



HISDSC403T

HISTORY OF ASSAM FROM 5TH CENTURY AD TO 1228 CE

Contact Hours: 60

Full Marks = 100 [ESE (70) CCA (30)]

Course Objective:

Students will be able to identify the major political developments in the History of Assam during the period between the Fifth and the thirteenth century. Outline the political changes based on resources and continuities in the field of society, literature, education, art and architecture etc.

Unit-I

1. Geographical features of Assam
2. Brief survey of sources:
 - a. Literary sources: Indigenous, Foreign
 - b. Archaeological sources: Epigraphic, Numismatic, Material remains. (12 Features)

Unit-II

1. Origin of the name of Pragjyotisha and Kamrupa
2. Legendary Kings:
 - a) Mahiranga Danava
 - b) Narakasura and Bhagadatta
 - c) Bhismaka Raja
 - d) Ban Raja (13 Features)

Unit-III

1. Ruling Dynasties of Kamrup:
 - a) Varmanas: Bhaskarvarman
 - b) Salastambhas: Salasthamba & Sri Harsha
 - c) Palas: Political achievements (12 Features)

Unit IV

1. Ancient Kamrup:
 - a) Religious Life
 - b) Literature
 - c) Education
 - d) Art and Architecture (10 Features)

Unit-V

1. Ancient Kamrup:
 - a) Social Condition
 - b) Economic Life
2. Administrative system of Ancient Kamrup
3. 1st Turko-Afghan invasion and victory of Maharaj Prithu (13 Features)

Expected learning outcomes:

After completing this course, the students will be able to acquire knowledge about the political developments in of Assam during the period between the Fifth and the thirteenth century and about the changes in the field of society, literature, education, art, and architecture etc of the period.

Suggested Reading:

1. B.K. Barua: A cultural history of Assam, Volume I.
2. E.A. Gait : A History of Assam
3. H. K. Barpujari (ed) : The Comprehensive History of Assam, Vol. I
4. K.L. Barua: Early History of Kamrupa



5. K. N. Barua : Early History of Kamrupa
6. N. Lahiri: Pre-Ahom Assam
7. N. N. Basu : Social History of Kamrupa Volumes I-III
8. P.C. Choudhury: The History of Civilisation of the People of Assam to the 12th century AD.
9. P. C. Choudhury : The History of Civilization of the people of Assam
10. R Pathar, Maharaja Prithu, 2022
11. R.D. Choudhury: Archaeology of the Brahmaputra Valley of Assam
12. R. G. Basak : History of North-East India
13. S. L. Barua : A Comprehensive History of Assam