

Lesson -6

AWESOME ASSAM



Assam is a state located in the north eastern part of India. It is situated just below the eastern Himalayan foothills. It is surrounded by the states of Arunanchal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Meghalaya, which together with Assam are known as the 'Seven Sisters'. Dispur is the capital of Assam. Assam is a land full of natural beauty. It has blue hills, dense forests with diverse flora and fauna, big rivers and fertile valleys. Assam is the world's largest tea growing state in India. The great Brahmaputra river flows through Assam.

Agriculture is the main occupation here. Rice, fruits, jute, sugarcane and tea are the chief agricultural produce of the state. The state also produces nearly half of the country's total output of tea. The state is also rich in natural resources such as oil, gas, coal and limestone.

The traditional craft like pottery and terracotta work, brass craft, jewellery making, bamboo craft, silk and cotton weaving and wood craft are some major sources of self-employment for the people of Assam.

Assam is also famous for its national parks. A national park is a large area of forest land. The government looks after these parks. The Kaziranga National Park is a famous wildlife sanctuary. Rhinoceros, elephants, leopards and the Indian bison are some of the animals you can see in Kaziranga. You can go in an open jeep, a car, or a mini bus into the forest to see these wild animals. If you like, you can travel on an elephant's back as well.



The people of Assam speak Assamiya or Assamese. Assam is also a land of festivals. Bihu is a famous Assamese festival. It is celebrated in the month of April. People from all religions take part in the celebrations. The celebrations go on for the whole month. Young men and women wear gold-coloured silk dresses and do a special

dance called 'Bihu Dance'. Boat races are held during Bihu. Many teams take part in these races and a lot of people watch them from the river banks.

New Words

Word	Meaning
• awesome	शानदार
• foothills -	पहाड़ों के नीचे की छोटी घाटियाँ
• fauna -	जीव जन्तु
• flora -	पौधे
• resources-	संसाधन
• sanctuary-	पशु पक्षियों का विचरण स्थल
• bison	जंगली भैंसा

Comprehension Questions

1. Answer the following questions :

- Where is Assam situated in India?
- Name the states which are known as the 'Seven Sisters'.
- What is the main occupation of the people of Assam?
- Which is the famous wildlife sanctuary of Assam?
- Name the famous Assamese festival.

2. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements:

- Assam is a land of natural beauty. ()
- The north eastern states of India are known as the 'Seven Sisters'. ()
- You can go by train to see wild animals in the wildlife sanctuary of Assam.()
- Bihu is a folk dance of Assam. ()
- Car races are held in Assam during Bihu festival.()

Word Power

1. Fill in the blanks with the words given in the box:

celebrated,diverse,occupation,religions

- Agriculture is the main ___ in India.
- People of various ___ live in India.
- All the festivals are ___ with great enthusiasm.
- Students from _ background study in our class.

Language Practice

1. Frame suitable questions for the following answers:

Take the help of the words given in the brackets. One has been done for you.

Where do you live? (where/you/live)

I live in Allahabad.

_ ? (where/grandparents/live)

They live in Lucknow.

_____ ? (what/name/brother)

His name is George.

_____ ? (who/best friend)

My best friend is Pooja.

2. Read and understand:

Too + adjective is used to mean more than necessary.

Example- You are too loud.

Too + much/many + noun is used to mean more than allowed.

Example- There is too much traffic during rush hours in my city.

I'm very busy today I have too many things to do.

Now complete the sentences with too, too much or too many:

- The smell of this flower is ___ strong.
- Don't buy this oil. It has ___ fat in it.
- I can't accept this document. It has ___ mistakes.
- She has ___ friends.

Activity

Let's Discuss and Write

» Here is a railway ticket for you. Show it to your partner and ask these questions.

Railway Ticket



- How many people travelled with this ticket?
- What is the fare?
- What is the PNR number of the ticket?
- Where does/do he/they board the train?
- Where was/were/he/they going ?
- What is the distance between the two stations?

2-Discuss dance forms of your local area. Include the following in your discussion:

- (i) the musical instruments
- (ii) the costume