

**ECOM- 604**  
**ECONOMIC ISSUES OF ASSAM**  
Marks – 100 (80+20)

**Objective:**

The objective of this course is to acquaint the learners with the characteristics of the economy of Assam. The learners will also be able to know the performance and problems of the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors of Assam.

**Unit I:** Economic Characteristics of Assam: Resources of the State – Mineral, Forest and Water resources, Human resources – Trends in population growth, Composition of population, Distribution of the population, Population density, Urbanisation, Occupational distribution.  
No. of lecture hours: 10 Marks: 16

**Unit II:** Agriculture: Trends and Pattern of Production – Land use, Agricultural holdings and Cropping pattern, Food production and Food security, Jute Cultivation, Horticulture, Sericulture, Modernisation of agriculture, Sustainable agriculture.  
No. of lecture hours: 10 Marks: 16

**Unit III:** Industry: Problems and prospects of Industrial development of Assam, Organised Industries - Role of Tea, Oil and Coal industries; Micro, small and medium industries; Cane and Bamboo, Food Processing, Handloom and handicrafts, Bell-metal; Tourism.  
No. of lecture hours: 10 Marks: 16

**Unit IV:** Infrastructure: Economic Infrastructure of the State – Roadways, Railways, Waterways, Airways; Communication; Energy Sector; Financial Institutions; The Role of North Eastern Council; Social Infrastructures- Education and Health.  
No. of lecture hours: 10 Marks: 16

**Unit V:** Economic Problems of Assam: Human Resource Development - Unemployment; Immigration and its impacts; Flood and erosion problem, Problems of Agricultural labourers – disguised unemployment; Border Area Development.  
No. of lecture hours: 10 Marks: 16

**Reading list:**

1. Goswami, P.C: Economic Development of Assam, Kalyani.
2. B.Dutta Roy: Social and Economic Profile of N.E. India, Omsons.
3. Misra, S.K. & Puri, V.K.: Indian Economy, Himalaya Publishing House.
4. Datt, R. & Sundaram, K.P.M.: Indian Economy, S. Chand & Company Ltd., Ramnagar.
5. Dhar, P.K.: Indian Economy, Kalyani Publishers.
6. Journals & Reports, Yojana, Kurukhetra, NEC Journals, Latest Economic Survey of India and Assam, Statistical Hand Books of India and Assam.
7. NEDFi, Databank

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