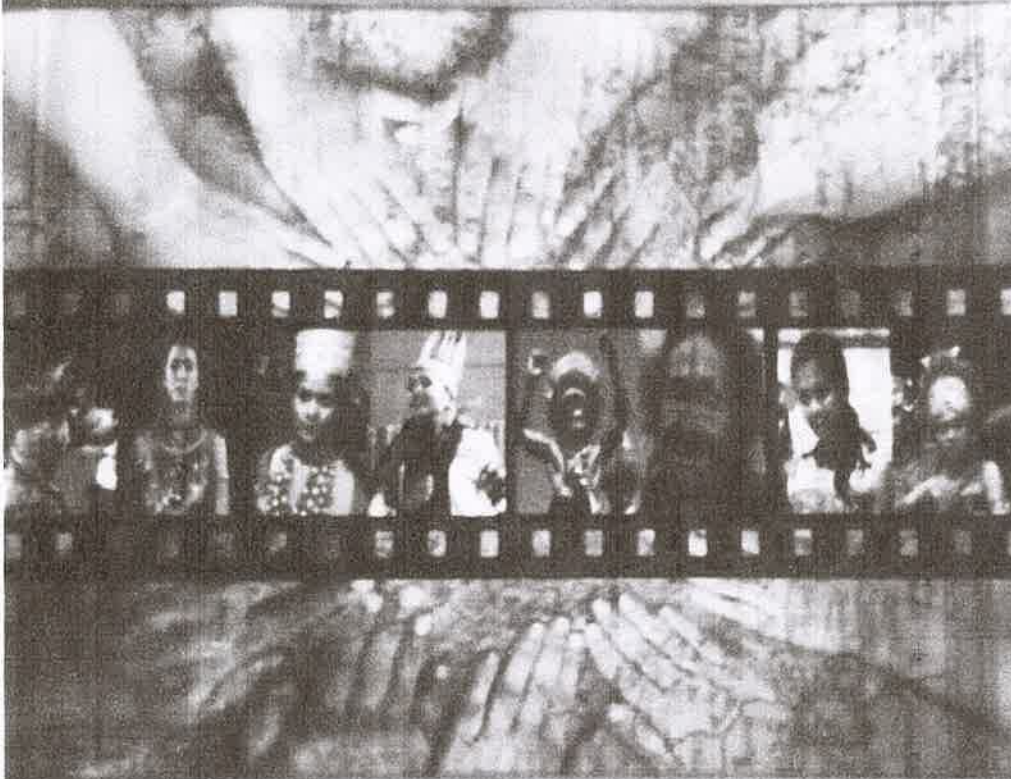


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India's Act East Policy: Integrating Northeast India with ASEAN

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Abstract

The naturally rich resources and geographical location with great economic potentialities of the North Eastern region has been considered as a gateway for India to East and South East Asia. The North Eastern region is being considered as focal point and the development of this region would be instrumental in the implementation of Act East Policy and India-ASEAN relations or regional co-operation. The Act East policy which was previously known as Look East policy has made North Eastern Region more important from strategic point of view. The region has to gear up to take up more challenges and capitalize on the opportunities being emerged by the huge market in the South East Asian countries. To exploit all the opportunities it is required to integrate the North East Region with the South East Asian Region. This will also bring the isolation of the North Eastern Region come to an end and open up the region to the neighbouring countries. The probable result of economic co-operation will bring more prosperity to the people of North East region and South East Asian Region from the policy initiative. This paper examines the Act East Policy in relation to northeast india. The paper also highlights the possibilities coming out for the northeastern region as a result of Act East Policy and integration with ASEAN

Key words: Northeast, ASEAN, Act East Policy, integration, regional cooperation

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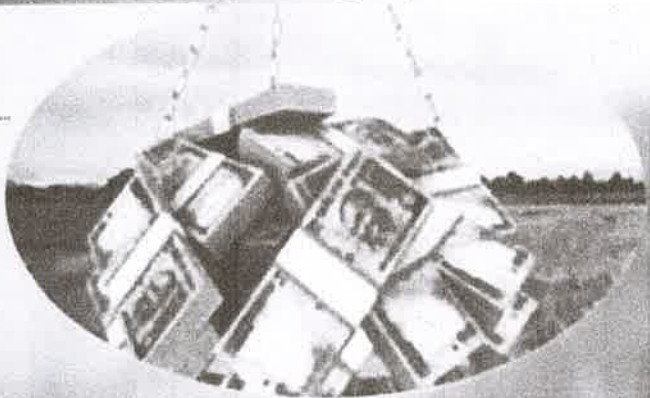
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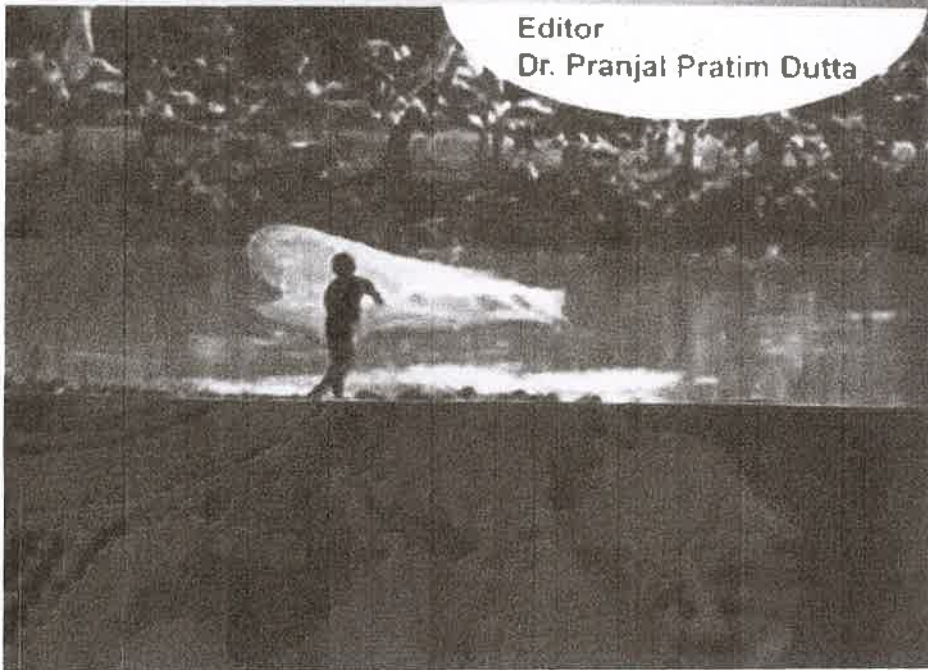
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Key Words: Fishery sector, fishing, livelihood, rural area, agriculture, allied

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The fishery sector was officially recognized as a significant allied agriculture sector in the country during the first five year plan 1951-1956. It plays a pivotal role in the socio-economic development and employment generation in the state. Fishing and farming as a profitable economic activity, which is gradually gaining popularity amongst fisherman and the farmers in the state and they have been taken in this sector as commercial basis.

The primary sector is the most important in our Indian economy. It provides food to its population and generates employment and income to a significant portion of the people. Fish is an important source of many nutrients, including protein, retinol, vitamins D and E iodine and selenium. The consumption of fish enhanced brain development and improve

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Open Access Initiative: A Special Reference to Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)

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Abstract

The present paper describes about the universal access to knowledge and information in the network and digital environment. It highlights on different issues relating to the increasing demand of "open access" resources. In this context, the role of MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), a new type of online class that allow anyone, anywhere, to participate via video lectures, computer graded tests, and discussion forums, has been discussed. Along with it, the strengths, weaknesses and the possible relationships between academic libraries and MOOCs are also included.

Keywords: Open Access, Open Source, MOOCs, Digital Literacy, Information Literacy.

1. Introduction

The main motto of a library is to satisfy the Users demand with accurate information within the shortest possible time. Hence libraries are trying to conceive all measures/possibilities to keep the user community satisfied. Academic Libraries are in a developing phase now. Today, users are highly specific in their needs and are also aware of other alternatives which provide information. In this regards, the impact of ICT has been very high. The Digital technologies have created more than one revolution, and among those our focus goes mainly on Access revolution.

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Production of Citric acid from tender coconut water and unused tender coconut meat

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Abstract.

Citric acid is the most important organic acid, used mainly as a natural preservative and conservative. It has found multiple applications in industries related to food, beverage, pharmaceuticals, etc. In this study, tender coconut water as well as unused tender coconut meat, are used for citric acid production using *Aspergillus niger* spores. The spores are mixed into the fermentative medium, supplemented with ammonium-sulphate and incubated at $30 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$, for 60 hours. After incubation, the media are then tested for citric acid production, using some confirmatory biochemical tests. The amount of citric acid produced, was determined by titrimetric method. 100% tender coconut water showed the highest production of citric acid while the medium containing 180 gms of tender coconut meat showed the highest citric acid production. It was finally concluded from this study that, both tender coconut water as well as unused tender coconut meat can serve as excellent potential raw materials for citric acid production.

Keywords : Citric acid, *Aspergillus niger*, coconut water, coconut meat.

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Among all the organic acids industrially produced, citric acid is the most important biodegradable, environmentally acceptable and versatile chemical. It is used in food, beverage, pharmaceutical, chemical, cosmetic and other industries. Fermentation is the only widely used technique for citric acid production on a mass scale (Kubick C. P *et al*, 1994, Rhr M, 1998 & Kristiansen B *et al*, 1978). According to estimates, citric acid produced through fermentation is 70×10^5 tonnes/annum.

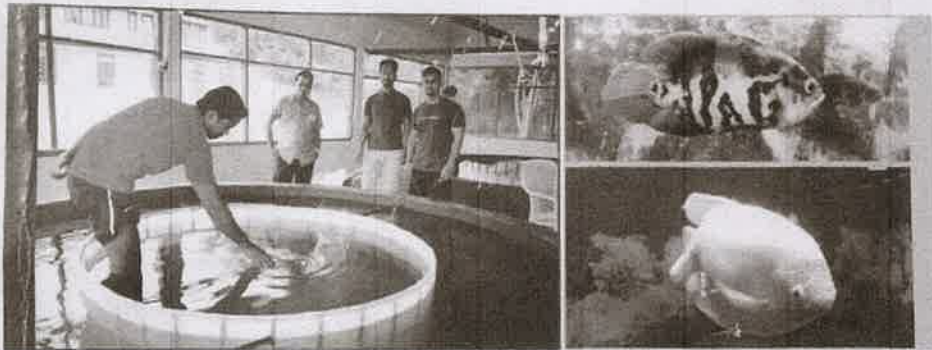
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INTRODUCTION :

Assam is a land of many tribes, culture and religions. It includes Bodo, Karbi, Mishings, Garo, Deuri, Kuki, Dimasa etc. Among the all tribes of Assam Mishings are the second largest ethnic tribes of Assam, population of which is estimated to be 1,237,569. They are also called 'Miri'. Mostly they live on the bank of mighty river Brahmaputra and its tributaries in certain areas like Lakhimpur, Dibrugarh, Sibsagar, Jorhat, Sonitpur. A large group of Mishing people lived in the area named as 'Gopal Jarani' in Biswanath district at the bank of river Brahmaputra. These tribal people are mainly making their livelihood by fishing. A lot of traditional gears and fishing methods are used by them to capture a vast range of fish species. They make the gears by themselves with their inherent traditional knowledge and are used by the communities to catch the fishes in relation to physiography of water body, nature of fish stock etc.

It is also noticeable that Mishing community of this locality of Gopal Jarani preserve the fish flesh and its taste and nutritive value which is called as Namsing and Perup. This local area is very backward and flood prone area, whereas



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Introduction

North East India, which includes the eight States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya and Sikkim, is known for its unique geo-strategic location and huge natural resources. Due to unique geographical location coupled with hydro-meteorological situation, North East India is endowed with vast water resources. There are rivers ranging from very small ones akin to streams to large rivers such as the Brahmaputra. The Brahmaputra basin and the Barak basin are the two major integrating river basins of North East India. The Brahmaputra basin of India is a part of the Tsangpo-Dihing-Brahmaputra basin which lies between latitude 25° N and 32° N and longitude 82° E and 97° E. Originated as the Yarlung Tsangpo from the Angsi glacier near Manasarovar lake in the Kailash range in southern Tibet, Brahmaputra is a trans-boundary river flowing from the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal through China (Tibet), India and Bangladesh. With a value of $19.83 \times 10^3 \text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$ average discharge at the mouth, Brahmaputra is the fourth (jointly with the Yellow river) as compared to other large rivers of the world, namely, Amazon, Congo and Yangtze (Goswami, 1989). Brahmaputra, Barak and well-knit network of the tributaries (Figure 1) controls the geomorphic regime of the entire region. The major rivers and tributaries of North East India are mentioned in Table 1. Unique ecology, biodiversity and monsoon regime cause all the small and big rivers of the region to have strong links to ecosystem dynamics and the productivity of the adjoining terrestrial and fluvial systems. The culture and livelihoods particularly of the tribal communities of the Northeast are intrinsically linked to the pristine forests and rivers.

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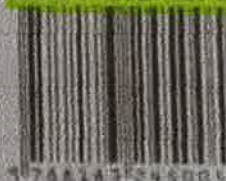


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Introduction

The economic history of western colonialism thoroughly gives an idea to the prevailing presence of plantations in colonial economies. Brazil and Malaysia was dominated by rubber while in the West Indies it was sugar and in India it was tea. As historic evidence points out that the conditions of labour in plantation economies have always been a matter of concern. Oppression, exploitation, migrant labour and social divisions have always been the characteristics of the plantation economies. All these have contributed to the economic and social exclusion of the plantation labour. Thus tea plantation economy in India is considered to be an enclave economy.

India is the second highest tea producing country in the world after China. In India the tea plantation economy is highly dominated by the tea estates of Assam and West Bengal which has 1500 tea estates and employing around 1.1 million workers. During the British regime in India there was no Labour Legislation in respect of tea plantation industry. It was after the post-independence period, the Plantation Labour Act, 1951 came in to existence.

The tea industry in India has steadily prospered all through these

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Cultural Fusion and Diffusion

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The following article gives an overview of the origin and development of modern music in Assam. Development of modern music in Assam reveals a long mythology and history. The development of modern music has been tried to be established on lights of diversity, cultural fusion, social identity, globalization and travel of popular sounds.

Methodology: The article is based on secondary source of data. Other sources of data collection are various articles on music in Assam published in magazines, blogs and books, listening to songs from music albums, both print and electronic media. Some external links also were used like conversations and personal interviews with some experts in the area.

Assam, a state situated in the North-Eastern region of India is a platter of incredible cultures and landscapes. Modern music in Assam is a hub of diverse array of styles shared by folk music in the region, ethnic music of the hilly people surrounding the state and also influenced by the music of its neighboring countries like Thailand, Myanmar and other far eastern countries. Descending scale of the ethnic music in Assam distinguishes it from any other Indian folk or *raag*-based music. Another significant characteristic of native music of Assam (including *Bihu* songs, Mising, Karbi and Bodo songs etc.) is, these are structured and sung to the pentatonic scale similar to traditional music from East Asia. It provides an indication of cultural diffusion between East Asian culture and

Assamese culture in ancient times.

The history of music in Assam claims that it is a conglomeration of one thousand years old folk music tradition, about five hundred years old tradition of written drama-songs, nearly three hundred years old tradition of Indian classical music which started since *Swargadeo* Rudra Singha's rule (1696-1714), about one thousand years old history of composing *charjyapadas* and nearly two thousand years old raga-based classical music *ojapali*. *Borgeet* which is another form of Assamese classical music composed by *Mahapurush* Srimanta Shankardev and Madhabdev gave a new dimension to the area. Then in the sixteenth century (according to some 17th-century), *Aajan Fakir* (Sufi saint and poet Hazrat Shah Miran) came to Assam


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ABSTRACTW

The Agriculture sector plays an important role in the rural economy as well as in the socio economic development of rural households. It is the back bone of Indian economy and is the dominant sector in terms of employment and playing thwe significant role in sustaining the rural livelihoods of North 24 Parganas District. It has been recognized as an instrument to bring socio-economic transformation in rural areas. With the increasing population rural people are still facing the problem of unemployment. Agri and Dairy Entrepreneurship are the solutions to many economic problems like poverty and unemployment. It is the important pillar of rural development. Youth Society is the pillar of any development. For this development their active participation, dedication is required.

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TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS

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Festival is one of the most important cultural tradition in our society. Ethnic identity in Northeast is a term that is being frequently used today in political circles. But ethnicity is a new concept in social science, first used by David Riesman in 1953. But the concept with them does not appear to be either precise or clear, the terms of ethnic identity give the impression of measuring different things to different political people and in different context. In the context of the American society also ethnic group normally minority groups, but in the expression "Ethnicity". The connotations of the minority is by and large absent. The meaning of the term "ethnic" as found in the standard dictionaries give an indication of the lack of uniformity in respect of idea involved.

Assam the north eastern part of India has a colorful tradition having its various ethnic groups to these cultural traditions of Assam. The northern bank of Upper Assam originally known as "Kaliapani" has been contributing significantly along with the other parts of the state. Mostly, the ethnic groups of this area- Ahom, Chutia, Kachari, Deori, Mising, Konch, Kafia, Kointra etc have various traditional beliefs, customs, festivals and ceremonies since unknown times. All the traditional groups were known by their traditional beliefs and traditional culture of this area.

Since time immemorial various traditional festivals are celebrated by different ethnic groups in different time of this region. These traditional festivals have its own characteristics and greatly contributed to the greater Assamese culture. A varied number of tribes and tribal groups inhabit the region. They have their own distinct culture, heritage of arts and crafts and entertaining folk songs. A major portion of the tribal habitat is hilly and forest areas. Tribal population is mainly dominating thinly by clearing a field by Slash or burn method. Tribal groups of North East India hold our cultural features which indicate their own traditional culture. In North East region a common feature of all the tribal women in the valley of Assam is weaving.

Phato Bihu: A greater importance in present study; Dhakuakhana is a rural sub division of various ethnic groups. It has a number of traditional festivals in customary and ritualistic manner. The "Phato Bihu" of Dhakuakhana is an indigeneous form of traditional festivals of this locality. Originally, "Phato Bihu" was observed every year spontaneously after the first week of So-
Aug. Presently, it is observed in the later part of Bohag and Maghuli Chapori on the bank of the

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Disability Social Worker to Enhance Effective Services Among the Differently Abled Person

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Abstract : A disability social worker is a type of healthcare social worker who helps people with physical and mental disabilities copes with the challenges in their daily lives. The problems they face depend on the type of impairment and the severity of their disability. Disability social workers assist people in comprehending their diagnosis, and they support them in making lifestyle adjustments to accommodate their disability. Disability social workers can connect disabled individuals with the right support groups to help them manage their disability and live as independently as possible. This was an attempt to describe the scope of disability social worker in the larger society.

Key word: Social work, disability social worker

Introduction :

Disability is a contested concept and definitions have varied over history and according to social norms. There is considerable debate as to what disability is and who the disabled are. Later models of disability distinguished between the various components of disability and for the first time differentiated between the objective impairment, the resulting level of functioning (disability) and the social components that handicap the individual. Impairments can be physical, sensory and cognitive and also include physical, mental and chronic illness. The social model of disability emphasises the perspective that disability is created through structural barriers and is thus created by society while individual, medical models have viewed disability as something inherent in the person.

Background :

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that there are around 600 million persons with disabilities. Other estimates are at 650 million. These cover many types and degrees of impairments. The day to day life of around 25 per cent of the world's population is affected by disability. There is a strong correlation of impairment and ageing, hence it is estimated that the incidence of disability will rise. In the majority world the correlation of poverty and disability is well known. The history of how people with disabilities are treated is marked by marginalisation, discrimination, profound exclusion, and ultimate extermination. Throughout the

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ECO-TOURISM AND ITS PROSPECTS IN DHIR WETLAND, ASSAM.

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Introduction :

The Term ecotourism refers to the ecologically important and beautiful places with its tourist based management and income. Tourism has now a very big industry and its importance is increasing if the area is resourceful with natural beauty and historic evidences. As per international ecotourism society, "Ecotourism is a responsible travel to natural areas which conserves the environment and improves the well being of the local people" (TIES, 1990). Ecotourism reduces the adverse effect of tourism on nature and environment. It maintains the ecological balance between human society and nature.

Assam in Northeast India is the land of rivers and hills with large number National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Biosphere reserves. It has more than 950 wetlands known as beels are located nearby river Brahmaputra and Barak. The drainage system provides a huge biodiversity of Wildlife and landscape views on either bank of the rivers. Thus, it provides an ample opportunity for the people of Assam and its adjoining state for the