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**Detail Feedback**

1. Discuss how did Lachit Borphukan succeed in defeating the mighty Mughals under Ram Singha in the 17th century? [10]

Ans/

Lachit Borphukan during the rule of Ahom Kings significantly contributed in gaining a success over the mighty Mughals.

- During the rule of Chakravarthi Singha, Ram Singha waged a war against the Ahom.
- Initially the Ahoms faced several defeats in the hands of Mughals.
- Later Lachit Borphukan could understand that the Mughals are undefeatable in the land.
- He convinced the Mughals to take the sea route.



- During that time Akbar Lachit Borphukan built several forts including the Momai Tamul Kola fort.
- When the Mughals came through the sea route, the Ahom waged a war against them.
- Lachit fell sick during that period.
- The Mughals were successful in attacking them and the Ahoms started to retreat.
- On seeing that Lachit though sick along with six fleet advanced towards the Mughals and won a victory against the Mughals.

This dramatic event is popularly called the ~~Sasao~~ Battle of Saraighat. It took place in 1671.

2. Give a brief account of Koch architecture in the medieval period.

[10]

Ans.

Koch under the kingship of Naranarayan saw the zenith both in terms of military glory and as well as in terms of architecture.

Some of the contribution of Koches in architecture building are: -

① Karnakhyu Temple

- King Naranarayan built the Karnakhyu Temple in its present form using ~~best~~ bricks.
- The style used is unique as it is known as Nilachali style of architecture.



(ii) HYGRIV

(ii) HYGRIV MADHAV TEMPLE

- The temple was built by H Raghunatha in 1593 AD
- The architecture was not traditional and it can observed in the patterns of the wall

(iii) PAOUNATH TEMPLE

- It was built by Raghunatha
- The domes of the temple are of representative of modern day architecture

3. Discuss the contribution of Baptist missionaries in the growth of Assamese literature in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. [10]

Ans 3

With the advent of the Baptist missionaries the Assamese literature attained a new height.

Some of the major contribution of Baptist missionaries are:-

- (i) The first Assamese dictionary was written by Nathan Brown.   
 ~~or~~ with the help of Atmaran Sarma in 1896 from Sibsagar Mission Press.
- (ii) Miles Bronson wrote the magazine *Drumadei*
- (iii) Many Assamese literatures also contributed in this era



- (iv) Gunabhiram Barua wrote "The Assamese Marriage System" in English
- (v) Hem Chandra Barua wrote the first Assamese dictionary
- (vi) The first magazine named "Kora Bandhu" was written by Gunabhiram Barua.

The contribution of Baptist missionaries in Assamese literature is of great significance.

**4. Briefly discuss the origin and main features of Sattriya dance.**
**[10]**

Ques 4

Sattriya dance one of the classical dance of India got its recognition as one of the eight dance form by the Sangeet Natak Akademy.

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- (i) As per the Charitpurbhis, Sankardeva was inspired by the dance form of Mahari of Jagannath temple
- (ii) He systematized and sorted the dance form into spirit of bhakti.
- (iii) The use of Oja Pali and Devdasi is seen
- (iv) Earlier the dance form was only practiced by the male monastic members



### SAILENT FEATURES OF SATTRIYA

- (i) The use of Khol, taal in the dance
- (ii) The Nritya, Nattya and Nritya are observed
- (iii) The dance involves rhythmic movement of the feet
- (iv) The dance is mainly dedicated to the life of Krishna
- (v) Different forms of dance in Sattriya dance are jhumura
- (vi) Sankardev was first to use dance as a form to preach religion.

The Sattriya dance is one of the most revered dance form of Assam.

5. Give an overview of drug menace prevalent in Assam.

[10]

Drug menace is one of the grave concerns in India. Assam being located in close proximity of the Golden Triangle faces the wrath of it.

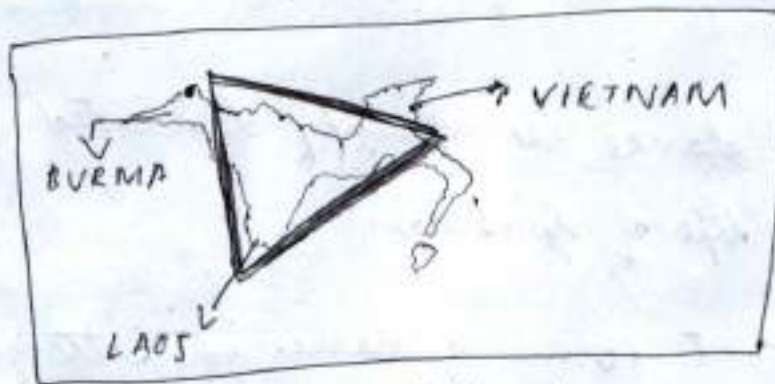


Fig:- Golden Triangle

The Indian Government is signatory to :-

(i) Convention on Illicit Trafficking of Drug and Psychotropic Substances

And India's national policy is:

(i) National Drug Psychotropic Substances, 1971



India [DRUG MENANCE IN ASSAM]

- (i) Assam government started a drive by the name "ab mas against drugs"
- (ii) The objective is to seize drugs and end its use within the state for good.
- (iii) In a recent drive the CM of Assam ordered to seize and burn the drugs in Goalpara district

The aggressive move of Assam government is a step towards making Assam drug free.

**6. Highlight the objectives of Assam Climate Change Management Society. [10]**

Ques 6.

The Assam Climate Change Management Society is an ~~state~~ initiative to tackle the climate change related issues of Assam.

### OBJECTIVES

- (i) To ~~to~~ reduce deforestation
- (ii) Mitigate the cause of flood in Assam
- (iii) Provide relief to the disaster related events affected people
- (iv) Increase afforestation
- (v) Help in clearing the clearing the ~~to~~ raising awareness



among the people.

(vi) Raise fund to mitigate the climate related problems.

(vii) Reduce the Promote use of public vehicles to reduce global warming

7. Briefly discuss the contribution of Upendranath Brahma towards the development of Bodo Community [10]

Ans 7

The Bodo community celebrates the immense contribution of Upendra nath Brahma towards upliftment of the community.

(i) Upendranath Brahma was a social activist of All Bodo Students Union.

(ii) He was the 8<sup>th</sup> President of All Bodo Students Union (ABSU).

(iii) His death anniversary is celebrated by the Bodo community as Bodofai Divas on 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

(iv) He put forward a 92 charter demands.



DEMANDS BY UPENDRANATH BRAHMA

- (i) Bodo should be declared as one of the schedule languages in the 8th schedule of the constitution
- (ii) It should be made the official language of Bodo Autonomous Councils at NE Hills and Karbi Anglong
- (iii) Bodo should be made an optional subject in competitive exams like APSC and UPSC.

It can be understood from the above the contribution of Upendranath Brahma in uplifting the status of Bodo is ~~was~~ immense.

8. Discuss the scope of organic agriculture in the North East with reference to Assam. [10]

Ans 8.

In the recent times the organic farming is regaining its lost significance.

Some of the methods used in organic farming are:-

- (i) Usage of organic matter (cow dung etc.)
- (ii) No use of pesticides
- (iii) Zero tillage
- (iv) Mulching
- (v) Zero budget farming
- (vi) not burning the previously grown crops



In the recent times North eastern States of India are adopting organic farming eg. Sikkim, Tripura, Manipur etc.

### SCOPE OF ORGANIC FARMING IN ASSAM

- (i) Organic farming can be done in Karbi Anglong and the N.C hills due to its topography.
- (ii) Since Assam domesticates cow the needs of artificial organic manure can be avoided.
- (iii) Due to its favourable climate the bacteria that naturally kills the agricultural ground will support the concept of zero tillage.

Organic farming in Assam has a wider scope to promote

9. Highlight some of the important reasons behind the closure of the Paper Mill Industries in Assam. [10]

Ans 9.

The Assam economy was benefitting from the Paper Mill industry of Jorhat of Assam.

The reason behind the closure of the Paper Mill :-

- (i) The mill was ~~soon~~ running short on fund to further run the mill
- (ii) The employees were not get paid for a period of three years or more
- (iii) The mill was under too much debt so it could



no more provide income to its employees.

The closure of Paper Mill witness loss of livelihood for alot of the employee. Most of the employee of Jajiraoat were involved in the paper mill

10. What is "Mission Birubala"? Enumerate the provisions of Assam witch hunting (Prohibition, Prevention and Protection) Act 2015 [10]

Ans 10

The issue of witch hunting is alien to the rest of the country but in Assam it is a matter of serious concern.

#### MISSION BIRUBALA

- (i) To address the social evil practice of witch hunting a Birubala Rakha took out a life long mission to get done away with this ill practice against the single, unmarried women.
- (ii) She with the former O.P. of Assam Shubash Chandra Saikia aggressively worked on the fore front to stop the issue of witch hunting.
- (iii) Due to their immense contribution the Assam Witch hunting Prohibition, Prevention and Protection Act, 2015 was passed.



## ASSAM WITCH HUNTING PROHIBITION, PREVENTION AND PROTECTION ACT, 2015

- (i) A fine of Rs. 5 lakh will be imposed on addressing anyone as witch
- (ii) A term of 7 years or more will be imposed
- (iii) An casually referring any woman as witch will be legally offensive
- (iv) If any woman commits suicide for as this issue the person will be entitled to 7 years of jail term and Rs. 5 lakh fine.

11. Give an account of the epigraphic source of Ancient Assam.

[15]

Ans 11

The epigraphic source of Ancient Assam are :

- (i) The Kalika Purana mentioned about the 4 pithas of Assam → Kamapitha, ~~Swarnapith~~ Swarnapith, Saumapith
- (ii) In the Kalika Purana it is mentioned that on Brahma made first calculation of stars in Pragjyotisha (meaning the eastern stars)
- ~~(iii) the~~
- (iii) It is believed that Assam was divided into 3 juthis - Pragjuthis, Madhyar juthis and Utharajuthis.
- (iv) The name Assam came from Sanskrit word Asama



### VARMAN DYNASTY

- (i) The Nidhanpur grant and Daki Grant of Shashan Varman is of immense significance
- (ii) In the Allahabad Prasasti of Samudragupta there is mention of Harinaga

### SALASTHANABHA DYNASTY

- (i) The Mayurthar epigraph of Hajaranaaman <sup>Rantidurga</sup>
- (ii) The Parthupati epigraph of Jayasdeva II talks about marriage conflict of Sri Harshaddeva with western Chalukya

### PALA DYNASTY

- (i) The Guahati epigraph of Indrapala
- (ii) The <sup>Ghatol</sup> ~~Guahati~~ and Salkuchi epigraph of Gopala
- (iii) The ~~Guahati~~ Serabari inscription of P Indrapala.

OTHERS

- The Kanai Barani inscription mentioned about the invasion of Bakhtiyar Khilji.

f. - The Uttarbil epigraph is the earliest epigraph to trace the history of ancient Ussam.

• The epigraphs are an important source of information for tracing the history of ancient Ussam.





12. When it comes to courage and sacrifice, women of the Ahom nobility were no less than their male counterparts. Elucidate with reference to sacrifice of Mula Gabhoru and Joymoti Konwari. [15]

Ans 12

The courage, sacrifice of women of Assam are valourous and can be seen by the contribution of Sati Sakhini, Mula Gabhoru and Jy Joymoti Konwari.

The sacrifice of Mula Gabhoru

(i) Mula Gabhoru avenged the death of her husband

(ii) Her husband was killed by Jurbak Khan in 1532.

(iii) She with a group of men went against the



Muslim King to fight him valiantly  
 (iv) However, Mula Gabboru was  
 killed in the war field by  
 Turbak Khan.

(v) To commemorate her contribution  
 On May 29, Mula Gabboru  
 Day is celebrated.

### Contribution of Jyotsi Kurnari

- (i) Jyotsi Kurnari was the  
 wife of King Gadadhar Singha
- (2) when Laluk Lal Barphukan  
 was searching for Gadapani  
 to kill him. Jyotsi refused  
 to reveal her husband's

whereabout.

(3) Jaymati was then tortured  
and killed in the Jeringa  
Pothar of Sinsagar.

The values of Mula Gabo  
Gabhari and Jaymati is the  
gained National recognition.

PM Modi visited Jeringa Pothar  
on 18th to commemorate of her Jaymati  
contribution.





13. Discuss the contribution of Momai Tamuli Barbarua in reconstructing Assamese village life on a sound and secure economic footing. [15]

Ans 13

Pratap Singha during his reign introduced two new post Barbarua and Borphukan.

He appointed Momai Tamuli as the first Barbarua and Lachit as the first Borphukan.

Momai Tamuli Barbarua brought significant reforms in reconstructing the village life of Assam.

One of his significant contribution was introduction of Paik system.



**PAIK  
SYSTEM**

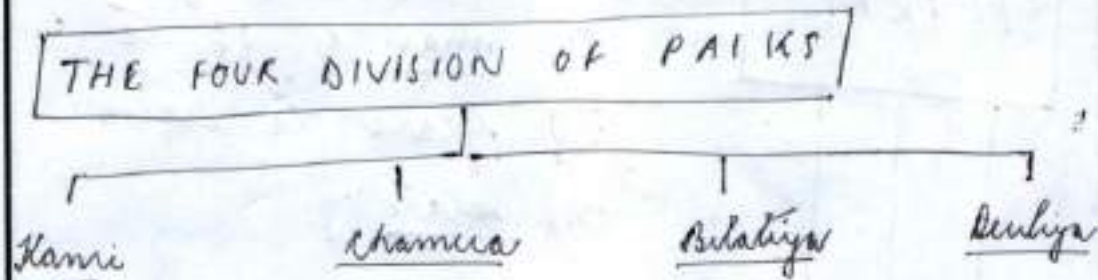
→ 1. Momai Zamuli  
Barbarun brought  
the man of 16 to  
50 years to serve  
the state.

→ 2. In ~~each~~ Paik  
had to serve the  
state for four months.

→ 3. He formed gots  
and each got had  
3 members (later 4 -  
during Rajasthwar Singha)

→ 4. The Paiks were  
given ga-mati to  
sustain their livelihood  
This ga-mati was  
non hereditary and  
non transferable.

The Paiks system was further divided into 4 groups.



Hansi :- The Hansi paiks were those who did not belong to affluent background.

Chamua :- This Paiks belongs to affluent families. They could skip their duties by paying some money.

Belatisya :- The worked in private estate.



Deuliyar :- They work in the  
Satras.

Mamoi Tamuli Barbua further  
made it compulsory for women to  
weave.

Mamoi Tamuli Barbua is credited  
for systematizing the administration  
of Ahom Kingdom.

14. Critically discuss the inner line regulation introduced by the British in Assam in 1873. [15]

Ans 14

The British in Assam entered during the Burmese invasion and steadily strengthen their base in Assam.

In the year of 1873 British introduced the system of inner line regulation.

The inner line regulation of British consist of 3.

- (i) One for the locals
- (ii) One for the immigrants
- (iii) Third for both locals and immigrants.



### (1) Inner line for locals

This area was exclusively for the residence and commercial use of the locals.

- They could carry out their economic activities without any outside interference

### (2) For the immigrants.

→ It was devoted only for the ~~so~~ immigrants

→ They could hold only 50 bighas of land.

13) The third was use by both  
locals and immigrants mutually  
and collaboratively.

The immigrants did not like  
being kept out the 1<sup>st</sup> since they  
started adopting the whsamest  
culture.





15. Explain the viability of Palm oil production in Assam

[15]

Ans 15

The Palm oil production of Assam is <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~ a budding stage.

The Palm oil avenue in Assam ~~is~~ has a significant scope.

### Importance of Palm Oil

- (1) Palm is keystone species
- (2) Many animals and birds seek shade in an around the palm tree
- (3) It also ~~provide~~ is of less maintenance
- (4) It can be easily grown in sandy soils ~~as~~ ~~now~~



## Viability of Palm Production in Assam

- (1) The soil topography of Assam is ~~not~~ mixed  
↳ Alluvial, red soil, loamy, hill soil
- (2) The Palm ~~oil~~ production can be done extensively considering its soil topography
- (3) The dependence of the country's oil need which otherwise depends on the international market of Indonesia can be met from domestic farms too.

(4) The rainforest area of Nagam which is relatively dry can be a potential location for Palm oil production

(5) It will lead to livelihood generation

(6) Tourism will be benefitted

(7) The ecosystem will be ~~save~~ revived.

∴ The scope of Palm oil in Udsam is of immense





16. Assam ranks first in India in the statistics of crimes committed against women. Highlight some of the important preventive measures that the government can implement in curbing the issue. [15]

Ans 16

Assam ranks first in the crime rates in Assam. The accelerating crime rates is a threatening situation for the women.

The increasing incidence of domestic violence, rape, child abuse is increasing at a fast scale.

Taking one recent example we can understand the grave situation.

An eminent psychologist is seen punishing her toddler by making her stand under the humid and unbearable sunlight for merely not doing her homework.



## PREVENTIVE MEASURES THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN TAKE TO CURB THE ISSUE

- (i) Sexual harassment at workplace is a common issue faced by women.  
 → The government can set up a redressal centre for women to report such incidences at workplace ~~who are afraid to speak up.~~
- (ii) Certain measures in the form of legal laws should be brought to deal with incidences of eve teasing in the roads.
- (iii) More street lights should be installed so that no heinous activities can take place in the dark road roads.

- (iv) The cases filed should not be kept pending as "justice delayed is justice denied".
- (v) Police stations should have more women police officers so that women feel free to report their problems.
- (vi) Women friendly police stations should be set up like children friendly police stations are set up at Bharanmukh.
- (vii) Reporting of cases should be made feasible.
- (viii) More awareness campaigns should be launched.



(ix) Social media should be used to spread the message.

Crimes against women in Odisha is a grave concern which needs immediate action.

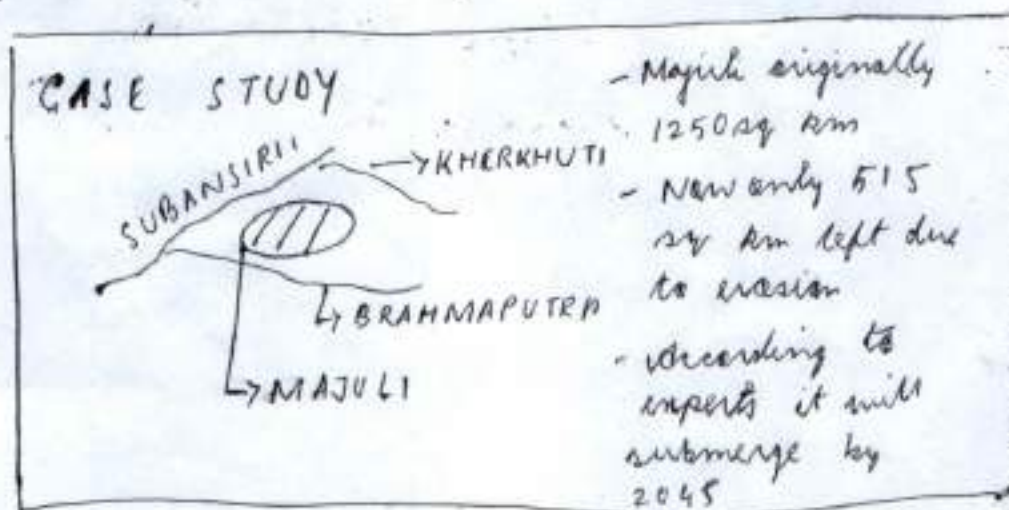
17. How have the major flood control methods actually worsened the situation in Assam? What is the way forward? [15]

Ans 17

Assam flood is one of the burning topic all over the Indian news channels.

However, the major flood situation is not difficult to control because of Assam's topography and the fast flowing Brahmaputra.

The major flood affect area of Assam is the only Riverine Island of the world Majuli.





## FLOOD CONTROL METHODS

### 1. Dredging the Brahmaputra

→ Removing the silts by dredging

→ It will increase the depth thereby reducing flood



### 2. Plantation the Bank of the river

### 3. Geobags filled with sands

### 4. Using of stronger items like R.C.C. steel etc to cause hindrance

### 5. The latest submersible technology is another flood control method.

MAJOR FLOOD CONTROL METHOD -  
WORSENERD THE SITUATION IN  
ASSAM

- (i) The dredging of Brahmaputra is costly as well as the silt collected will move back to the river.
- (ii) The Brahmaputra is a young river it is still eroding its underlying topography thereby bringing lots of sediment.
- (iii) The garbage filled with sand causes water pollution and mostly it clogs the drains thereby causing urban flood.



(iv) The use of ~~so~~ rampant plastic further worsen the condition.

The government needs to focus on more sustainable way to control the flood.

18. Mention some of the salient points found in Srimanta Sankardeva's extensive writings which have philosophical bearings. [15]

Ans 18

Srimanta Sankardev, the founder of the Sankar dharma has left his philosophical writing in numerous forms of writing.

1. Srimanta Sankardev is credited with writing of Kirtan Ghasa.

2. In his writing of Gunamala he mentioned the history of Ahom.

3. His Ankija Naat finds reference of use of dance and Sargat.

4. He also wrote Keligopal and stories of



5. His Kalia Daman depicts the dance form of story of Krishna's fight with the Damar
6. The Patani Patan, Rukmini Haran are stories where Sankardev mentioned about how Krishna abducted Rukmini.







19. Comment on the unexplored areas of tourism in Assam.

[15]

Ans 19.

Assam with its unique location is situated between the Himalayas on its north, the beautiful Karbi Anglong plateau on its south, the Patkai Bum on its east. and the ~~handbooked~~ ~~to~~ :

Assam is connected to the rest of the country by the narrow chicken neck corridor.

Due to its isolated location the tourism industry is not catching the attention of the rest of the country and the world.



The unexplored area of tourism  
in Assam :-

### (1) Cultural locations

(i) The revered ~~to~~ Kamakhya,  
Nayagin Maachar, Poo Mecca,  
Kerai Khaiti Temple, Madan  
Kamakhya

(ii) The beautiful architecture of  
temples are still unexplored

(iii) The Sattras of Assam.

### (2) Historical places

(i) The ancient Uham towns of  
Sinsagar, Jorhat, Tezpur and  
Lower Assam still remain  
unexplored

(ii) The historical town of Morigaon  
also called Magical ~~to~~ district  
needs more attention

- (3). The Dima Hasao district and Karbi Anglong district are natural beauty.
- (4) The most making religious place of Majuli also called land of Satras need more attention.
- (5) The coffee gardens of Karbi Anglong and tea gardens of Assam are one of the biggest attraction.
- (6) The river rafting in Manas WLS and Nameri are some of the most attractive locations of Assam.



The Assam tourism has a high potential to develop in the near future.

**20. Write short notes on [15]**

1. Assam state Human Rights Commission
2. Nagara Naam
3. Project Sadbhavana

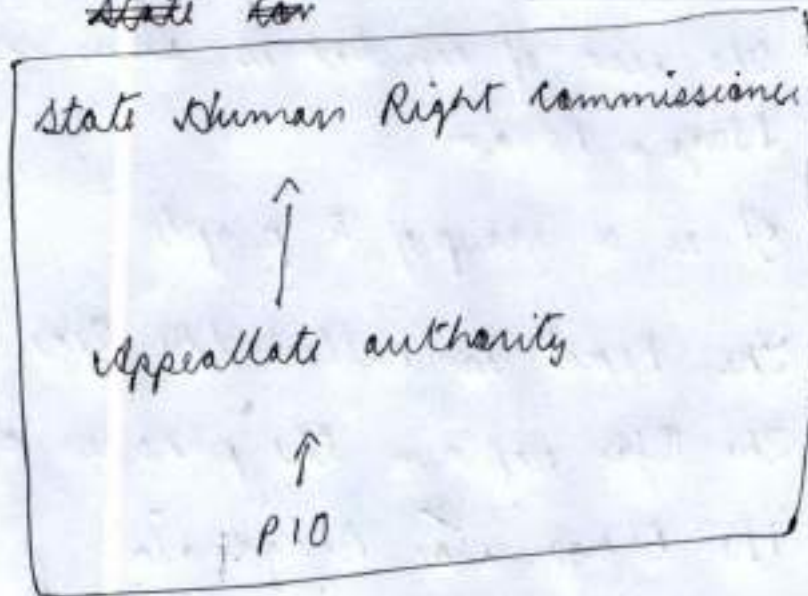
Ans 20

1. Assam Human Right Commission

- (i) The Assam Human Right Commission has a Public Information Officer
- (ii) The Public need to pay register a case with Rs 10
- (iii) If the issue of the person is not addressed in 30 days the person could move to the appellate authority
- (iv) If appellate authority has to review the concern and give a response in the stipulated time frame



~~State for~~



The State Human Right Commission  
work on 3 level and the  
cases needs to be resolved in  
the earliest possible

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Nagara Naam

- The use of symbol is seen in Nagara Naam
- It is a group of 5 people
- The head is called the Oja
- The Oja explain the phrases of 'the Bhagavata Bhagavata'
- The other people use small symbols and clap their hands
- The Oja uses expression and drama to express the Bhagavata



4 (3) Mission Sadakharana

It was started on 10<sup>th</sup> May. The objective is to clear all pending files by 31<sup>st</sup> December of 2022 from the Assam Secretariat.

- It is an initiative of CM  
Hemanta Biswa Sarma

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