PREFAE

Muga silk industry occupies a unique and inseparable position in the socio economic and cultural life of the indigenous people of Assam. Despite its glorious traditions, the silk industry is now passing through a stage of deterioration. The reasons that have pushed the well-known industry into a state of stagnation and decay are lack of infra-structural facilities, proper planning, conscious effort, commercial outlook to develop this age old cottage industry. It is an undeniable fact that this is the only industry, which can be developed without depending much on outside agencies and it is hoped that the development of this industry will strengthen the rural economy in particular and the State economy in general if all the rearers, reelers/spinners, weavers, financial institutions, marketing agencies and Government work together with a co-operative attitude. Therefore, it is necessary to create an environment of awareness about the importance of the Muga silk industry in the economy of the State. This research project is a modest attempt to study the various aspects of the Muga silk industry in Assam with reference to income and employment generation in Kamrup district.

This research work is the result of my sincere desire to study the Muga silk industry of Kamrup district in depth and to know about the people engaged in this age old industry. It is expected that this study will provide necessary guidelines and information to Muga culturists, planners and other concerned agencies for the development of the Muga silk industry. This project is undertaken to study the economic viability of Muga culture which will help to uplift the rural economy of Assam.

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