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Syllabi for Choice Based Credit System for Master of Philosophy Programme

The Course work shall be completed within one semester. There shall be four papers with 12 credits. Two papers: Research Methodology (POLC/601) and Research and Publication Ethics (POLC/602) shall be compulsory for all scholars. Scholars shall have the option to choose the Open Elective paper either from within the department or from other departments. Scholars may opt for any one the departmental Elective papers: Politics in Arunachal Pradesh (POLC/604) and Politics in North East India (POLC/605).

Course Structure

POLC/600	Dissertation and viva-voce
POLC/601	Research Methodology
POLC/602	Research and Publication Ethics
POLC/603	Politics in India (Open Elective)
POLC/604	Politics in Arunachal Pradesh
POLC/605	Politics in North East India

Semester I (Course Work)						
Paper Code	Credit	Lecture Hours Per Week	Distribution of Marks			Total
			Semester end exams.	Practical	Internal Assessment	
POLC 601 (Core Paper)	4	4	75	00	25	100
POLC 602 (Core Paper)	2	2	20	20	10	50
POLC603 (Open Elective)	2	2	40	00	10	50
POLC 604 (Elective-Choice Based)	4	4	75	00	25	100
POLC 605 (Elective- Choice Based)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	12	12	200	20	70	300

Semester II/III/IV Dissertation and Viva Voce				
Paper Code	Name of the Course	Credit	Hours Spent Per Week	Marks
POLC 600	Dissertation	8	8	200
	Viva Voce	2	2	50
	Internal Assessment of Research Work (Six-monthly progress report and pre-submission presentation, etc)	2	2	50
Total		12	12	300

POLC/601   RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
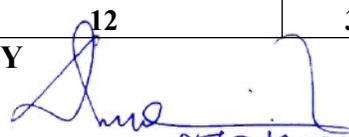
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Unit I	**Philosophical foundations of Social Science Research**

- Knowledge: sources and purpose
- Rationalism
- Empiricism
- Concept, definition, facts and data in Social Science Research

Unit II   **Research Design and Proposal**

- Selection and formulation of a research problem
- Literature review, variables, hypothesis
- Techniques of report / thesis Writing
- Footnote, references, bibliography

Unit III   **Tools of Research (Quantitative and Qualitative)**

- Sampling and survey research
- Techniques of data collection (Observation, Questionnaire and Schedule, Interview).
- Content analysis, case studies & ethnographic studies

Unit IV   **Statistical Tools and Techniques**

- Interpretation of data: descriptive, inferential and co-relational.
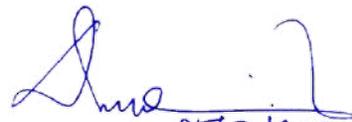- Computer applications: Excel, SPSS
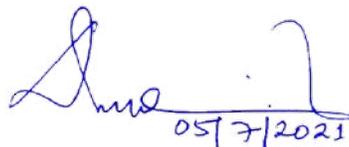
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Basic Readings

Cole, R. (1980). *Introduction to political inquiry*. New York: Macmillan.

Jain, G. L. (2003). *Research methodology: Methods, tools and techniques.* Jaipur: Mangal Deep.

Janet, J. & Joslyn, R. (1987). *Political science research methods*. New Delhi: Prentice Hall.

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Lewin, B. S. (2008). *Research methods in the social sciences*. New Delhi: Vistaar.

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POLC/602   RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ETHICS

Unit I	**Philosophy and Ethics**

- Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
- Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature and moral judgments and reactions

Unit II	**Scientific Conduct**

- Ethics with respect to science and research
- Intellectual honesty and research integrity
- Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication and Plagiarism (FFP)
- Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
- Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data

Unit III	**Publication Ethics**

- Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance
- Best practices/standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME etc.
- Conflicts of interest
- Publication misconduct: Definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types
- Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship
- Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
- Predatory publishers and journals
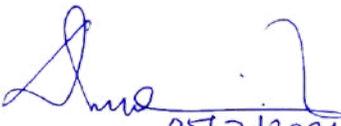
Practice

Unit I	**Open Access publishing**

- Open access publications and initiatives
- SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies
- Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
- Journal finder/journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.

Unit II   **Publication Misconduct**

A. Group Discussions
- Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship
- Conflicts of interest
- Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad

B. Software tools
- Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software tools

Unit III   **Data Bases and Research Metrics**

A. Databases
- Indexing databases
- Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus etc.

B. Research Metrics
- Impact factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score
- Metrics: h-index, g index,i10 index, altmetrics

Basic Readings

Beall, J. (2012). "Predatory publishers are corrupting open access". *Nature,* 489(7415), 179. https://www.nature.com/news/polopoly_fs/1.11385!/menu/main/topColumns/topLeftColumn/pdf/489179a.pdf.

Bird, A. (2006). *Philosophy of scienc*e. London: Routledge.

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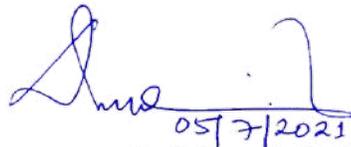
POLC/603   POLITICS IN INDIA (Open)

Unit I   Issues and Challenges

- Communalism
- Sub-nationalism
- Electoral reforms

Unit II   North East India

- Inner Line
- North East Areas (Re-organization) Act, 1971
- State formation of Arunachal Pradesh

Basic Readings

Bose, M.L. (1997). *History of Arunachal Pradesh*. New Delhi: Concept.

Chandra, B. (1984). *Communalism in India*. New Delhi: Vikash.

Kaviraj, S. (1998). *Politics in India.* Delhi: Oxford.

Kohli, A. (1990).*Democracy and discontent: India's growing crisis of governability*. London: Cambridge.

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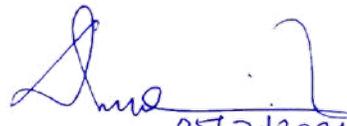
POLC/604   **POLITICS IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

Unit I   **Indigenous Political Institutions and Panchayati Raj**

- Role and relevance of indigenous system of governance
- Genesis and growth of Panchayati Raj institutions
- Indigenous system of governance and Panchayati Raj institutions- Interface.

Unit II   **Constitutional and Administrative growth**

- Assam Frontier (Administration of Justice) Regulation, 1945
- North East Frontier Agency (Administration) Regulation, 1954
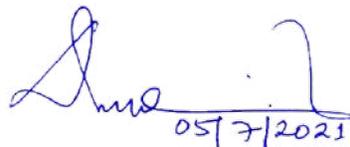- The State of Arunachal Pradesh Act, 1986

Unit III   **State Politics of Arunachal Pradesh**

- Nature and determinants
- Party politics
- Autonomy movement

Unit IV   **Issues and Challenges**

- Rural and border areas development(MGNREGA, PMGSY and BADP)
- Forest and land rights: Customary laws and *Arunachal Pradesh (Land Settlement and Records) Act, 2000*

Basic Readings

Bath, N. (2016). *Party politics in Arunachal Pradesh*. New Delhi: Himalayan.

Pandey, B.B., Duarah, D. K., & Sarkar, N. (Eds.). (1999). *Tribal village councils of Arunachal Pradesh*. Itanagar: Directorate of Research Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

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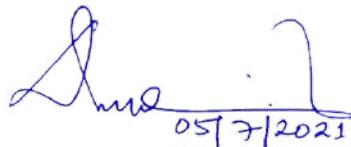
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Mahanta, B. (1983). *Administrative development of Arunachal Pradesh*, 1875-1975. Delhi: Uppal.

Talukdar, A.C. (1987). *Political transition in the grassroots in tribal India*. Guwahati: Omsons.

POLC/605   **POLITICS IN NORTH EAST INDIA**

Unit I   **India's North East- an introduction**

- Understanding the concept of North East India
- Geographical location and physiographic location
- Ethnographic profile

Unit II   **Political and Constitutional Development**

- A brief background of each state
- Sixth Schedule
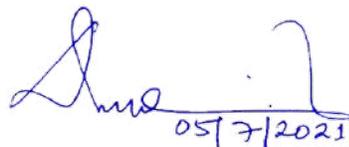- Re-organisation of North East India

Unit III   **Issues and Challenges**

- Insurgency (ULFA and NSCN)
- *Armed Forces (Special Power) Act* and human rights issue
- Migration and refugee

Unit IV   **Regional Prospects**

- India's North East and Look East policy
- Role and relevance of NEC
- Peace Accords (Assam Accord and Mizo Accord)

Basic Readings

Chaube, S.K. (1999). *Hill politics in North East India*. Delhi: Orient Longman.

Das, S.K. (2005). *Peace processes and peace accords.* New Delhi: Sage.

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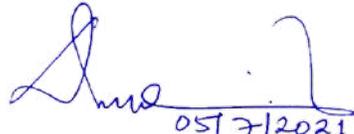
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