

LIST OF PAPERS

Title of the paper:	Introduction to the Society and Politics of North East India
Paper code:	CNESPR-P01
Coordinator:	Dr M Amarjeet Singh Associate Professor Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research
Faculty:	Faculty and associates of the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research
For whom:	Post-Graduate (MA) students (2nd Semester)
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. The reading list would be updated at the beginning of each academic session.

The paper shall be offered by the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research in consultation with other faculties in the university.

It is a 4-credit optional paper which would be offer to students of PG courses of other faculties of Jamia Millia Islamia.

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

Internal Assessment: Assignment

Reading List

Paper II

Titled of the paper: Perspectives on Conflict, Justice and Human Rights in North East India

Paper code:	CNESPR-P02
Name of the instructor(s)	: Dr M Amarjeet Singh & Mr K Kokho
Department/Centre	: Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, JMI
For whom	: Post-Graduate (MA) students (2nd Semester)
Subject/discipline	: Conflict Studies, Political Science, Sociology, History, /other Social Sciences
Credits	: 4 (100 marks)

Brief description:

Several parts of North East India have experienced armed conflicts. Anti-State groups have a range of demands including outright independence from India to various forms of autonomy within the system. A handful of the major armed groups claim to have their own parallel government structures. How has this impacted government's effort at delivering public services and ensuring rule of law? The State's strategy to subdue the armed group has largely relied on the force of arms and peace talks. Barring a few cases, these efforts have not been as effective as anticipated. In addition, both the State and non-State actors have been accused of alleged human right violations.

This paper is an attempt at learning about the fundamental issues of conflict and human rights in North East India, and is designed for post-graduate students in the social sciences stream. Students will be evaluated through internal assessment (1 Credit or 25 marks) and end semester examination (3 Credits or 75 marks).

Name of the paper: Perspectives on Conflict, Justice and Human Rights in North East India.

The paper is divided into four units:

Unit I: Understanding Conflict

Social science perspectives on conflict

Case studies (from Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura)

Unit II: Studying Armed Groups

Ideology, formation, mobilization

Internal issues, external factors (armed groups, local issues with foreign bases)

Resources (human & material: money & arms) and sustenance

Relationship with society

Unit III: Strategies of Conflict Resolution

Role of diplomacy

Economic dimensions

Negotiations, politics of peace, the role of civil society groups

Constitutional and political integration of armed groups

Unit IV: Human Rights

Perspectives and concepts of human rights

International Institutions and Mechanisms

Special constitutional provisions

The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA)

Social movements, human rights and gender issues

Human rights responsibilities of armed groups: 'terrorism', taxes, war crimes'

Internal Assessment: Assignment

Reading List