnuism, Sivaism and Shaktism	3	
4.3: Features of Puranic religion, Tantrism and material milieu	2	
4.4 Concept of acculturation and proliferation of castes and development of untouchability	2	
4.5: Shaktipithas, Sacred space and sacred geography	3	
<b>Unit-V:</b>		
5.1: Growth of Bhakti and social context	2	2
5.2: Alvars, Nayanars, Srivaishnavas, Virasaivism	3	
5.3: Kapalika, Kalamukha, Natha and Siddhas	3	
5.4: Sankaracharya, Madhavacharya and Ramanuja	3	
<b>Total Contact Hours</b>		<b>69</b>

### Suggested Readings :

- Atre, Shubhangana : The Archetypal Mother, 1987.  
Banerjea J.N. : Pauranic and Tantrik Religion, 1966  
Basham, A.L. : History and Doctrines of the Ajivikas, 1951.  
The Wonder that was India, 1954  
The Origin and Development of Classical Hinduism, 1991
- Bhattacharji, Sukumari :The Indian Theogony, 1970.  
Bhattacharya Benoytosh : An Introduction to Buddhist Esoterism, 1932.  
Bhattacharyya N.N. : History of the Tantrik Religion, 1982.  
: History of Shakta Religion, 1974.  
:The Indian Mother Goddess, 1977  
: Ancient Indian Rituals and Their Social Contents, 2nd Ed., 1996
- Chakrabarti Kunal, :Religious Process: The Puranas and the Making of a Regional Tradition of Bengal, 2001.
- Chakravarti, Uma : The Social Dimensions of Early Buddhism, 1987  
Champakalakshmi,R. & S.Gopal :Tradition, Dissent and Ideology, 2000  
Chattopadhyaya, Debiprasad : Indian Atheism, 1969  
: Lokayata, 1959
- Coburn, Thomas B. Devi Mahatmya : The Crystallization of the Goddess Tradition, 1984
- Dasgupta Shashibhushan : Obscure Religious Cults, 1962  
Davie, Grace : The Sociology of Religion, 2007  
Doniger, Wendy ed. : Purana Perennis : Reciprocity and Transformation in Hindu and Jain Texts, 1993  
Eck, Diana L. : India: A Sacred Geography, 2011

- Eschmann, A., Kulke, H & G.C.Tripath: The Cult of Jagannatha and Regional Tradition of Orissa, 1978
- Jaini, P.S. : Gender and Salvation, 1992.
- Jaiswal Suvira : The Origin and Development of Vaishnavism, 2<sup>nd</sup>., 1981.
- Kosambi, D.D. : Myth and Reality, 1962
- Kulke, H. Kings and Cults: State Formation and Legitimation in India and South-East Asia, 2001
- Lorenzen, David N. : The Kapalikas and Kalamukhas: Two Lost Shaivite Sects, 1972
- Lorenzen, David N. (ed.) : Religious Movements in South Asia, 600-1800, 2004
- Nandi, R.N. : Religious Institutions and Cults in the Deccan, 1973  
: Social Roots of Religion in Ancient India, 1986
- Nath, Vijay : Puranas and Acculturation : A Historico-Anthropological Perspective, 2001  
: "Tirthas and Acculturation : An Anthropological Study", Social Scientist, 2001  
: The Puranic World : Environment, Gender, Ritual and Myth, 2009  
: From 'Brahmanism' to 'Hinduism': Negotiating the Myth of Great Tradition, Social Scientist, 2001
- Ray, H.P. : Sacred Landscapes in Asia: Shared Traditions, Multiple Histories, 2007
- Ramanujam, A.K. : Hymns for the Drowning : Poems for Vishnu by Nammalvar, 1981
- Ramaswamy, Vijaya : Divinity and Deviance : Women in Virashaivism, 1996
- Seshadri, K. : Shrivaisnavism and Social Change, Calcutta, 1998.
- Sharma, R.S. : Material Culture and Social Formations in Ancient India, 1983.
- Sharma, A. (ed.) Goddess and Women in the Indic Religious Traditions, 2004
- Shrimali, Krishna Mohan : The Age of Iron and the Religious Revolution (c.700 – c.350 BC),
- Sircar, D.C. ed. : Shakti Cult and Tara, 1967  
The Sakta Pithas, 1975
- Singh, Upinder A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: from the Stone Age to the 12<sup>th</sup> century, 2008  
Rethinking Early Medieval India: A Reader, 2011
- Tyagi J. Contestations and Compliance: Retriving Women's Agency from Puranic Traditions, 2014
- Thapar Romila (ed); : Recent Perspectives of Early Indian History, 1995
- Varadachari, K.C. : Alvars of South India, 1966
- Weber, Max : The Religion of India, 1968
- Wendell Charles Beane : Myth, Cult and Symbols in Shakta Hinduism, 1977.

### Learning outcome:

After going through this course the students will be able to

1. Identify multiple religious traditions and philosophies in early India
2. Find out the socio-economic context of evolution
3. Discover the process of transformation of different religious traditions through interaction

## Semester-I

Course code	:	102
Course Title	:	Society and Religion in Medieval India
Nature of the Course	:	Core
Credit	:	4x1=4

### Course Objectives

The focus of this course is

- To understand the society, its composition and the role played by religion in determining the nature of a given society.
- To aid the students to understand the historical background of the growth and development of major religious trends in medieval India.

**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations**

### Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar

Topic	Credit	
	Lecture	Tutorial
<b>UNIT- I</b>		
1.01: Sources and approaches		<b>1+1</b>
1.02: Composition and Stratification of Rural Society- the rural gentries ( <i>zamindars</i> ), the <i>Khudkast</i> , <i>Pahikast</i> , <i>Raiyatis</i> , and Craft and Service communities	<b>3</b> <b>3</b>	
1.03: Composition of Urban Classes – nobility, commercial classes, artisans, slaves and servants	<b>3</b>	
1.04: Social Life- Social customs, festivals and amusements	<b>2</b>	
<b>UNIT II</b>		
2.01: Religious and Historical background of Bhakti Movement in India	<b>3</b>	<b>1+1</b>
2.02: <i>Saguna</i> Tulsidas, Chaitainya		
2.03: <i>Nirguna</i> Tradition: Kabir, Dadu	<b>3</b>	
2.04: Bhakti and Women	<b>3</b> <b>3</b>	
<b>UNIT-III</b>		
3.01: Growth and development of Sikhism.		<b>1+1</b>
3.02: Emergence of Guru tradition and <i>Khalsa</i> identity in Sikhism	<b>3</b>	

3.03: Neo-Vaishnavism and Sankaradeva of Assam	3	
3.04: Vernacular Literature and <i>Bhakti</i> Movement	3	
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<b>UNIT-IV</b>		
4.01: Jagannath cult in Orissa	3	1+1
4.02: Warkari and Vithoba cult in Maharashtra	3	
4.03: Lingayata movement in Karnataka	3	
4.04: <i>Rishi</i> Tradition in Kashmir	3	
<b>UNIT-V</b>		
5.01: Islam-Background, the Ulema, relation with the State, Expansion of Islam.	3	1+1
5.02: Sufism-Origin, concepts and practices, Different <i>Silsilhas</i> and relation with the state and other religious groups.	3	
5.03: Advent of the Christianity in India	3	
5.04: Different versions of Christianity in India: St.Thomas Christians, Portuguese <i>Padroado Real</i> , <i>Padroado Fide</i> , Protestants.	3	

**Suggested Reading:**

- Ali, M. Athar : *Mughal Nobility under Aurangzeb*, Mumbai, 1970
- Ashraf, K.M. : *Life and condition of the People of Hindustan* (1200-1550, Delhi, 1970)
- Aquil, Raziuddin : *Sufism and Society in Medieval India, Debates in Indian History and Society Series*. New Delhi: OUP.2010
- Bhattacharya, M.N. (ed) : *Medieval Bhakti Movement in India*, Delhi 1989.
- Basu, Aparna & A .Taneja [eds] *Breaking out of Invisibility; Women in Indian History*, 2002
- Charlotte Vaudeville : *A Weaver Named Kabir: Selected verses with a Detailed Biographical & Historical Introduction* (OUP New- Delhi 1993).
- Chandra, S. : *Essays on Medieval Indian History* New Delhi 2005.
- : *Historiography, Religion and State in Medieval India* (Delhi2009)
- Chitgopekar Nilima (ed) : *Invoking Goddesses: Gender Politics in Indian Religion*, 2002
- Deleury, G.A. : *The cult of Vithoba*, Poona 1960.
- Das Gupta,S : *An Introduction to Tantric Buddhism* 1974.
- Eaton, Richard M. : *India's Islamic Traditions, 711-1750*. New Delhi: Oxford2003
- (ed) Habib Irfan : *Religion in India History* (New Delhi 1007).
- Jayaswswal, S. : *The Origin and Development of Vaishnavism*, New Delhi
- Khan, Mohammad Ishaq : *Kashmir's Transition to Islam: The Role of Muslim Rishis*. New Delhi, 1997
- Kulke, H : *The cult of Jagannath and Regional Tradition in Orissa*, New Delhi1978

- Lorengen, D. N. (ed) : *Bhakti Religion in North India*, New Delhi, 1995  
 Lorengen, D. N. (ed) : *Religious Movements in South Asia ( 600-1800 AD )* New Delhi 2005  
 McLeod, W.H : *Guru Nanak and the Sikh Religion* OUP. N Delhi 1986.  
 Ramaswamy, Vijaya, : *Divinity and Deviance: Women in Virashaivism*, OUP, Delhi, 1996.  
 : *Walking Naked: Women, Society, and Spirituality in South India*, 1997.  
 Rizvi, S. Athar Abbas : *A History of Sufism in India* New Delhi 1983.  
 Riazul, Islam : *Sufism in South Asia: Impact on Fourteen Century Muslim Society* (Karachi 2002)  
 Sharma, K. : *Bhakti and Bhakti Movement: A New Perspective*. Delhi 1987. Singh, Vipul : *Interpreting Medieval India (Vol-I)* New Delhi 2009.  
 Mundadan, A. Mathias : *The History of Christianity in India*, vol i, Bangalore, 1978  
 Thekkedath, Joseph : *The History of Christianity in India*, vol ii, Bangalore, 1988

### Learning outcome:

The student will learn:

- Nature and composition of medieval societies in India.
- Historical background to major trends in religions in Medieval India (Bhakti, Sufi, Sikhism, Christianity).
- Interaction between religion and society.
- Growth of regional identities and role of religion in it.

### Semester-I

<b>Course code</b>	: 103
<b>Course title</b>	: <b>Social History of Modern India: 1757-1947</b>
<b>Nature of the Course</b>	: <b>Core</b>
<b>Credit</b>	: <b>4x1=4</b>

### Course Objectives:

- To understand the social structure and milieu of Indian society during the period of the study
- To critically understand the colonial perceptions towards Indian society and the various reforms carried out in relation to that.
- To examine the role of the Indian intelligentsia in carrying out various reforms and revivalist movements in the society in response to the colonial views on the Indian society.
- To trace the growth and development of education, press, literatures, painting and sports and to understand how these helped shape the opinion and culture of modern Indian society.



**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/ In Semester Examinations**

**Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar**

**Course Contents:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Credit</b>	
	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Tutorial</b>
<b>Unit – 1</b> 1.01. Indian society in the 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> century- Race and Caste. 1.02. Colonial Perception of India – Bengal Asiatic society, Orientalists, Utilitarians and Evangelists. 1.03. Ideologies of the Raj – Oriental Despotism, Rule of Law. 1.04. The Indian Responses: Early Phase	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Unit – II</b> 2.01. The Colonial State and social reforms – Thuggee, female infanticide, human sacrifice and slavery. 2.02. The role of Christian Missionaries: Education, health and proselytisation. 2.03. Indian intelligentsia Respond: Brahmo Samaj, Prarthana Samaj 2.04. The Arya Samaj and the Theosophical Society.	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Unit – III</b> 3.01. Movement against the Caste system- the Depressed Class Movement. 3.02. Islamic Reform Movements- Shah Walliwallah, Deoband, Aligarh – Islamic Revivalist Movement. 3.03. Reform Movement among the Parsis. 3.04. Reform Movement among the Sikhs.	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>Unit – V:</b> 5.01. The growth of Modern Indian Literature 2.02. The growth of Modern Indian Art and Music 5.03. Indian plays and cinemas. 5.04. The growth of new sports – Hockey, Cricket, football.	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Contact Hours</b>	<b>65</b>	

### Suggested Readings

- Subramanian, Lakshmi.(2010). *History of India, 1707-1857*, Orient BlackSwan.
- Bayly,C.A.(1990).*Indian Society and the Making of British Empire*, Cambridge University Press.
- Dalmia, Vasudha. (2008).*Orienteering India, European Knowledge formation in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth centuries*, Three Essay Collecctive.
- Chatterjee, Suhas.(1989).*The Raj Syndrome: A Study in Imperial Perceptions*, New Century Publications; 1 edition (1 January 2003).
- O’Leary, Brendan. (1989).*The Asiatic Mode of Production: Oriental Despotism, Historical Materialism and Indian History*, Oxford Basil Blackwell.
- Stokes,Eric .(1959), *English Utilitarians and India* , Oxford.
- Thapar, Romila, *Interpreting Early India*, Delhi, 1999. Oxford University Press.
- S Cohn, Bernard.(1996). *Colonialism and its Form of Knowledge*, Princeton University Press.
- Mukherjee,S.N., *Sir William Jones: A Study in Eighteenth-Century British Attitudes to India*, Bombay,Orient Longman.
- Majeed, Javed. (1992). *Ungoverned Imaginings: James Mill’s The History of British India and Orientalism*, Oxford:Clarendon Press.
- King, Richard. (1999). *Orientalism and Religion: Postcolonial Theory, India and 'The Mystic East'*, OUP,
- Kopf, David.(1969). *British Orientalism and Indian Renaissance: the Dynamics of Indian Modernisation 1773-1835*, University of California Press.
- Kejariwal, O.P. (1988). *The Asiatic Society of Bengal and the Discovery of India’s Past 1784-1838*, Delhi, Oxford University Press..
- S Dodson, Michael. (2010) *Orientalism, empire and National Culture: India, 1770-1880 Delhi,Foundation Books*.
- Bongard-Levin, G.M. and .A.Vigasina,(1984). *The Image of India: The Study of Ancient Indian Civilisation in the USSR*.
- Metcalf, Thomas R . (1987). *Ideologies of the Raj*, Cambridge, 1987. Cambridge University Press
- Singhs, Radhika.(1998). *Despotism of law: Crime and Justice in Early Colonial India*.OUP
- Lloyd, Tom. (2006). ‘Acting in the Theatre of Anarchy’: The Anti- Thug Campaign and Elaborations of Colonial Rule in Early Nineteenth-Century India’ Edinburg paper in *South Asian Studies* 19.
- \_\_\_\_\_. (2008). ‘Thugee,Marginality and the State Effect in Colonial India circa 1770-1840,’ *Indian Economic & Social History Review* 45(2).
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- Jones, Kenneth .(1984) *Socio-Religious Reform Movements in British India* Cambridge University

Press.

Rosaline, O Hanlon. (1985). *Caste Conflict and Ideology: Mahatma Jotirao Phule and Low caste Protest In Nineteenth-Century Western India*, Cambridge University Press.

Omvedt, Gait. (1994). *Dalits and the Democratic Revolution: Dr Ambedkar and the Dalit movement in Colonial India*, Sage.

B. Dirks, Nicholas. (2001) *Caste of Mind* Princeton University press.

Ranjan Mani, Bra.(2005). *Debrahmanism History*, Manorhar.

Banerjee, Ishta Dube. (2008). *Caste in History*, OUP.

Majumadar, R.C.(1965). *British Paramountcy and Indian Renaissance*, Bombay: B.V.B.

Divekar, V.D. (ed) (1992). *Soial Reform Movements in India: A Historical perspective*, Bombay:Popular Prakashan.

Sarkar, Sumit and Tanikar. (2008). *Women and Social Reform in odern India:A Rader*, Indiana University Press.

Futchs, Martin and Dalmia, Vasudha. (ed) (2019). *Religious Interactions in Modern India*,OUP.

Ahmed, Azid (1967). *Islamic Movements in India and Pakistan 1857-1964*, London.

Lelyveld, David. (1978). *Aligarh's First generation: Muslim Solidarity in British India*, Princeton.

Metcalf, Barbara. (1982). *Islamic Revival in British Dndia Deoband 1860-1900*, Princeton.

Singh, Teja. (1922). *The Gurudwara Reform Movement and the Sikh Awakening*, Punjab : Desh Sewak Book Agency.

M.Ringer,Monica.(2011). *Pious Citizens: Reforming Zoroastrianism in India and Iran* Syracuse, New York: Syracuse University Press.

Joshi, Sanjay. (2010) ed. *The Middle Class in Colonial India* Oxford University Press.

Jodhka, Surender. (2016) *The Indian Middle Class*, New Delhi: OUP.

Misr,a B. B. (1979). *The Indian Middle Classes: Their Growth In Modern Times*, Oxford University Press.

Gauri Vishwanathan. (2015, reprint). *Masks of Conquest: Literary Study and British Rule in India* Columbia University Press .

Teltscher, Kate.(1995). *India Inscribed*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Panikar K.N .(2007). *Colonialism Culture and Resistance*, OUP.

Saran, Renu. (2012). *History of Indian Cenema*, Diamond Books.

Guha, Ramachandra. (2006). *A corner of a foreign Field: The Indian History of a British Sport*, Penguin, new edition.

Majumdar Boria. (2006). *Illustrated History of Indian Cricket*, Lustre.

Sarkar, Sumit .(2015 ). *Modern Times*, Permanent Black.

Gosh,Suresh Chandra. (2013) *History of Education in Modern India*, Orient Blackswan Reprint Fourth edition

Sinha, Gayatri. (2003). (ed). *Indian Art: An Overview*, Rupa.

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Singh,Lata. (2009).ed. *Theatre in colonial India:Play-house of Power* Oxford University Press.

Paul Dimeo and James Mills, (2013) eds. *Soccer in South Asia*, Routledge Abingdon.

Karlekar, Malavika. (2013). *Visual Histories: Photography in the Visual Imagination*, Oxford University Press.

Dissanayake ,W and Singh,K.M. Gokul. (2004). *Indian Popular Cenema*, Trentham Books.

Oberoi,P. (2009). *Freedom and Destiny: Gender and Popular Culture in India*. Delhi.

Basu, Aparna *The Growth of Education and Political Development in Modern India*, 1858 1920.

## **Learning Outcomes:**

After learning the course, the students will be able to

- Comprehend the social structure of Indian society
- Have knowledge on the British perception on India society and the numerous efforts invested by their agency in understanding the Indian society.
- Enhance the learner's knowledge on the roles of Indian intelligentsia in respond to the British colonial state.
- Gain knowledge on the development of education, press, literature, painting, and sport in India and the popular culture of modern Indian society.

## **SEMESTER-I**

**Course code : 104.1**

**Course Title : State and State Formation in North East India (Pre-Colonial)**

**Nature of the Course : DSE**

**Credit : 4x1=4**

## **Objectives:**

The objective of the course is to

- Acquaint the students with the knowledge of the state and state polity of this part of India in the pre British times.
- It also aims to create in them an urge of inquiry into the past history of this region in order to make them understand its present polity and society.

**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations****Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar****Course contents:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Credit</b>	
	<b>lecture</b>	<b>Tutorial</b>
<b>Unit 1:</b>		
1.1. Sources and approaches	3	2
1.2. Geographical Setting, Migration and Settlement Pattern.	3	
1.3. The Kamarupa State	3	
1.4. Polity and Administration :Interactions with Neighbouring Polities	3	
<b>Unit- II</b>		
2.1 Socio-political background of 13 <sup>th</sup> century Assam and advent of the Ahoms .	3	2
2.2 Expansion of the Ahom State : 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> Century	3	
2.3 Ahom and Mughal Political Relations	3	
2.4 Ahom State and Relationship with Hill Areas	3	
<b>Unit- III</b>		
3.1 Chutiya State Formation	3	2
3.2 Dimacha State Formation : Phases and Transformation		
3.3 Koch Kingdom		
3.4 Chieftains, Principalities and Communities		
<b>Unit- IV</b>		
4.1 Nature and Theory of Kingship	3	2
4.2 Ahom administrative structure	3	
4.3 Crisis of the Ahom State : Moamoria Uprisings	3	
4.4 Burmese Invasion and Colonial Penetration	3	
<b>UNIT V.</b>		
5.1 Manipur State	4	2
5.2 Jayantiya State	4	
5.3 Tripura State	4	

### **Suggested Readings:**

- Barua K.L : *Early History of Kamarupa*
- Baruah, S.L. : *Last Days of the Ahom Monarch: A Comprehensive History of Assam*
- Barpujari, H.K. Ed. : *The Comprehensive History of Assam, Vol. I, II.*
- Bhattacharjee, J.B. : *State and Wealth: The Early States in North East India*  
: *Bhauma – Naraka Legend and State Formation in*  
*Pragiyotisa- Komura Social and Polity Formations in Pre-Colonial North-*  
*East India*
- Bhattacharjee, J.B.& Syiemlieh, D.: *Early States in North East India*
- Choudhury, P.C. : *History of Civilization of the People of Assam to the*  
*Twelfth Century A.D.*
- Devi. L. : *Ahom Tribal Relations*
- Guha, Amalendu : *Medieval and Early Colonial Assam: Society, Polity and*  
*Economy*
- Kamei. G : *From Tribalism to Feudalism: Evolution of the Meitei State in Manipur*
- Lahiri, Nayanjot : *Pre- Ahom Assam Pre Colonial Period, Delhi 1991*
- Nath, D. : *History of the Koch Kingdom, Mittal, Delhi 1989*

### **Learning outcome:**

After going through this course the student will be able to understand:

- Emergence of states such as Kamarupa, Ahom, Kachari, Chutia, and Koch states in the Brahmaputra valley.
- Emergence of the Manipur, Jayantia and Tripura states of the North east.
- The nature of these states and state formation process in North east India.

## SEMESTER-I

**Course code : 104.2**

**Course Title : Political History of Assam: 1826 – 1947**

**Nature of the Course : DSE**

**Credit : 4x1=4**

### **Objectives:**

The objective of the course is to:

- Give an understanding on the circumstances that led to colonial takeover of political power from the native rulers.
- Discuss administrative reforms introduced to suit the purpose of colonial requirements. It would connect colonial policies with the tribes of the Northeast Frontiers of India and emergence of new political parties.
- throw light on the impact of the world wars and other international developments in Assam would be dealt with.

**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations**

**Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar**

### **Course contents:**

Topic	Lectures	Tutorial
Unit-I		
1.01: Sources and application	3	2
1.02: Political condition in Assam on the eve of the British rule.	3	
1.03: Establishment and Consolidation of the British rule – Reforms and Reorganizations- the role of David Scott, Robertson and Jenkins.	4	
1.04: Early phase of Revolts and Resistance to British rule- Gomdhar Konwar, Piyali Phukan, U.Tirut Singh, the Khamti and the Singpho rebellion	2	
Unit-II:		
2.01: Expansion of the British Rule in Assam– Annexation of Cachar, Matak, North Cachar Hills and the Jayantia state	3	2
2.02: The 1857 Revolt in Assam and its aftermath	3	
2.03: Frontier administration - Colonial penetration in Lakhimpur, Balipara and Sadiya frontiers- Inner Line and NEFA	3	
2.04 Colonial survey works in NEFA- Pemberton, Meckenzie and J.P.		

Wades accounts	3	
Unit-III:		
3.01: Growth of national consciousness – Assam Association, Sarbajanik Sabhas, and the Rayat Sabhas	3	2
3.02: Partition of Bengal – Swadeshi and Boycott Movement in Assam. Growth of Revolutionary Terrorism.	3	
3.03: Growth of Students movements in Assam - Indian Councils Act of 1892 and its impact on Assam politics	3	
3.04: Assam after Morley –Minto Reforms- Swadeshi Movement in Assam	3	
Unit –IV:		
4.01: Impact of the World War I in Assam.- Government of India Act 1919- Dyarchy- colonial intervention in tribal politics	3	2
4.02: Non-cooperation Movement- Swarajist politics- Simon Commission- repercussion in Assam	3	
4.03: Civil Disobedience Movement- Cunningham circular- Local Self Government in Assam.	3	
4.04: Introduction of Line system and its impact	3	
Unit-V:		
5.01: The Government of India Act, 1935 – Provincial Autonomy – Rise of the Left Parties - Emergence of new political parties	3	2
5.02: Immigration Question and Muslim Politics.	3	
5.03: Quit India Movement- Indian National Army and its impact on Assam politics	3	
5.04: Cabinet Mission Plan and the Grouping Controversy – the Sylhet Referendum	3	

### Suggested Readings:

Barpujari, H. K : Assam in the Days of the Company. 1963

—————, : (ed) Francis Jenkins Report on the North- East Frontier of

India. 1995



- , : (ed) Political History of Assam, Vol. I. 1990
- , : (ed) The Comprehensive History Of Assam, Vols. IV & V. 1990
- Barua, Swarnalata : A Comprehensive History of Assam. 1985
- Pemberton, R.B. : Report on the Eastern Frontiers of Assam
- Bhuyan, S.K. : Early British Relations with Assam, 2013
- Bhuyan, A.C and : (ed) Political History of Assam, Vols. II & III.
- De, S.
- Bhuyan, A.C : (ed) Nationalist Upsurge in Assam, 2000
- Bora .S. : Student Revolution in Assam, 1992
- Chakravarti, B. C : British Relations with the Hill Tribes of Assam. 1964
- Dutta, Anuradha : Assam in the Freedom Movement, 1991
- Guha, Amalendu : Planters Raj to Swaraj, Freedom Struggle and Electoral Politics in Assam, 2014
- Lahiri, R.M : Annexation of Assam, 1975
- Saikia, Arupjyoti : A Century of Protests: Peasant Politics in Assam since 1900, 2015
- Barpujari, H.K. : Problems of the Hills Tribes, 1981
- Bhuyan, B.C : Political Developments of North East India, 1989
- Bose, M.L. : Historical and Constitutional Documents of North East India, 1997
- Reid, Robert : Years of Change in Bengal and Assam, 1966
- Elwin, Verrier : India's North East Frontiers, 2018
- Rao, Venkata V. : A Hundred Years of Local Self Government in Assam , 1967
- A. Mackenzie : North –east Frontiers of India, 1995

Milton S. Sangma : Essays on North-east India, 1994

### Learning outcome

- Understanding British colonial interest in the province of Assam.
- It would deal with the process of colonial penetration in the eastern frontiers of Assam.
- Assembly politics in Assam and the process of Indianisation in the institutions of Assam.
- Understand the impact of national movement in the politics of Assam.

### Semester-I

**Course Code** : 105.1  
**Course Title** : The State in India (Pre-Colonial Period)  
**Nature of the Course** : DSE  
**Distribution of Credit** : 4x1=4

### Objective:

- To develop understanding of the complex processes of state formation in India in historical perspective
- To develop understanding of the different approaches and explanations of state formation process in India
- To develop understanding of the changing administrative systems in the socio-economic contexts.

**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations**

**Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar**

### Course Contents

Topic	Lecture/ Tutorial	
	12	2
<b>Unit- I</b> <b>State formation in early India:</b> 1.01: Sources and Approaches: Oriental Despotism, Conventional model of State formation, Feudal State , Segmentary State and Integrative model of State Formation 1.02 Patrimonial and Bureaucratic State in Medieval India 1.02: Polity in the Vedic Period; the importance of Sabha, Samity and Vidhata 1.03: Early territorial states: Janapadas and Mahajanapadas		

<b>Unit- II</b> 2.01: Mauryan State: Emergence of Magadh as Imperial State 2.02: Indo-Greeks and the Kushana State: Polity and Administration 2.03: State Formation in Central India and in the Deccan: Satavahanas and Western Khatrapas; 2.04: Gupta State System: Political consolidation — Extent and Structure	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Unit- III</b> 3.01: Growth of Feudal Political Structures in Post-Gupta period in North India 3.02: Structure of polity in Early medieval period 3.03: Early State Formation in the South: Sangam Age, Pallavas. 3.04: The Chola state	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Unit- IV</b> <b>The Indo-Islamic States (the Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal state)</b> 4.01: Issues of legitimacy (rituals & symbols). 4.02: Theories of kingship. 4.03: The ruling/pressure groups ( <i>mamluks, amirs, ulema, sufis, mansabdars</i> ) 4.04: Institutions of governance ( <i>iqta, mansab, jagir, madad-i mash grants</i> ).	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>UNIT V.</b> 5.1: 5.2: The Vijayanagar & the Bahmani state. 5.3: The Maratha state and the “Successor” states (Hyderabad, Awadh, and Bengal). 5.03 The Decline of The Mughal Empire - debate 5.4: The 18 <sup>th</sup> century debate.	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>

**Suggested Readings :**

- Sharma, R.S. : Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India, New Delhi, India's Ancient Past 2005  
: Indian Feudalism, Reprint, New Delhi,  
: The State and Varna Formation in the Mid Gangetic Plains, An Ethno-Archaeological View, 1996
- Stein, B : State and Society in South India, 1990
- Thapar, R : Early India ; from the origin to 1300 A.D, 2001  
: Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas, Reprint, New Delhi,  
: From Lineage to State, New Delhi, 1984  
: Interpreting Early India, 1996
- Mukharjee, B.N. : The Rise and fall of the Kushana Empire, New Delhi,

- Raychoudhury,H : Political History of Ancient India  
 Ray, Kumkum : The Emergence of Monarchy in North India  
 Shastri,K.A.Nilakanta : A History of South India, New Delhi, 2002  
 Singh, Upinder : A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India
- Alam, Muzaffar, :The Languages of Political Islam,(Delhi:PermanentBlack,2004).  
 Alam Muzaffar and Sanjay Subramaniam (eds.): The Mughal State (New Delhi, 1998)  
 Alavi Seema(ed.), The Eighteenth Century in India (New Delhi: 2008)  
 Athar Ali,M : Mughal Nobility under Aurangzeb (New Delhi: 1997)  
 Bhargava, Meena(ed) The Decline of the Mughal Empire (New Delhi 2014)  
 Chattopadhyaya,B.D The Making of Early Medieval India, (Delhi: OUP,1997 reprint)  
 Gordon, S, The New Cambridge History of India: The Marathas 1600-1818,(C U P, New Delhi.1998)  
 Habib, Irfan, Essays in Indian History: Towards a Marxist Perspective, (New Delhi: Tulika,1995)  
 Karashima, Noboru, History and Society in South India  
 Kulke, Hermann(ed) The State in India (1000-1700) (OUP, 1995)  
 Kumar, Sunil, Emergence of the Delhi Sultanate, (Delhi: Permanent Black, 2007)  
 Mukhia, Harbans, The Mughals (Delhi: 2009)  
 : Medieval India: Essays in the History of India, 1200-1750 (New Delhi: 1999)

### **Learning outcome:**

- The students will develop grasps over the concepts and approaches of state formation process in India. The course will develop a critical aptitude to understand the political ideas and institutions in India in historical perspective. It will also help them to locate the interface in between the political processes with religious and cultural practices across time.

## Semester- I

<b>Course No</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>105.2</b>
<b>Course Title</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Constitutional History of India</b>
<b>Course Nature</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>DSE</b>
<b>Total Credit</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>4x1=4</b>

**Objectives:** To understand how the colonial government took over the governance of India from the traditional medieval system and implanted its administrative machinery in India. It would cover various political and administrative reforms responding to the demands of Indian national leaders

**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations**

**Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar**

**Course contents:**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Tutorial</b>
<b>Unit I :</b>		2
i. Regulating Act of 1773,	2	
ii. Pitts India Act of 1784	2	
iii. Cornwallis Code of 1793	2	
iv. Charter Act 1833 – First Law Commission and Lex Loci Report	2 2	
v. Charter Act 1853- Law Commissions	2	
<b>Unit II:</b>		2
i. Govt of India Act 1858- Background – provisions	3 3	
ii. Indian Council Act 1861- Background- provisions- Demands for constitutional reforms		
iii. Indian Council Act 1909- Morley Minto Reforms- Provisions merits and demerits	3	

<p><b>Unit III :</b></p> <p>i. .Government of India Act of 1919- background- Montague –Chelmsford Reforms-Dyarchy-effects in Indian system of governance – merits and demerits</p> <p>ii. Statutory Law Commission- provisions and demerits</p> <p>iii. Reform Act- Irwin Declaration</p> <p>iv. Government of India Act 1935- Background- Important features- Central Legislatures – Constituent Assembly</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2</p> <p>2</p> <p>4</p>	<p>2</p>
<p><b>Unit IV:</b></p> <p>i. .Wavell Plan- August offer- objectives and provisions</p> <p>ii. Cripps mission objectives and provisions</p> <p>iii. Cabinet mission- objectives and provisions</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p>	<p>2</p>
<p><b>Unit V:</b></p> <p>i. Background of Indian Independence Act 1947- provisions of the Act</p> <p>ii. Constituent Assembly of India- Composition</p> <p>iii. Constituent development of Jammu and Kashmir – historical background - provisions</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p>	<p>2</p>

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Chandra , Bipan: Essays on Colonialism
2. Bhagvan, V: Constitutional History of India
3. Jain, M.P: Indian Legal and Constitutional History
4. Noorani, A.G.: A Constitutional History of of Jammu and Kashmir
5. Anand, A.S.: The Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir
6. Gellner, Ernest :Nation and Nationalism
7. Sarkar, Sumit: Modern India- 1885-1947
8. Banerjee, S.N: A Nation in Making
9. Mehrotra, S.N.: Emergence of Indian National Congress
10. Grover, B.L.: British Policy Towards Indian Nationalism, 1885- 1909
11. Low, D.A. : Civil Martial Law: The Government of India and the Civil Disobedience Movement 1930-34
12. Coupland, R: Indian Politics
13. Lappiere, Collins: Mountbatten and Partition of India, 1993
14. Gopalan, S: British Policy in India
15. Moore, R.J.: Churchill, Cripps and India
16. Lawrence, James: The Raj: Making and Unmaking of British India

### **Learners' outcome:**

Provide wider historical understanding on the constitutional developments in India under the colonial system

## emester-I

**Course No.** : 106. 2  
**Title of the Course** : Epigraphy  
**Nature of the course** : AEC  
**Credit** : 2x1=2

### Objective:

The objective of the course is to

- Introduce the students with the elements of epigraphy in India and their use in historical reconstruction evolution of Indian scripts throughout the period
- Their decipherment in the colonial period to be dealt with discussion on different types of inscriptions with close reading of some selected inscriptions will be the prime concern of this course.

### Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/ In Semester Examinations

#### Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar

### Course contents

Unit I		L	T
1.01	Epigraphy: meaning and scope; the role and potential of epigraphic evidence in historical reconstruction	3	
1.02	The decipherment of ancient scripts and the evolution of epigraphic research in India- Harappan script, Brahmi and Kharosthi	3	2
1.03	Stages of evolution of Brahmi up to Nagari	3	
1.04	Asokan Inscriptions	3	
Unit II			



2.01	Classifying and interpreting inscriptions: edicts, eulogistic inscriptions or <i>prasastis</i> , votive inscriptions, donative or land grant inscriptions, records	4	2
2.02	Close reading of the following inscriptions: i. Rock edict VIII of Asoka ii. Rummindei Pillar Inscription of Asoka iii. Hathigumpha inscription of Kharavela iv. Allahabad Pillar inscription of Samudragupta v. Junagarh Rock inscription of Rudradaman vi. Aihole inscription of Pulakesin II vii. Piprahwa vase inscription viii. Besnagar Garuda Pillar inscription of Heliodorus ix. Nidhanpur Copper Plates of Bhaskaravarman x. Kamauli grant of Vaidyadeva xi. Palam baoli inscription xii. Kanai Barasi Bowa Rock Inscription, 1127 <i>saka</i> xiii. Assam Medieval Inscriptions	14	

### Suggested Readings:

- A.H.Dani, *Indian Epigraphy*, Munshiram Manoharlal, New Delhi, 1986  
D.C.Sircar, *Indian Epigraphy*, MotilalBanarsidass, New Delhi, 1965  
*Inscriptions of Ashoka*, 1975  
G.Buhler, *Indian Paleography*, Munshiram Manoharlal, New Delhi, 1904  
M.M.Sharma, *Inscriptions of Ancient Assam*, Gauhati University, 1978  
M.Neog, *Prachyasasanavali*, Publication Board Assam, 1985  
D.Sarma, *Kamarupasasanavali*, Publication Board Assam, 1982  
R.Chanda, *Date of Votive Inscriptions in the Stupas of Sanchi*, University of Michigan Library, 1919  
Romila Thapar, *Asoka and the Decline of the Mouryas*, Oxford, 1973

### Learner's Outcome: After completion of the course, the students will be able to know

- Different types of inscriptions of India
- Indian scripts and their decipherment
- Use of inscriptions in historical reconstruction in India

## Semester-I

<b>Course code</b>	:	<b>106.1</b>
<b>Course Title</b>	:	<b>Archive</b>
<b>Nature of the Course:</b>		<b>AEC</b>
<b>Credit</b>	:	<b>2x1=1</b>

### Course objectives:

The aim of the course is to

- Familiarize the students with the concept of archives and the importance of archives to the discipline of history
- Acquaint the student with the latest research technology development in the field of archival records and the way they have altered to our understanding of the history
- Examines the way in which the past is narrated, recorded and remembered.
- Explore how societies produce authoritative historical narratives about their past. How does power operative in the making and recording of history. Whose stories are told and whose are silenced.

### Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/In Semester Examinations

#### Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar/Field visit

### Course Contents:

Topic	Credit		
	Lecture	Tutorial	Practical
<b>Unit-I</b> 1.01: Defining Archives, Characteristics of Archives 1.02: Types of Archival collections: State, institutional, family, industrial, religious, military 1.03: History of the setting up of archives: origin and development of archives in India 1.04: Digital Archives	16	2	4

<b>Unit-II</b>			
2.01 Writing and Documentations, Preservations of records, manuscript	16	2	4
2.02. Archives as an institution of social memory, history and experience			
2.03 The Colonial Archives			
2.04 Collecting, Taxonomy, objectification			
<b>Total Contact Hours</b>		<b>45</b>	

### Suggested Reading

Gosh, Sailen, *Archives in India*, Firma, L.K. Mukhopadhyay, 1963.  
Brooks, Philip C, *Research in Archives*, University of Chicago Press, 1969  
Stefan Berger, Felner and Passnore (ed), *writing History: Theory and Practice*, Bloomsbury Press.  
Millar, Laura, *Archives: Principles and Practices*, Neelschuman publishers, 2010  
Steedman, Caroline, *Dust: The Archive and Cultural History* Manchester University Press, 2002  
Le Goff, Jacques, *History and Memory*, Columbia university press, 1986  
Trouillot, Michel Roph, *Silencing the Past Power and Production of History*, Beacon Press 1995  
Ginzburg, Carlo, *Clues, Myth and the Historical Methods*, John Hopkin University Press, 1992  
Stoler, Ann, *Along the Archival Grain: Epistemic Anxieties and Colonial Common Sense*, 2009  
Cohn, Barnard, *The Anthropologist Among Historians and Other Essays*, Oxford University Press, 2010  
Guha, Ranajit, *The Small Voice of History*, Permanent Black, 2010  
Ridener, J, *From Foiders to Post Modernism: A Concise history of Archival Theory*, LLC: Litwin Books, 2009  
Bhattacharya, Sabyasachi, *Achiving the British Raj: History of Archival policy of the Government of India (1858-1947)*, 2018, OUP.

### Learning outcome:

After completion of the course the learners:

- Will have fair understanding about the archival records and enhances their knowledge on the development of archive in India.
- Also learn the new technology development in the field of archival record, forms of archives and enhances their knowledge in their field of research.
- Will acquire knowledge on the role of archives as an institution in documenting the social memory and producing history.

## Semester-II

<b>Course code</b>	:	<b>201</b>
<b>Course Title</b>	:	<b>Economic History of Early India (up to 1200 AD)</b>
<b>Nature of the course:</b>		<b>Core</b>
<b>Credit</b>	:	<b>4x1=4</b>

### Objectives of the Course

The objective of the course is to

- Acquaint the students with the development of Indian economy up to the 12<sup>th</sup> century CE.
- Different aspects of early Indian economy i.e. agriculture, trade, urbanization, the use of coins and their process of evolution throughout the period are the area of discussion in this paper. In chronological terms, the developments from pre-historic times to the early medieval period will be discussed.

**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations**

**Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar**

### Course contents:

Topic	Lecture	Tutorial
<b>Unit- I</b>		
1.01: Historiography of Early Indian economic history	3	2
1.02: Beginning of agriculture in the sub-continent-Neolithic and Chalcolithic periods	3	
1.03: Stages of development: technology and method of irrigation.	3	
1.04: Land system: Ownership Patterns, Land Revenue and Land grants	3	
<b>Unit-II:</b>		
2.01: Development of Trade and Commerce: Stages of growth	2	2
2.02: Internal Trade: Trade Routes and Trading Communities	2	
2.03: Silk Road and its significance	3	
2.04: External Trade: Trade with Roman Empire, Chinese and South	3	

East Asian countries		
<b>Unit-III:</b>		
3.01: First Urbanization: Indus Valley Civilization, Decline of Urban Pattern	3	2
3.02: Development of urbanization in the Gangetic valley,	3	
3.03: Cities in Early India; Changing patterns of Urbanization in Early India	2	
3.04: Debates of De-urbanization in Early medieval India.	2	
<b>Unit –IV:</b>		
4.01: Development of monetized economy	2	2
4.02: Punch marked coins, Indo-Greek, Saka and Kushana coins, Roman coins in India	3	
4.03: Gupta coins, Post Gupta coins	3	
4.04: Paucity of coins in Early Medieval period.	2	
<b>Unit-V:</b>		
5.01: Transition to Early Medieval Period, Development of feudal Mode of production	3	2
5.02: D.D.Kasambi : Feudalism from above and feudalism from below;	2	
5.03: Thesis on Indian feudalism: R.S.Sharma, D.N.Jha	3	
5.04: The Feudalism Debate in Indian History-H.Mukhia, B.D.Chattopadhyaya	4	

### Suggested Readings:

- Alchin and Alchin : The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan, 1982
- Agrawala, V.S : India as Known to Panini, 1953
- Banga, I. : The City in Indian History, 1991
- Champakalakshmi, R. : Trade, Ideology and Urbanization in South India 300BC  
To 1300, 1996
- Chakravarty, R. : (ed.) Trade in Early India, Oxford, 2004

- Trade and Traders in Early Indian Society, 2007
- Chautopadhyay B.D. : The Making of Early Medieval India, 2000
- Chakravarty, D.K. : India: An Archaeological History, New Delhi, 1999
- David R. Harris. :The Origins and Spread of Agriculture and Pastoralism in Eurasia, 1996.
- Gupta, P.L. : Coins, 1978
- Gurukkal, R. : Rethinking Classical Indo-Roman Trade: Political Economy of Eastern Mediterranean Exchange Relations, 2016
- : History of Kerala: Prehistoric to Present, 2018
- Ghosh, A. : The City in Early Historical India, 1973
- Habib, I. : Prehistory, 2002
- The Harappan Civilization, 2003
- Post-Mouryan India: A Political and Economic History, 2013
- Technology in Medieval India, 2008
- Habib, I. & V.K.Thakur The Vedic Age, 2003
- K.M.Shrimali The Age of Iron and the Religious Revolution, 2007
- Hansen, V. : Silk Road: A New History, 2012
- Jha, D. N. : Economy and Society in Early India, 1993
- : Feudal Order, Society and Ideology In Early Medieval India,2000
- Kosambi, D.D. : An Introduction to the Study of Indian History, 1956
- :The Culture and Civilization of Ancient India in Historical Outline, 1956
- Liu. Xinru :Ancient India and Ancient China (Trade and Religious Exchanges), 1988
- : Silk Road in Indian History, Oxford, 2010
- Lallanji, Gopal : The Economic Life of Northern India (c. AD 700-1200) 1965
- Lahiri, N. : The Archaeology of Indian Trade Routes up to C.200 BC, 1992
- Mukherjee, B.N. : The Rise and Fall of the Kushana Empire, 1989
- Mukhia, H ( ed) : The Feudalism Debate, 2001

Matichandra	: Trade and Trade Routes in Ancient India, 1977
Maity, S. K	: Economic Life of Northern India in the Gupta Period, 1957
Ratnagar. S	: The End of the Great Harappan Tradition, 2000 : Understanding Harappa, 2001
Rangarajan, L.N.	: Kautilya: The Arthashastra, 1992
Ray, H.P.	: The Winds of Change: Buddhism and Maritime Links in Early South Asia, 1994
Sahoo, B. P (ed)	: Land System and Rural Society in Early India, 1997 : (ed.) Iron and Social Change in Early India, 2006
Singh, U.	: A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India, 2008
Sharma, R. S	: Indian Feudalism, 1980 : Urban Decay in India, 1987 : Early Medieval Indian Society, A study in Feudalisation, 2001 : Material Culture Social Formation in Ancient India, 1983 : The State and Varna Formations in the Mid-Ganga Plains. An Ethno-archaeological View, 1996.
Thapar Romila (ed);	: Recent Perspectives of Early Indian History, 1995
Thakur, V.K.	: Urbanization in Ancient India, 1981
Warmington, E. H.	: The Commerce between the Roman Empire and India, 1974

### **Learner's outcome**

After going through this course the students will be able to

- Understand the development and expansion of agriculture in Indian subcontinent from the pre-historic times
- Know the various phases of urbanization in early India
- Understand the internal and external trading activities in early India
- Identify the early medieval Indian economy and the feudalism debate

## Semester-II

<b>Course code</b>	:	<b>202</b>
<b>Course Title</b>	:	<b>Economic History of Medieval India 1200 AD-1750</b>
<b>Nature of the course</b>	:	<b>Core</b>
<b>Credit</b>	:	<b>4x1=4</b>

### Objective:

The objectives of the course are:

- To understand economic processes and their impact upon the socio-political developments.
- The paper also seeks to critically understand the debate regarding various modes of production in the context of medieval India.
- The paper also focuses on maritime history of India and tries to understand Indian history in a global perspective.

**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations**

**Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar**

### Course Contents

Topic	Credit	
	Lecture	Tutorial
<b>Unit-I</b>		
1.01: Agrarian economy under the Delhi Sultanate: land, means of production, agricultural produces	3	1+1
1.02: Agrarian relations, land assignments, land revenue assessment and collection	3	
1.03: Non-agrarian production and urban economy	3	
1.04: Fiscal and market reform policies under the Khaljis and the Tughlaqs.	3	
<b>UNIT-II</b>		
2.01: The System of Agricultural production under the mughals: Extent of Cultivation, Means of Cultivation and Irrigation, Crops.	3	1+1
2.02: Agrarian Relations- Land ownership, Peasants and rural	3	



intermediaries. 2.03: The Land Revenue: survey and measurement, Assignment and revenue grants, methods of Revenue Assessment and collection, nature and magnitude of taxation.	3 3	
2.04: Changing patterns of land revenue and its regional variations (Bengal and Deccan)		
<b>Unit-III</b>		
3.01: Inland and maritime trade, Trade routes and means of transport, volume of trade, items of trade, markets.	3	1+1
3.02: Trading communities: Indian merchants and non-Indian traders	3	
3.03: European trading companies	3	
3.04: Banking and commercial practices: indigenous methods, Medium of exchange, currency system and coinage.	3	
<b>Unit-IV</b>		
4.01: Urbanization: Growth of cities and towns.	3	1+1
4.02: Nature and classification towns.	3	
4.03: Demographic changes, urban administration, urban communities.	3	
4.04: Morphology of a medieval city: ideological and symbolic importance (Dehli, Agra, Shahjahanabad)	3	
<b>UNIT- V</b>		
5.01: Agro industries and non-agro industries. (textile, metal, food items, construction)	4	1+1
5.02: Artisans, mercantile groups and their role in production.		
5.03: Organization of production- <i>Karkhana, Dadni</i> .	3	
5.04: Role of caste system in organization of production.	3	

Suggested Readings:

- Ashraf, K.M. : Life and Conditions of the people of Hindustan (1200-1550 AD) Delhi, 1970
- Banga, Indu, : (ed), The city in Indian History: Urban Demography, Society and Politics Delhi, 1991
- Chandra, S : Medieval India. Vols-I & II  
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- Chaudhuri, K.N : Trade and Civilization in the Indian Ocean: An Economic History from the Rise of Islam to 1750 Delhi, 1985.
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- Chicherov, A.V. : India Economic Development in the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries,

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 \_\_\_\_\_, : New Cambridge History of India: The Mughal Empire Delhi, 1993.  
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 Subramanyam, S : Money and the Market in India, 1100-1700.

**Learners' outcome:**

After completion of the course, a student will be able:

- To understand agrarian economy of medieval India.
- To understand non-agricultural sector of economy.
- To understand the processes of commodity production and distributions through various trading networks.
- To critically evaluate the influence of economic processes upon the society.

## Semester-II

<b>Course code</b>	:	<b>203</b>
<b>Course Title</b>	:	<b>Economic History of Modern India: 1757 -1947</b>
<b>Nature of the course</b>	:	<b>Core</b>
<b>Credit</b>	:	<b>4x1=4</b>

### Course Objectives:

This paper aims to acquaint the students the different forces, factors and process of transitions that India underwent during the Colonial period. These changes fundamentally changed the nature of the Indian economy and its impacts can be seen even at the present time.

**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations**

**Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar**

### Course contents:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Credit</b>	
	<b>lecture</b>	<b>Tutorial</b>
<b>Unit- I</b>		
<b>Colonialism</b>		<b>1</b>
1.01. The Transitional Debate & the Great Divergence		
1.02. The Eighteenth Century Debate		
1.03. Understanding Colonialism: Theories of Colonialism - the Historiographical issues- the different schools of the Indian History	<b>12</b>	
1.04. The Colonial Legacy		
<b>Unit- II</b>		
<b>Introducing Colonialism in Land:</b>	12	1
2.01. Agriculture in Pre-Colonial India- Self Sufficiency vs. Market		
2.02. Introduction of the New Land Revenue system- Permanent, Mahalwari and Ryotwari. - The growth of the Land Market		
2.03: Seeking alternatives - The Commercialization of Agriculture- A Tribute to		

Drain ? 2.04: Impacts of the Commercialization of Agriculture on the Indian Economy- Specialization of Agriculture and growth of the Labour Market		
<b>Unit- III</b>		
<b>Colonialism and its impacts on the Market Economy:</b> 3.01: The growth of the Urban Economy- Changes in the occupational structure 3.02: De-Industrialization- Myth or Reality? 3.03: Emergence of the Large Scale Industries- cotton and Steel and their survival against the colonial policies of protection of the British Industries 3.04: British Trade policies in India - Imperialism of Free Trade?	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Unit- IV</b>		
<b>Towards a New Economy</b> 4.01: Famines and the British colonial state- a brief survey of the major famines of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century 4.02: Development of new Irrigation system and its impacts 4.03: Growth of the new Infrastructures'- the Railways, Roads and Steamers 4.04: Labour migrations	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>UNIT V.</b>		
<b>Money and Industry</b> 5.01: British control of India's credit and Monetary system- Development of Fiscal policies 5.02: Banking- The Agency Houses-Growth of Indigenous Banking- Presidency Banks and the Evolution of the Reserve Bank of India 5.03: Emergence of the Indian Capitalist Class 5.04: Growth of the Industrial Labour sand the Trade Union Movements	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>

**Suggested Readings:**

Pomeranz, Kenneth: The Great Divergence, China, Europe and the Making of the Modern World Economy

Marshall P.J. (Ed): The Eighteenth Century in Indian History Evolution or Revolution (Themes in Indian History)

Bayly, C. A: Rulers, Townsmen and Bazaars: North Indian Society in the Age of British Expansion, 1770-1870

Bhattacharya, Neeladri: The Agrarian Conquest: The Colonial Reshaping of a Rural World

Bhattacharya, S. (Ed): Essays in Modern Economic History

Kumar, Dharma (Ed): The Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol.II

Chandra, Bipan: The Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India

Habib, Irfan: Indian Economy, 1858-1914

Roy, Tirthankar: The Economic History of India

Roy, Tirthankar: A Business History of India

Goswami, Omkar: Goras and the Desis, Managing Agencies and the Making of Corporate India

Debroy Bibek: Indian Railways, the Weaving of a National Tapestry

learning outcomes:

- The students will comprehend the broad economic system of India during the colonial period
- the nature of the economic system and the transition and changes

## Semester-II

<b>Course code</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>204.1</b>
<b>Course Title</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Society, Culture and Economy of Assam: From Earliest Time to 1228</b>
<b>Nature of the course:</b>		<b>DSE</b>
<b>Credit</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>4x1=4</b>

### Course Objectives

The basic objective of this course is

- To study the Society, Culture and Economy of Assam from Earliest Time to 1228.
- It deals with the issues like early formations in Assam, Social Life, Pattern of Society, Sanskritization and development of Caste System, Land System, Socio-economic & political impact of land ownership, Agrarian Economy, technology and mode of cultivation and produces, Non-Agricultural Productions and Religious Beliefs and Practices in ancient Assam.

**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations**

**Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar**

### Course Contents

Topic	Credit	
	Lecture	Tutorial
<b>Unit I</b>		
1.01: Sources and Approaches	3	1
1.02: Early Formations in Assam: The Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley	3	1
1.03 : The Kapili Valley	2	
1.04 : The Brahmaputra Valley	3	1
<b>Unit II:</b>		
2.01: Social Life, Pattern of Society	3	1
2.02: Sanskritization and development of Caste System, impact on society	4 3	1
2.03: Social Classes and Occupational Groups	2	1
2.04: Material Conditions- Food, Dress, Education,		
<b>Unit III:</b>		
3.01: Land System – Ownership of Land – <i>Agraharas</i> and other grants	3 2	1 1
3.02 Socio-economic & political impact of land ownership	2	
3.03: Revenue Administration-Land and other sources of revenue	2	1
<b>Unit IV</b>		

4.01: Agrarian Economy, technology and mode of cultivation and produces	3	1
4.02: Non-Agricultural Productions: Crafts & Industries	3	1
4.03: Urbanization and Urban Centres	2	1
4.04: Trade Routes, items and trade contacts		
<b>Unit V</b>		
5.01: Religious Beliefs and Practices – Vaisnavism,	2	1
5.02: Saivism and Saktism,	3	1
5.03: Buddhism	3	
5.04: Nathism and Tribal Practices	3	

### Suggested Readings:

- Barpujari, H.K. (ed) : *The Comprehensive History of Assam*, Vol. I, Publication Board Assam, Guwahati, 1990.
- : Political History of Assam, Vol. 1. Govt. of Assam, Guwahati 1977.
- Baruah B.K. : *A Cultural History of Assam*, Lawyer's Book Stall, Guwahati , 1969
- Barua, K.L. : *Early History of Kamarupa* (3<sup>rd</sup> Edn.) Lawyer's Book Stall, Guwahati, 1988.
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- : Bhattacharya T.; *The Cannons of Indian Art*, Firma K.L. Mukhapadhyaya, Calcutta, 1996
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- Lahiri, Nayanjot : *Pre-Ahom Assam*, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, 1991
- Nath, R.M. : *The Background of Assamese Culture*, Dutta Baruah & Co. Guwahati, 1948.
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- Bose, S.K. : *The Coinage of Assam*, Vol. I, Pre-Ahom Period, Kolkata, Guwahati, 2003.
- Sarma, D. : *Kamarupasasnavali*, Publication Board Assam, Guwahati, 1981.
- Sarma,
- Mukunda Madhava : *Inscriptions of Ancient Assam*, Department of Publication, Gauhati University, 1978.

### Learning Outcome

After going through this course, the students will be able to

- Identify and describe the sources and approaches of the studies of society, culture and economy of Assam from earliest times to 1228.

- Critically assess the social life, pattern of society, Sanskritization and development of Caste System, and its impact on society.
- Critically evaluate the land system, socio-economic & political impact of land ownership, Revenue Administration, role of Women in society.
- Understand and describe the agrarian economy, technology and mode of cultivation and produces, Non-Agricultural Productions, Urbanization and Urban Centres.
- Explain and identify the religious beliefs and practices in ancient Assam.

## Semester-II

**Course code** : 204.2  
**Course Title** : SOCIAL AND –RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL ASSAM  
**Nature of the course:** DSE  
**Credit** : 4x1=4

### Objective:

The objective of the course is:

- The present course has been evolved to acquaint the students with the boundaries of society and religion in Assam in pre colonial times.
- It aims at giving the students an idea about how social and religious institutions emerge in Assam in medieval times and how it reflects deep rooted connection with Indian tradition and how and where it differs from that.

**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations**

**Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar**

### Course contents

Topic	Lecture	Tutorial
<b>Unit- I</b>		
1.01 Sources and approaches	3	2
1.02 Social Structure in the Brahmaputra Valley – Caste & Tribes	3	
1.03 Social Organization – The Paik System – Caste class relations – material conditions of the <i>paiks</i> , slaves and servants.	3	
1.04 Women in Society	3	



<b>Unit-II:</b>			
2.01	Religious beliefs and Practices – Tantricism & Saktism	3	2
2.02	Saivism and Vaishnavism	3	
2.03	Tribal Religious Beliefs and Practices	3	
2.04	Islam in Assam	3	
<b>Unit-III:</b>			
3.01	Development of Vernacular Literature: Secular and Religious	3	2
3.02	Art and Architecture: secular and religious, Painting, Sculpture	4	
3.03	Education in Medieval Assam: <i>tol</i> and <i>pathsala</i> , <i>Satryia</i> system	3	
<b>Unit –IV:</b>			
4.01	Socio-religious Background	3	2
4.02	Sankardeva and Bhakti movement	3	
4.03	Neo-vaishnavism in post-Sankardeva period	3	
4.04	Socio-cultural impact of Neo-Vaishnavite Movement	3	
<b>Unit-V:</b>			
5.01	Development of Satra institutions	3	3
5.02	Satra and Polity : Royal Patronage, conflict and resistance	3	
5.03	Emergence of Sanghatis	3	
5.04	<i>Charit puthi</i> tradition	3	

### **Suggested Readings:-**

- Barpujari, H.K.: (ed) : The Comprehensive History of Assam, Vol. III
- Baruah, S.L. : A Comprehensive History of Assam.
- Gait, E.A. : A History of Assam.
- Gogoi Nath,J. : Agrarian system of medieval Assam
- Guha, A : Medieval and Early Colonial Assam : Society, Polity,  
Economy.

- Kakoty, S. : Science, Technology and Social Formation in  
Medieval Assam.
- Rhodes, N. and Bose, S.K. : The Coinage of Assam, Vol. II, Pre-Ahom Period
- Rajguru, S. : Medieval Assamese Society.
- Sarma, S.N. : A Socio Economic and Cultural History of Medieval  
Assam.
- Bhattacharya, M.N. (ed) : Medieval Bhakti Movement in India, Delhi 1989.
- Das Gupta,S : An Introduction to Tantric Buddhism 1974.
- Jayaswswal,S. : The Origin and Development of Vaishnavism, New Delhi
- Neog, M. : Sankardeva and His Times, Guwahati 1965
- Rahman, A. (ed) : History of Indian Science, Technology and Culture A.D. 1000-  
1800
- Sarma, S.N. : Neo-Vaisnavite Movement and Satra Institutions of Assam,  
Guwahati

### **Learning outcome:**

After going through this course the student will be able to understand

- The social composition of the Brahmaputra valley in pre colonial times.
- Cultural developments during the medieval period.
- The socio religious background of the Bhakti movement in Assam and various phases of the Neo-Vaishnavite movement

## Semester-II

<b>Course code</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>204.3</b>
<b>Course Title</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Social History of Modern Assam</b>
<b>Nature of the course:</b>		<b>DSE</b>
<b>Credit</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>4x1=4</b>

### Course objectives

- The paper aims to provide a glimpse of the transition of the Assamese society under the colonial British state
- The Colonial Transitions helped in the growth of a new identity
- The paper also tries to situate the question of homogeneity and the problems associated with it
- It will also try to examine whether in giving emphasis to the linguistic identity it created questions of alternate identities not only for the natives but also for the new immigrants

### Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations

#### Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar

### Course contents

Topic	Credit	Tutorial
<b>Unit- I: TRANSITION</b>		
1.1: Assamese Society in Pre- colonial Period, Nature of the Assamese Feudal Society	3	1+1=2
1.2: Colonial State and the Assamese Society	3	
1.3: Decline of the Old Aristocracy and its impacts in the Society	2	
1.4: The American Baptist Missionaries	4	
<b>Unit II: Continuity and Change :</b>		
2.1: Growth of Modern Education and its Challenges, Vernaculars and English	3	2+1=3
2.2: The Growth of a New Middle Class	3	
2.3: Issues of Social Reforms, Child Marriage, Widow Remarriage and the age of Consent	4	
2.4: The Opium Question	3	
<b>Unit III: Emergence of New Ideas and Institutions:</b>		
3.1: Asomiya Bhasha Unnati Sadhani Sabha and the Assam Sahitya Sabha	3	2+1=3
3.2: Colonial State and the Satras, Temples and the Srimanta Sankar Sangha	3	
3.3: Colonial State and its role in the spread of New Institutions –DHAS and The Kamroop Anusandhan Samiti-Their roles in the growth of the Assamese Nationalism	3	
3.4: Gender and Class	4	

<b>Unit IV Modernity and Change</b>		
4.1: The Growth of the Modern Assamese Literature	2	2+1=3
4.2: The Bengal Renaissance and its impacts on the Assamese Society and Culture	3	
4.3: The Language Controversy	2	
4.4: Assamese Nationalism and its impact in the Society	4	
<b>Unit V: Towards New Challenges:</b>		
5.1: Immigration and the changing Demographic patterns, Urbanization	3	2=1=3
5.2: Growth of the Modern Assamese Culture- Theatres, Drama, Music, Cinema	3	
5.3: Growth of New Sports	1	
5.4: Assamese Society and the questions of Caste and Tribes	3	

### Suggested Readings:

- Barpujari, H.K. (ed) : The Comprehensive History of Assam, Vol. IV & V
- Barpujari, H.K. : The American Missionaries and North East India (1836-1900)
- Barua, S. P. : Press in Assam
- Bhuyan, S. K. : Early British Relations with Assam
- Chowdhury, Prosenjit : Socio-Cultural Aspects of Assam in the Nineteenth Century
- Dasgupta, Subrata : Awakening: The Story of the Bengal Renaissance
- Guha, Amalendu : Medieval and Early Colonial Assam: Society, Polity Economy
- Goswami, Priyam : The History of Assam from Yandabo to Partition, 1826-1947
- Mahanta, Aparna : Journey of Assamese Women (1836-1937)
- Mahanta, Prafulla : Asamiya Maddhyabitta Srenir Itihas
- Misra, Tilottoma : Literature and Society in Assam: A Study of the Assamese Renaissance 1826-1926
- Saikia, Rajen : Social and Economic History of Assam (1853- 1921).
- Sen, Amit : Notes on the Bengal Renaissance – Primary Source Edition
- Sharma, Monorama : Social and Economic Change in Assam: Middle Class Hegemony
- Talukdar, Nanda : Assam and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century: In the Context of Anandaram Dhekial Phookan and the early nineteenth century Renaissance in Assam

### Learning Outcome:

After the completion of the course the student will Learn:

- The transformations of the Assamese society under the colonial rule and its long term impacts
- The agendas of modernity and how the native responded to these.
- Whether the Assamese nationalist were successful in their agendas of social reforms

## Semester-II

**Course code** : 205.1  
**Course Title** : World Revolutions  
**Nature of the course:** GE  
**Credit** : 4x1=4

### Objective:

- To help the Students to know the nature and characteristics of Revolution.
- To understand the Philosophy of the French Philosophers.
- To know the background and consequences of the revolutions that took place in America and Europe.
- To give the students a clear idea about the revolutions occurring in Russia and China.
- To analyse the 20<sup>th</sup> century Revolutions.

**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations**

### Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar

### Course Contents

Topic	Credit	
	lecture	tutorial
Unit- I		
1.01 : Sources and Approaches	02	01
1.02: Definition, Nature and Characteristics of Revolution	08	
1.03: Enlightenment –Rousseau, Voltaire, Hobbes, Locke, Diderot	03	
1.04 : The Scientific Revolution		
Unit-II:		
2.01 : The English Civil War and Oliver Cromwell	03	01
2.02 : The Glorious Revolution in England	02	
2.03 : The American Revolution: Origin, Course and Impact: The Bill of Rights	03	
2.04 : The French Revolution: Background-Course and Impact of the Revolution and women Issues	05	
Unit-III:		
3.01 : Revolutions of 1830 & 1848 in France and its impact in Europe – The Paris Commune	04	01
3.02 : The Chartist Movement in England	01	
3.03 : Industrial Revolution and Rise of New Social Order	02	

3.04	:	Print Revolution and its impact in Society	02	
3.05	:	Development of Socialist Ideas and the Communist Manifesto	04	
Unit –IV:				
4.01	:	Rise of Nihilism and Socialism in Russia	01	01
4.02	:	The Revolution of 1905 and the October Revolution of 1917 in Russia	04	
4.03	:	China in Early 20 <sup>th</sup> Century: Dr. Sun –Yat- Sen and the Revolution of 1911	04	
4.04	:	Mao Ze Dong and the Cultural Revolution in China	04	
			02	
Unit-V:				
5.01	:	Feminist Movement	04	01
5.02	:	Feminist Movement – the Second Wave	03	
5.03	:	Information Revolution in late 20 <sup>th</sup> century	04	
5.04	:	Globalization and its Impact		

### Suggested Readings:

- Hobsbawm, E : *Revolutionaries*
- Brown Archie 2010 : *The Rise and Fall of Communism*
- C. Y. Hsü, Immanuel 2000 : *The Rise of Modern China*
- David Thomson 1990 : *Europe since Napoleon*
- Doyle, William 1989 : *The French Revolution (V.S.I)*
- Febvre, Lucien and  
Henri –Jean Martin, 1958 : *The Coming of the Book: The Impact of Printing, 1450-1800 Translation by David Gerard (1976)*
- Hobsbawm, E.J. : *The Age of Revolution 1789-1848*
- Jerry Brotton, 2006 : *The Renaissance: A Very Short Introduction*
- Manfred, Steger 2017 : *Globalization: A Very Short Introduction*
- Rana, Mitter 1987 : *Modern China: A Very Short Introduction*
- Walters, Margaret 2006 : *Feminism: A Very Short Introduction*
- William Henry Chamberlin : *The Russian Revolution 1917-1918 (1987)*

### **Learners Outcome:**

- The students will understand the nature and characteristics of Revolutions.
- To Learners will have an idea of the Philosophy of the French Philosophers
- The students will get the background and results of the Russian and Chinese Revolutions.
- The Learners will have a better understanding of the 20<sup>th</sup> Revolutions.



## SEMESTER-II

<b>Course code</b>	:	<b>205.2</b>
<b>Course Title</b>	:	<b>Society, Culture and Economy of Assam: From Earliest Time to 1228</b>
<b>Nature of the course:</b>		<b>GE</b>
<b>Credit</b>	:	<b>4x1=4</b>

### Course Objectives

The basic objective of this course is to

- Study the Society, Culture and Economy of Assam from Earliest Time to 1228.
- It deals with the issues like early formations in Assam, Social Life, Pattern of Society, Sanskritization and development of Caste System, Land System, Socio-economic & political impact of land ownership, Agrarian Economy, technology and mode of cultivation and produces, Non-Agricultural Productions and Religious Beliefs and Practices in ancient Assam.

### Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations

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### Course Contents

Topic	Credit	
	Lecture	Tutorial
<b>Unit I</b>		
1.01: Sources and Approaches	3	1
1.02: Early Formations in Assam: The Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley	3	1
1.03 : The Kapili Valley	2	
1.04 : The Brahmaputra Valley	3	1
<b>Unit II:</b>		
2.01: Social Life, Pattern of Society	3	1
2.02: Sanskritization and development of Caste System, impact on society	4 3	1
2.03: Social Classes and Occupational Groups	2	1
2.04: Material Conditions- Food, Dress, Education,		
<b>Unit III:</b>		
3.01: Land System – Ownership of Land – <i>Agraharas</i> and other grants	3 2	1 1
3.02 Socio-economic & political impact of land ownership	2	
3.03: Revenue Administration-Land and other sources of revenue	2	1
<b>Unit IV</b>		

4.01: Agrarian Economy, technology and mode of cultivation and produces	3	1
4.02: Non-Agricultural Productions: Crafts & Industries	3	1
4.03: Urbanization and Urban Centres	2	1
4.04: Trade Routes, items and trade contacts		
<b>Unit V</b>		
401 Religious Beliefs and Practices – Vaisnavism,	2	1
402 Saivism and Saktism,	3	1
403 Buddhism	3	
404 Nathism and Tribal Practices	3	

### Suggested Readings:

- Barpujari, H.K. (ed) : *The Comprehensive History of Assam*, Vol. I, Publication Board Assam, Guwahati, 1990.
- : *Political History of Assam*, Vol. 1. Govt. of Assam, Guwahati 1977.
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### Learning Outcome

After going through this course, the students will be able to

- Identify and describe the sources and approaches of the studies of society, culture and economy of Assam from earliest times to 1228.
- Critically assess the social life, pattern of society, Sanskritization and development of Caste System, and its impact on society.
- Critically evaluate the land system, socio-economic & political impact of land ownership, Revenue Administration, role of Women in society.

- Understand and describe the agrarian economy, technology and mode of cultivation and produces, Non-Agricultural Productions, Urbanization and Urban Centres.
- Explain and identify the religious beliefs and practices in ancient Assam.

## SEMESTER-II

**Course code** : 205.3  
**Course Title** : SOCIAL AND –RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL ASSAM  
**Nature of the course:** DSE  
**Credit** : 4x1=4

### Objective:

- The present course has been evolved to acquaint the students with the boundaries of society and religion in Assam in pre colonial times.
- It aims at giving the students an idea about how social and religious institutions emerge in Assam in medieval times and how it reflects deep rooted connection with Indian tradition and how and where it differs from that.

### Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations

#### Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar

### Course contents

Topic	Lecture	Tutorial
<b>Unit- I</b>		
1.01 Sources and approaches	3	2
1.02 Social Structure in the Brahmaputra Valley – Caste & Tribes	3	
1.03 Social Organization – The Paik System – Caste class relations – material conditions of the <i>paiks</i> , slaves and servants.	3	
1.04 Women in Society	3	
<b>Unit-II:</b>		
2.01 Religious beliefs and Practices – Tantricism & Saktism	3	2
2.02 Saivism and Vaishnavism	3	

2.03	Tribal Religious Beliefs and Practices	3	
2.04	Islam in Assam	3	
<b>Unit-III:</b>			
3.01	Development of Vernacular Literature: Secular and Religious	3	2
3.02	Art and Architecture: secular and religious, Painting, Sculpture	4	
3.03	Education in Medieval Assam: <i>tol</i> and <i>pathsala</i> , <i>Satryia</i> system	3	
<b>Unit –IV:</b>			
4.05	Socio-religious Background	3	2
4.06	Sankardeva and Bhakti movement	3	
4.07	Neo-vaishnavism in post-Sankardeva period	3	
4.08	Socio-cultural impact of Neo-Vaishnavite Movement	3	
<b>Unit-V:</b>			
5.05	Development of Satra institutions	3	3
5.06	Satra and Polity : Royal Patronage, conflict and resistance	3	
5.07	Emergence of Sanghatis	3	
5.08	<i>Charit puthi</i> tradition	3	

### Suggested Readings:-

- Barpujari, H.K.: (ed) : The Comprehensive History of Assam, Vol. III
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- Guha, A : Medieval and Early Colonial Assam : Society, Polity,  
Economy.
- Kakoty, S. : Science, Technology and Social Formation in  
Medieval Assam.

- Rhodes, N. and Bose, S.K. : The Coinage of Assam, Vol. II, Pre-Ahom Period
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1800
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Guwahati

### **Learning outcome:**

After going through this course the student will be able to understand

- the social composition of the Brahmaputra valley in pre colonial times.
- cultural developments during the medieval period.
- the socio religious background of the Bhakti movement in Assam and various phases of the neo-vaishnavite movement

## SEMESTER-II

<b>Course code</b>	:	<b>205.4</b>
<b>Course Title</b>	:	<b>Social History of Modern Assam</b>
<b>Nature of the course:</b>		<b>GE</b>
<b>Credit</b>	:	<b>4x1=4</b>

### Course objectives

- The paper aims to provide a glimpse of the transition of the Assamese society under the colonial British state
- The Colonial Transitions helped in the growth of a new identity
- The paper also tries to situate the question of homogeneity and the problems associated with it
- It will also try to examine whether in giving emphasis to the linguistic identity it created questions of alternate identities not only for the natives but also for the new immigrants

**Mode of Assessment: End Semester Examination/Two In Semester Examinations**

### Home Assignment/Viva/Seminar

### Course contents

Topic	Credit	Tutorial
<b>Unit- I: TRANSITION</b>		
1.1: Assamese Society in Pre- colonial Period, Nature of the Assamese Feudal Society	3	1+1=2
1.2: Colonial State and the Assamese Society	3	
1.3: Decline of the Old Aristocracy and its impacts in the Society	2	
1.4: The American Baptist Missionaries	4	
<b>Unit II: Continuity and Change :</b>		
2.1: Growth of Modern Education and its Challenges, Vernaculars and English	3	2+1=3
2.2: The Growth of a New Middle Class	3	
2.3: Issues of Social Reforms, Child Marriage, Widow Remarriage and the age of Consent	4	
2.4: The Opium Question	3	
<b>Unit III: Emergence of New Ideas and Institutions:</b>		
3.1: Asomiya Bhasha Unnati Sadhani Sabha and the Assam Sahitya Sabha	3	2+1=3
3.2: Colonial State and the Satras, Temples and the Srimanta Sankar Sangha	3	
3.3: Colonial State and its role in the spread of New Institutions –DHAS and The Kamroop Anusandhan Samiti-Their roles in the growth of the Assamese Nationalism	3	
3.4: Gender and Class	4	

<b>Unit IV Modernity and Change</b>		
4.1: The Growth of the Modern Assamese Literature	2	2+1=3
4.2: The Bengal Renaissance and its impacts on the Assamese Society and Culture	3	
4.3: The Language Controversy	2	
4.4: Assamese Nationalism and its impact in the Society	4	
<b>Unit V: Towards New Challenges:</b>		
5.1: Immigration and the changing Demographic patterns, Urbanization	3	2=1=3
5.2: Growth of the Modern Assamese Culture- Theatres, Drama, Music, Cinema	3	
5.3: Growth of New Sports	1	
5.4: Assamese Society and the questions of Caste and Tribes	3	

### Suggested Readings:

- Barpujari, H.K. (ed) : The Comprehensive History of Assam, Vol. IV & V
- Barpujari, H.K. : The American Missionaries and North East India (1836-1900)
- Barua, S. P. : Press in Assam
- Bhuyan, S. K. : Early British Relations with Assam
- Chowdhury, Prosenjit : Socio-Cultural Aspects of Assam in the Nineteenth Century
- Dasgupta, Subrata : Awakening: The Story of the Bengal Renaissance
- Guha, Amalendu : Medieval and Early Colonial Assam: Society, Polity Economy
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- Mahanta, Aparna : Journey of Assamese Women (1836-1937)
- Mahanta, Prafulla : Asamiya Maddhyabitta Srenir Itihas
- Misra, Tilottoma : Literature and Society in Assam: A Study of the Assamese Renaissance 1826-1926
- Saikia, Rajen : Social and Economic History of Assam (1853- 1921).
- Sen, Amit : Notes on the Bengal Renaissance – Primary Source Edition
- Sharma, Monorama : Social and Economic Change in Assam: Middle Class Hegemony
- Talukdar, Nanda : Assam and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century: In the Context of Anandaram Dhekial Phookan and the early nineteenth century Renaissance in Assam

### Learning Outcome:

After the completion of the course the student will Learn:

- The transformations of the Assamese society under the colonial rule and its long term impacts
- The agendas of modernity and how the native responded to these.
- Whether the Assamese nationalist were successful in their agendas of social reforms