

Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research
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Course Code:	MNEX-1.1
Title of the paper:	Introduction to the Society and Politics of North East India
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Faculty:	Faculty of the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research
Type of paper:	Lecture and seminar
Credits:	4

Course Description:

This paper seeks to familiarize the students with the fundamental issues of North East region of India. It is proposed to be an analytically descriptive first exposure of the region to the students. It is intended to sensitize them about the heritage of the people, society and culture of the region.

As there is no text book written for the purpose, we intend to cull the relevant texts from various publications on geography, demography, culture, society, history and politics of the region to serve the limited purpose.

It is a 4-credit optional paper which would be offer to students of PG courses of other faculties of the university. The students will be evaluated through **internal assessment** (1 Credit or 25 marks) and **end semester examination** (3 Credits or 75 marks).

Course Content

The paper is divided into three units.

Unit-I: Situating the North East

- People & Livelihoods
- Colonial Intervention
- Exploring Decolonization

Unit-II: Identity, Culture & Social Structures

- Cultural Diversity, Migration & Frontiers
- Traditional Institutions
- Narratives & Orality

Unit-III: Politics & Governance

- Democratization, Critiques and Alternatives
- Special Constitutional provisions
- Politics of Movements

Reading List

- Amarjeet Singh, M. 2020. *Northeast India and India's Act East Policy: Identifying the Priorities*
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- Chaube, S.K. 1999. *Hill Politics in Northeast India*
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- Ganguly, Jalad Baran. 2006. *An Economic History of North East India from 1826 to 1947*
- Goswami, Atul (Ed). 2006. *Traditional Self-Governing institutions among the hill tribe of North East India*
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- Ministry of the Development of North Eastern Region. 2008. *North East Region Vision 2020*
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- Syiemlieh David R (Ed.). 2006). *Challenges of Development of North East India*
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