

**Discipline Specific Elective Courses**  
**(4 Courses)**

HIS –HE-5016:History of Assam Up to c. 1228  
HIS –HE-5026: History of Assam (c. 1228-1826)  
HIS –HE-6016: History of Assam (c. 1826-1947)  
HIS –HE-6026: Assam after Independence

**HIS –HE-5016: HISTORY OF ASSAM (UPTO c. 1228)**

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

**Course Outcome:** This paper will give a general outline of the history of Assam from the earliest times to the advent of the Ahoms in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Upon completion, students will be acquainted with major stages of developments in the political, social and cultural history of Assam during the early times.

**Unit-I:**

- [a] A brief survey of the sources:Literary,Archaeological
- [b] Land and people: Migration routes
- [c] Cultural linkages with South East Asia : the Stone Jars of DimaHasao

**Unit-II:**

- [a] Origin and antiquity of Pragjyotisha or Kamrupa Society
- [b] Traditional rulers and early History
- [c] Religion and belief systems

**Unit-III:**

Political dynasties:

- [a] Varmana
- [b] Salastambha
- [c] Pala

**Unit-IV:**

- [a] Political condition of Assam in the Post-Pala period.
- [b] Turko-Afghan invasions
- [c] Disintegration of the Kingdom of Kamarupa

**Unit-V:**

- [a] Central and Provincial administration
- [b] Judicial administration
- [c] Revenue administration
- [d] Cultural Life : Literature, Art and architecture

**Readings**

Baruah, S.L. :*A Comprehensive History of Assam*,MunshiramMonoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi,1985  
H. K. Barpujari :*The Comprehensive History of Assam Vol. I*  
E. A.Gait:*A History of Assam*

K. L. Baruah :*Early History of Kamrupa*

P. C. Choudhury :*The History Civilization of the People of Assam*

## **HIS –HE-5026 : HISTORY OF ASSAM (c. 1228 –1826)**

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

**Course Outcome:** On completion of this paper, students will be able to identify major stages of developments in the political, social and cultural history of Assam during the medieval times. This paper will enable the student to explain the history of Assam from the 13<sup>th</sup> century to the occupation of Assam by the English East India Company in the first quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Unit-1**

- [a] Sources- archaeological, epigraphic, literary, numismatic and accounts of the foreign travelers; *Buranjis*
- [b] Political conditions of the Brahmaputra valley at the time of foundation of the Ahom kingdom.
- [c] Siu-ka-pha - An assessment
- [d] State information in the Brahmaputra valley-the Chutiya, Kachari and the Koch state

### **Unit-II**

- [a] Expansion of the Ahom Kingdom in the 16<sup>th</sup> century: Suhungmung (Dihingiya Raja)
- [b] Political Developments in the 17<sup>th</sup> century: rule of Pratap Singha)
- [c] Ahom-Mughal wars- the treaty of 1639.

### **Unit –III**

- [a] Assam in the second half of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century- the Ahom-Mughal Wars – Mir Jumla’s Assam Invasion- causes and consequences,
- [b] Invasion of Ram Singha - the Battle of Saraighat (1671) and its results
- [c] Post-Saraighat Assam: Ascendancy of the Tungkhungia dynasty – the reign of Gadadhar Singha.

### **Unit: IV**

- [a] Ahom Rule at its zenith of RudraSingha (1696-1714) to RajeswarSingha (1751-1769)
- [b] Decline and fall of the Ahom Kingdom the Moamariya Rebellion and the
- [c] Burmese Invasions- The English East India Company in Assam Politics
- [d] Treaty of Yandaboo and Assam

### **Unit :V**

- [a] Ahom system of administration: the Paik system
- [b] Ahom Policy towards the neighbouring hill tribes
- [c] Religious life —Sankaradeva and the Neo Vaishnavite Movement- background and implications
- [d] Cultural developments : Art, Architecture and literature.

### **Readings**

Barpujari, H.K. :*The Comprehensive History of Assam, Vol II and III*, Publication Board, Assam