

Fourth Semester FYUGP (HISTORY 1/4)

Course Name : **History of Assam (upto 1826 CE)**

Credit : 4

Course level: 100-199

Course Outcome: After completion of this course a student will be able to :

- Explain in general outline the history of Assam from the earliest times to the advent of the British.
- Identify major events and personalities in the political history of Assam from the earliest times to the occupation of Assam by the English East India Company

Unit: I	Contact Classes : 6	Non-contact classes : 2	Marks : 15
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- [a] A survey of the sources: indigenous literature; accounts of foreign travellers (Chinese, Arabian, Persian, French); archaeological sources.
- [b] Land and people: Migration routes and settlement pattern.

Unit: II	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 2	Marks : 20
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- [a] The kingdom of Pragjyotisha-Kamarupa; Politico-cultural centres in the valleys of Doiyang-Dhansiri, Kapili-Jamuna and at Bhaitbari.
- [b] Political dynasties: Varmana; Salastambha; Pala
- [c] Administration: Central and Provincial; Judicial; Revenue

Unit: III	Contact Classes : 10	Non-contact classes : 4	Marks : 25
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- [a] Political condition of Assam in the Post-Pala period.
- [b] Disintegration of the Kingdom of Kamarupa (Vaidyadeva, Tingyadeva, Vallavadeva)
- [c] Turko-Afghan invasions
- [d] Kamata, Chutiya, Kachari, and the Koch kingdoms; the Bara Bhuyans

Unit: IV	Contact Classes : 12	Non-contact classes : 4	Marks : 25
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- [a] Foundation of the Ahom kingdom by Siukapha
- [b] Expansion and consolidation of the Ahom kingdom : Suhungmung, Pratap Singha, Gadadhar Singha, Rudra Singha, Rajeswar Singha.
- [c] Ahom-Mughal conflict: the Treaty of 1639, Mirjumla's invasion, Battle of Saraighat (1671) and Battle of Itakhuli
- [d] Ahom system of administration: Central administration, the *Paik* system and *Posa* system

Unit: V	Contact Classes : 8	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 15
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- [a] Decline and fall of the Ahom Kingdom: the Moamariya Rebellion;
- [b] Burmese Invasions.
- [c] Ahom policy towards the Hill tribes.
- [d] The English East India Company in Assam Politics;

[e] Treaty of Yandaboo and Assam

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Fourth Semester FYUGP (HISTORY 2/4)

Course name : Social Formation and Cultural Patterns of the Ancient and Medieval World

Credit : 4

Course level : 200-299

Course Outcome: After completion of this course a student will be able to :

- Describe some of the most significant events and societies of pre-modern world.
- Explain political events relating to the ancient Greece city states and Rome.
- Analyse the complexities of historical forces in West Asia and the rise of Islam.

Unit: I	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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[a] Civilization : The Nile Valley, Mesopotamia, China

[b] The Maya Civilization, the Incas, the Aztecs

[c] Polity, Economy and Social life and activities.

Unit: II	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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[a] Ancient Greece and Roman Empire

[b] Evolution of the 'polis' and changing political formations in ancient Greece: Athens and Sparta

[c] Slavery in the Ancient Greek and Roman world

[d] Greek Culture-Science and Philosophy, religion, art, and architecture

Unit:III	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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[a] The Late Roman World, The Arabs

[b] Religion in the Late Roman Empire, Judaism and Christianity

[c] Spread of Christianity, Development of the Catholic Church

- [d] Pre-Islamic society, Tribal background and the Rise of Islam, Foundation of the Islamic state, Caliphate and Crusades

Unit:IV	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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- [a] Feudalism : its features and debates
 [b] Feudal society and the Church
 [c] Transitions in the feudal economy from 11th – 14th centuries

Unit: V	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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- [a] Growth of trade and towns and their impact
 [b] Oceanic trade with the East
 [c] Emergence of Europe as a centre of World trade, Medieval Cities,
 [d] Trading communities- Jews, Arabs, Italians, Flanders, English, German and Dutch

Readings :

- Anderson, P. (1988). *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*. London and New York: Verso
- Finley, M.I. (1963/1991). *The Ancient Greeks*, London: Penguin (1991 reprint)
- Green, P. (1973). *A Concise History of Ancient Greece to the close of Classical era*, London: Thames and Hudson ltd.
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Butterfield, H.J (1958). *The Origins of Modern Science: 1300-1800*. New York.
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 Richard Vaughan, Vol. 10. North-Holland Publishing Company. Amsterdam
 Pirenne, Henry (1937). *Economic and Social History of Medieval Europe*. New York. Craft
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Fourth Semester FYUGP (History 3/4)

Course Name: **History: Concepts and Ideas**

Credit : 4

Course level : 300-399

Course Outcome: After completion of this course a student will be able to:

- Explain the concepts and scope of History.
- Compare and contrast History with other disciplines.
- Analyse the traditions of historical writing.
- Evaluate critical issues relating to the subject of History.

Unit: I	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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History : Nature and Scope

- i) What is History? Definition and Scope
- ii) The Subject Matter of History: A Brief Survey of Changing Perspectives
- iii) Types of Historical Evidence: Archival, Archeological, Literary and Oral.

Unit: II	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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Categorization of History:

- i) Economic
- ii) Social
- iii) Political
- iv) Literary
- v) Intellectual
- vi) Diplomatic
- vii) Universal
- viii) Legal

Unit:III	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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History and other Disciplines

- i) Archaeology
- ii) Geography
- iii) Sociology
- iv) Economics
- v) Political Science

- vi) Philosophy
- vii) Literature

Unit:IV	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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Traditions of Historical writing

- i) Greco- Roman Traditions
- ii) Chinese Tradition
- iii) Traditions in Early India
- iv) Traditions in Medieval India
- v) History writing in Modern India

Unit: V	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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Issues in Historical understanding

- i) Writing History: Objectivity and Interpretation;
- ii) Bias in History
- iii) Periodization of Indian History: James Mill's periodization and the Nationalist critique

Readings:

- Ali, B. Sheikh, 2022. (Reprint) *History: Its Theory and Methods*, Laxmi Publication
- Sreedharan E., 2004. *A Textbook of Historiography* Orient BlackSwan
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4th Semester FYUGP (HISTORY 4/4)

Course Name: **Social and Economic History of India (Up to 1206 CE)**

Credit : 4

Course level : 300-399

Course Outcome: After completion of this course a student will be able to:

- Explain in general outline the economic history of Early India.
- Analyse the phases of development of economy from pastoral to Settled Agriculture.
- Identify major factors that influenced society and religions.
- Appreciate art and architecture of Ancient India

Unit: I	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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Pre-History to Proto-History

- (i) Hunting-Gathering Societies – Paleolithic
- (ii) Advent of Food Production – Neolithic-Chalcolithic Cultures
- (iii) First Urbanisation- Harappan Culture - Agriculture, Craft, Trade, Society, Religion and Art

Unit: II	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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Transition from Rural to Urban

- (i) Transition from Mixed Pastoral Economy to Settled Agriculture (1500-500 BCE)
- (ii) Second Urbanisation in the Ganga Valley – Agriculture, Craft, Trade, Guilds and Labour
- (iii) State Controlled Economy of the Mauryas
- (iv) Post-Mauryan Economy – Trade Routes, Coinage, Urban Centres ; External Trade Networks – Indo-Roman, Indo-China

Unit: III	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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Society and Religion

- (i) Emergence of Social Stratification – *Varna-jati, Varnashrama dharma*, Untouchability, Gender Relations
- (ii) Emergence and Spread of Jainism, Buddhism and other Religious Sects
- (iii) Puranic Religion
- (iv) Emergence and Development of Bhakti

Unit: IV	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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Towards Early Medieval India (300-1200 CE)

- (I) Land Grants, Changing Production Relations, Graded Land Rights and Peasantry, Debates on Indian Feudalism
- (II) Patterns of Trade, Currency and Urban Settlements
- (III) Land Grant Economy in South India – Brahmadeyas and Agraharas, Temple Economy (Cholas)

Unit: V	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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Literature and Art

- (i) Literature – Survey of Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit and Tamil
- (ii) Art and Architecture – Mauryan, Post- Mauryan, Gupta, Post- Gupta; Evolution of Regional Styles

Readings :

- B.D. Chattopadhyaya, 1994. *The Making of Early Medieval India*, OUP, New Delhi.
- B & F. Raymond Allchin, 1982. *The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan*, CUP.
- B.P. Sahu (ed.), 1997. *Land System and Rural Society in Early India*, Manohar, New Delhi.
- B. Stein, 1980. *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India*, OUP, New Delhi.
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