

# IMPACT OF LOCKDOWN

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## IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE GROWTH OF SMALL TEA SECTOR IN ASSAM

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Due to drop in production for Covid-19 pandemic and the nation-wide lockdown, India may lead to buge foreign currency earnings. Delayed start of various works in the tea gardens, including plucking and processing, besides government enforced restrictions are among the key reasons of low production. India has exported 248.29 million Kgs of tea in 2019 witnessing a dominant position in the world market. More than 50% of India's tea production is produced in Assam, the world's second-biggest producer in 2016. Small Tea Growers have become a remarkable force in the domain of Assam tea in recent years. The small growers contributed 42.17% of Assam's total tea production and 21.53% of India's total production in 2017-18. It promotes the growth of entrepreneurship and provides both direct and indirect employment. With more than two decades of success and prosperity, third generation small tea growers have started to adopt innovative practices of organic tea cultivation in Assam. This paper is based on both primary and secondary data. Primary data have been collected mostly by direct contact method. The paper incorporates relevant secondary information collected from journals, books and reports published by the Tea Board of India and organization of Small Tea Growers. Moreover, journals, articles, thesis and books have also been used to serve the purpose of the study.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Small tea grower promotes the growth of entrepreneurship development and provides both direct and indirect employment opportunities in the state of Assam. In 1978, first effort to take up tea plantations by the rural youth in the state was made by Late Soneswar Bora, the then agriculture minister of Assam. Afterward he has been regarded as the father of small tea sector in Assam. The initial success drew most of the small tea growers from Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Sivasagar, Golaghat, and Jorhat districts of upper Assam. Tea Board of India has been emphasizing on promotion of small tea plantation since 1980s. Now, it may tender structural change in the rural industrialization process by setting small tea processing unit. Small tea plantation offers many prospects for self-employment to rural people of the state. The cultivation itself generates many employment opportunities in the field of manufacturing, supply of garden equipments, transportation of green leaf etc. Presently, some small tea growers actively engage in organic teas producing hand-crafted and limited editions of unique teas have found a market in the foreign countries such as Hong kong, Thailand, Singapore and other nations. But the COVID-19 crisis, the small tea growers of the State are staring at huge loss because the plucking of newly sprouted green leaves was just commencing from April. The small tea growers have no option but to throw out the already maturing leaves because there is no such provision to produce quality made tea from the aging tea leaves. Due to the COVID-19 crisis about 1.5 Lakh small tea growers directly involves in the sector and approximately 15 lakh people indirectly attached to the industry will suffer economically.

#### 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Ahmed (2012) in his editing book highlights problems of Small Tea Growers like- indebtedness, financial crisis, problem of green tea leaf price etc. According to him the women workers play an important role for the development of the industry. But they are not aware about various rulesregulations associated with tea industry.

Baruah (2011) in his book "Tea industry of Assam: Origin and development" pointed out the importance of tea industry in India. He mainly focuses on the economic development of Assam through tea industry. In his book he elaborates the importance of small tea growers in tea cultivation.

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#### BLOCK 4: PORTFOLIO AND PRICING MODELS

#### **UNIT-1**

#### Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) and Arbitrage Pricing Theory (APT)

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- 1.13 Further Reading
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- 1.15 Self Assessment Questions
- 1.16 References

#### 1.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to know:

- Capital Asset Pricing Model( CAPM )
- Arbitrage Pricing Theory (APT)
- Present validity of the CAPM
- Various factors affecting the return
- Comparison of CAPM and APT

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#### 1.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to know:

- The Concept of Mutual Fund
- The Mutual Fund industry and their operation

# Ethnic Diversity of North-East India and Indian Democracy



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### Tribal Welfare in India's Northeast: Present Scenario, Constitutional Provisions and the Way Forward

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#### Introduction

The eight states of India-Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Meghalaya, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Sikkim form the Northeastern Region (NER) and govern India's gateway to South East Asia. The Northeastern states account for 8% of the country's land area characterized by a rich natural wealth and culture inhabited by 3.8% of India's total population boasting of a large number of ethnic tribal groups. It is national goal of the country to develop the tribals by ensuring social equity, economic stability and political freedom. The Directive Principles of State Policy in Article 46 of the Indian Constitution also calls upon the State to promote the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the society with special care, and to protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation. Article 15 of the Constitution of India prohibits any discrimination against citizens based on race, caste, religion, sex or place of birth and Article 16 of the Constitution ensures equality of public employment opportunities to all sections of the society, including Schedule Tribes.