People in Assam are increasingly moving off the farm and into other kinds of work. Nonetheless, half of Assam’s workforce is still on the farm. Despite positive job growth in the non-farm sectors of its economy, the state ranks very low on overall job creation. Moreover, very few working adults have salaried jobs. There are even fewer job opportunities for women who have withdrawn from the labor force in large numbers.

Non-farm employment is increasing in Assam, but more than half the workforce is still on the farm

Non-farm employment share in Assam is below the national average

Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.
Assam ranks very low on overall job growth after 2005

While the non-farm sectors created new jobs in Assam after 2005, millions of farm jobs were lost
Little change in wage employment in Assam after 2005

The share of adults with salaried jobs in Assam is lower than the national average

Low Income States are highlighted in orange, AI is All India.
Not enough jobs in Assam for the size of the working age population not in school, especially for females

Sharp decline in female labor force participation in Assam after 2005