



## FOREWORDS

The Directorate of Economics & Statistics (DES), Assam is one of the oldest Directorate of the Government of Assam. It has been functioning since 1948 with the mandate of collection, compilation, analysis and publication of statistical data pertaining to Assam for preparation of various plans for the welfare of State as well as the Country. To create a strong statistical database as well as to conduct statistical activities in the State, the Directorate is having its Head Office at Jayanagar, Guwahati and 2 Regional Offices, 23 District Offices and 13 Sub-Divisional Offices throughout the State.

The Directorate used to undertake surveys and studies regularly mainly on Socio-economic issues of the State. As a part of data dissemination policy of the Directorate it brings out annual and other time specific reports and publications. Some of the publications are Statistical Handbook Assam, Economic Survey Assam, Statistics at Glance Assam.

Statistical Handbook Assam is an annual publication, which is one of the most demanded publication by users. This contains information of Assam on demography, agriculture, fisheries, banking and industry, handloom and textiles, sericulture, communications, health, education, etc.

The present 2017 edition of Statistical Handbook Assam is 49<sup>th</sup> in the series and it contains updated information on all socio-economic sectors of the State upto 2017. The officials and staff engaged in the work put lot of efforts and hardwork to make this publication resourcefull and different in look and content. The e-book is a new initiatives taken by the Directorate and first ever e-book of the Directorate.

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Hope the readers will appreciate the handbook.

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