



Department of Political Science

Sikkim Government College, Namchi, Sikkim

Warm Welcome to the NAAC Peer Team

I. History of Department

- The Department of Political Science was one of the pioneering departments when Sikkim Government College, Namchi was established in 1995. Since then, till 2024, the Department has flourished maintaining as one of the highest enrollment of students.
- Since 2007, the faculty members of the Department were:

1.	Saha Sir (1995- 2005)	10.	Ms. Chunku Bhutia (2013-2018)
2.	Ganesh C Dahal (1996 – 2004)	11.	Mr. Rosden T Bhutia
3	Ms. Rinchen Bhutia (2001 - 200)	12.	Dr. Susan Rai (2018- 2018) (2024 – till present)
4.	Dr. Genevive Syangbo (2002-2016)	13.	Dr. Panu O Pazo (2018 – till present)
5.	Ms. Lucky T. Sherpa (2008-2018)	14.	Dr. Diki Bhutia (2018-2023)
6.	Ms. Neela Sharma (2008-2012)	15.	Ms. Maheshwari Kharga (2018-2021)
7.	Bimal Pradhan (2010 – 2010)	16.	Ms. Tshering Doma Kaleon (2021-2024)
8.	Mr. Phurba T. Bhutia (2011-2012)	17.	Dr. Bitu Subba (2024 – till present)
9.	Ms. Karuna Rai (2011-2014)	18.	

The faculty members have been dedicatedly teaching and taking up departmental activities along with pursuing their higher educational qualifications, mainly their Ph.D. programmes.

Students who have demonstrated exceptional performance in curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities since 2018 are:

- 16NA0123 – Bivek Sharma (Batch of 2019) cleared NET in 2024
- 18NA0570 – Lakpa Dolma Bhutia (Batch of 2021) cleared NET in 2022
- 21NAO-901 – Sher Bahadur Dahal (2024) given the International Student’s Award and represented India in Student’s Meet in Kazakhstan. 2023, Governor’s Gold medal award 2023-24.
- 18NA0574 – Tashi Ongmu Bhutia cleared NET in 2024.

II. Course and Syllabus

POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOURS SYLLABUS

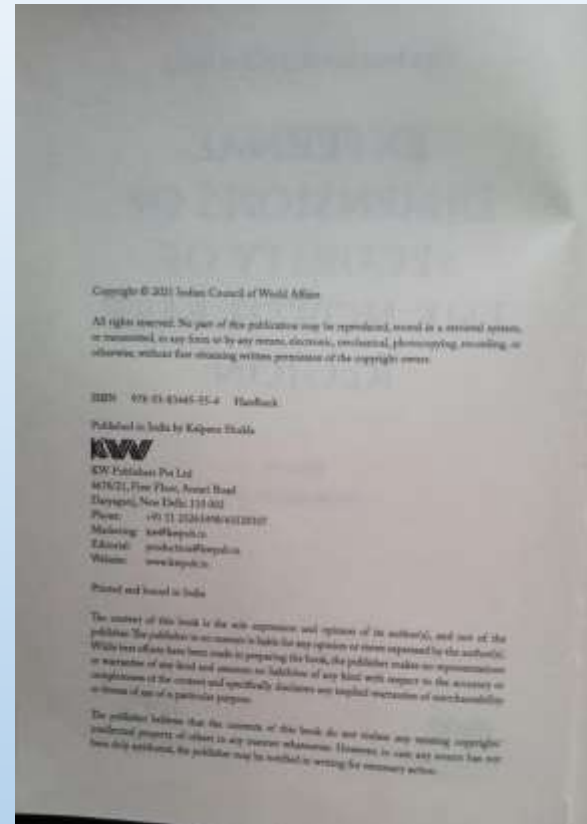
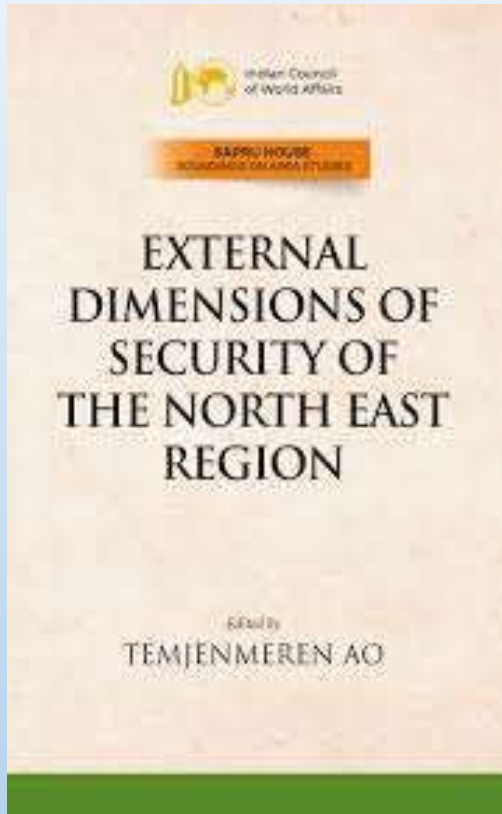
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I	POL-UG-E101	Introduction to Political Thought	4	100
II	POL-UG-E201	Indian Constitution and Government	4	100
III	POL-UG-E301	Introduction to Comparative Politics	4	100
IV	POL-UG-C401	Political Sociology	4	100
	POL-UG-C402	Public Administration	4	100
V	POL-UG-C501	International Relations	4	100
	POL-UG-C502	Political Thought (Western & Indian)	4	100
VI	POL-UG-C601	Indian Politics, Administration and Policies	4	100
	POL-UG-C602	Modern Political Theory	4	100

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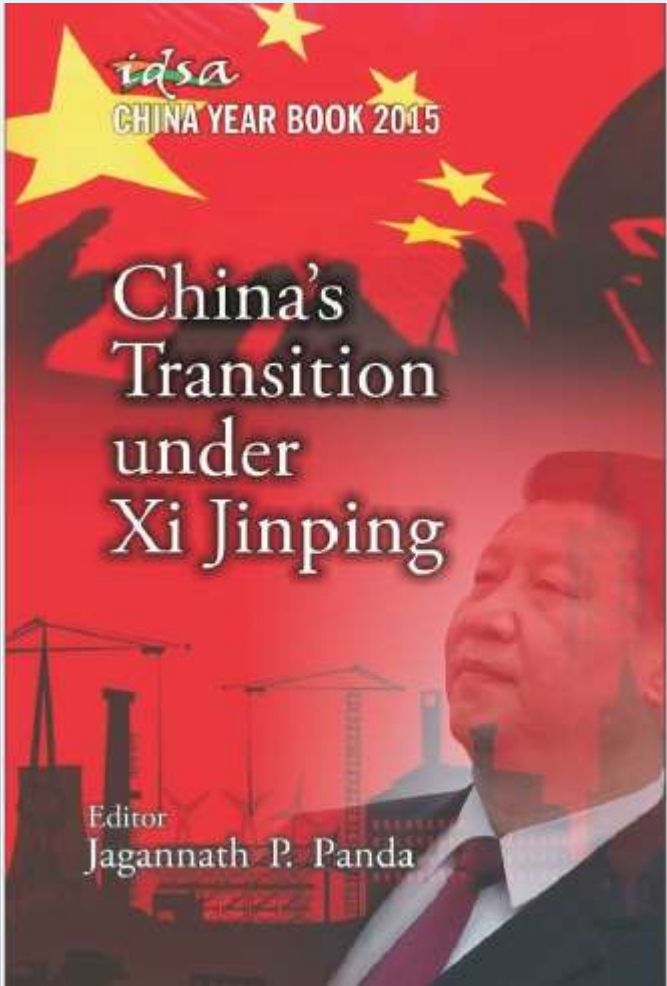
III. Faculty Profile

- Dr. Panu O Pazo, Assistant Professor, Head of Department (2022 – till present)
 - Years of experience: 6 years
 - Area of Specialization: International Politics, Chinese Foreign Policy, Energy Security, Eastern Himalayan Studies,
 - Chairperson/Member: NEP2020 Curriculum Revision Committee- Member.
- Mr. Rosden Tshering Bhutia, Assistant Professor,
 - Years of experience: 11 years
 - Area of Specialization: Political Processes in India, Sikkimese Politics,
- Dr. Bitu Subba, Assistant Professor,
 - Years of experience: 8 years
 - Area of Specialization: Democracy and Local Governance, Food and Livelihood Security & International Relations.
 - Chairperson/Member: NEP2020 Curriculum Revision Committee- Member, Board of Studies, Sikkim University – Member.
- Dr. Susan Rai, Assistant Professor,
 - Years of experience: 13 years
 - Area of Specialization: Women and Politics, Democracy and Participation
 - Chairperson/Member: NEP2020 Curriculum Revision Committee- Member.

Select Publications of the Faculty Members: Dr. Panu Ongri Pazo



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China's Transition under Xi Jinping
Editor: Jagannath P. Panda

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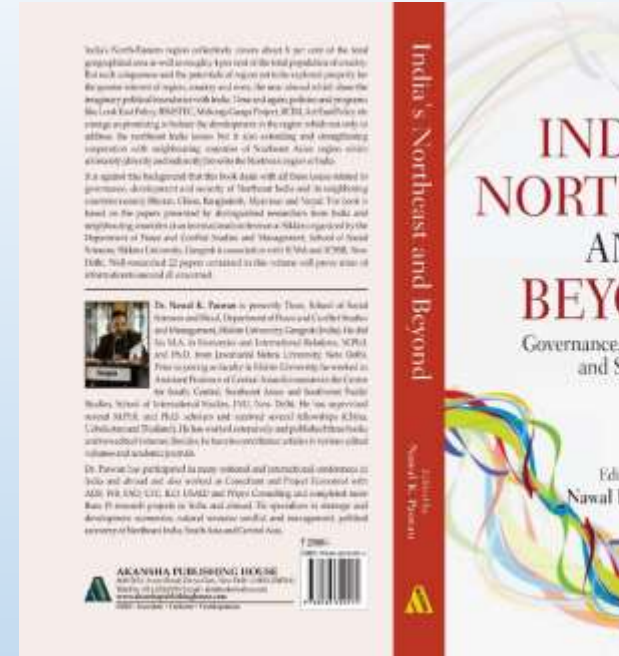
Chinese Foreign Policy: New Developments under Xi Jinping

Panu Pazo

China's foreign policy since President Xi Jinping's accession to leadership has demonstrated a clear break from its past principles and praxis. The erstwhile approach of 'hiding one's capability and biding one's time' (*wangwang jiang hui* 韬光养晦) advocated by Deng Xiaoping is now replaced by Xi's new mandate of taking a more 'proactive' (*fenfa you wei* 奋发有为) role in global affairs. This 'proactive' strategy indicates an increasing space for foreign policy priorities in the regime's overall administrative agenda. In the light of this newly formulated mandate, foreign policy under Xi Jinping is taking a new direction where the country's role in global affairs is transforming China from being a 'reactionist' to becoming a 'reformist' player. Be that as it may, the likelihood of China becoming revisionist in the near future, as pointed out by some China sceptics, remains improbable because of the detrimental effects it could have on its struggling economic growth.

Known more as a 'globe-trotting' President, Xi has made more foreign visits than his predecessors, President Jiang Zemin or President Hu Jintao. Counting from the beginning of his presidential term, he had made more than 33 foreign visits by the end of 2015. In 2015 alone, Xi visited 12 countries, spending 42 days overseas mainly to promote his signature foreign policy initiative, the One Belt, One Road Project.¹ The argument for an active China on the global stage is also an indication that China's foreign policy has come of age. Its growing international profile and increasingly important role in global affairs has brought China to the centre stage of world affairs because, as a global actor, China's contribution and participation becomes indispensable among the comity of nations. Furthermore, as China's economic investments in different countries

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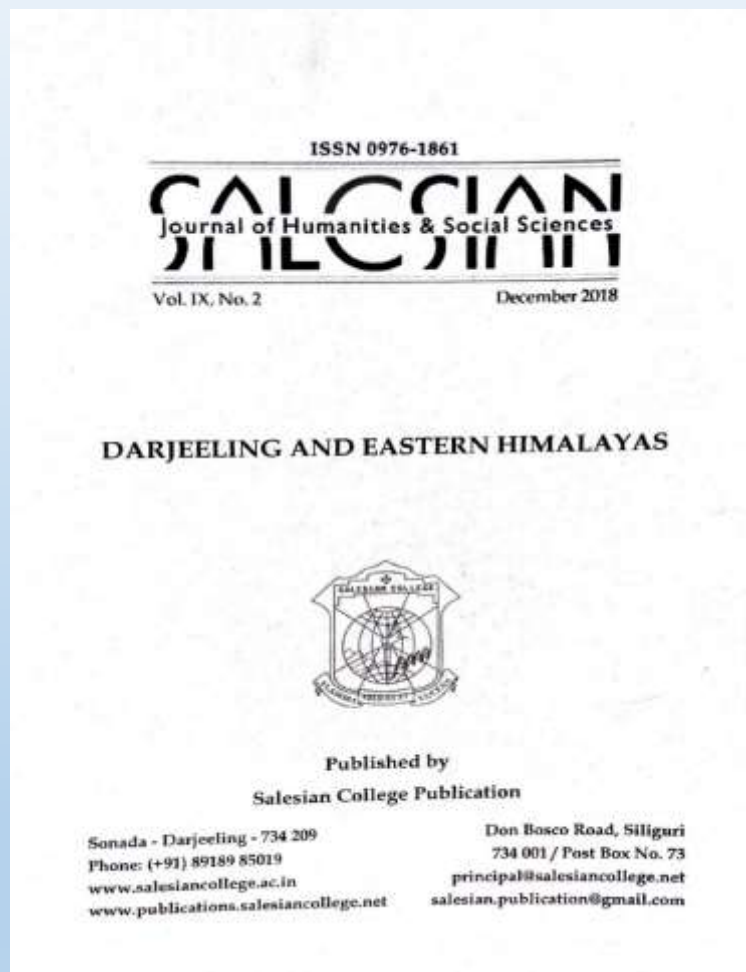


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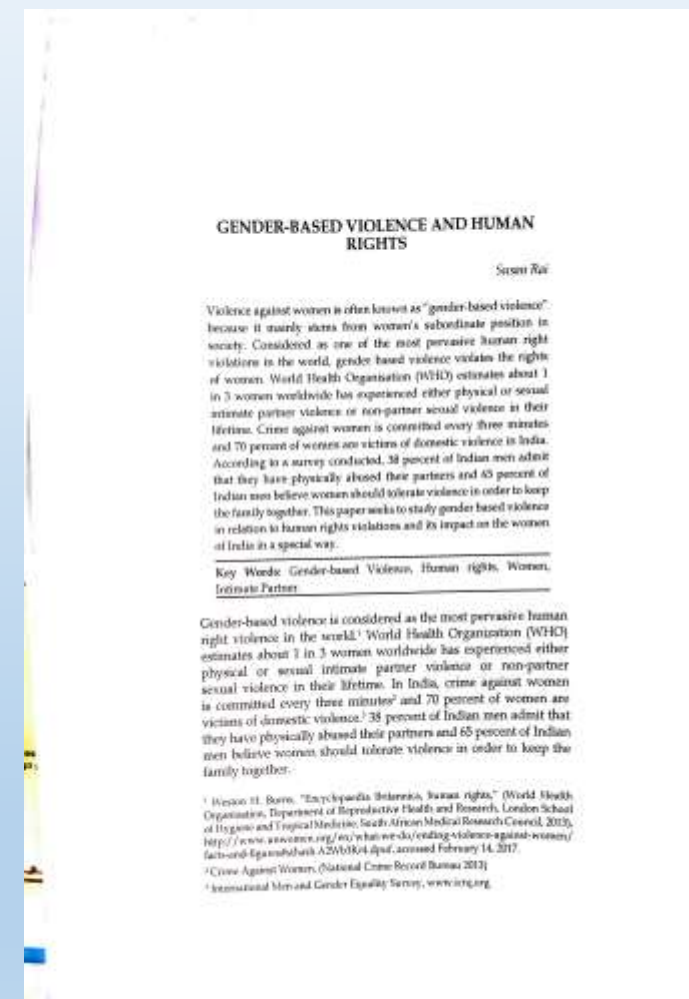
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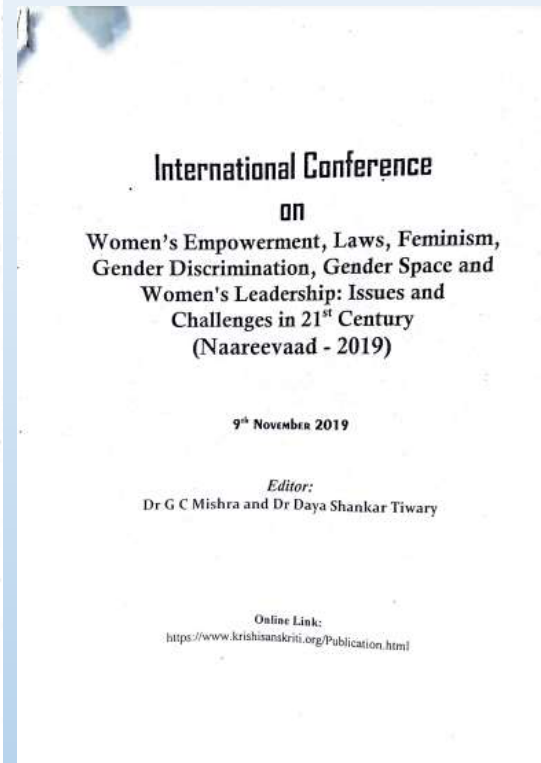
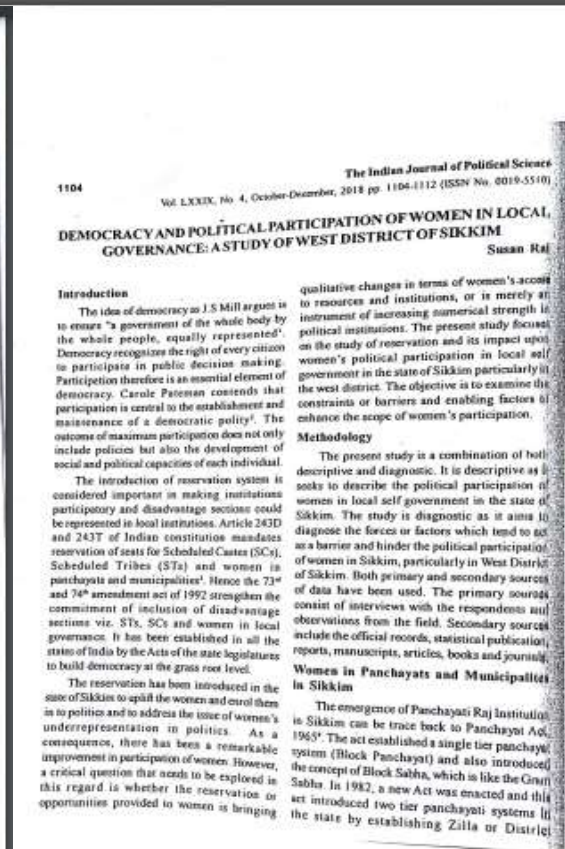
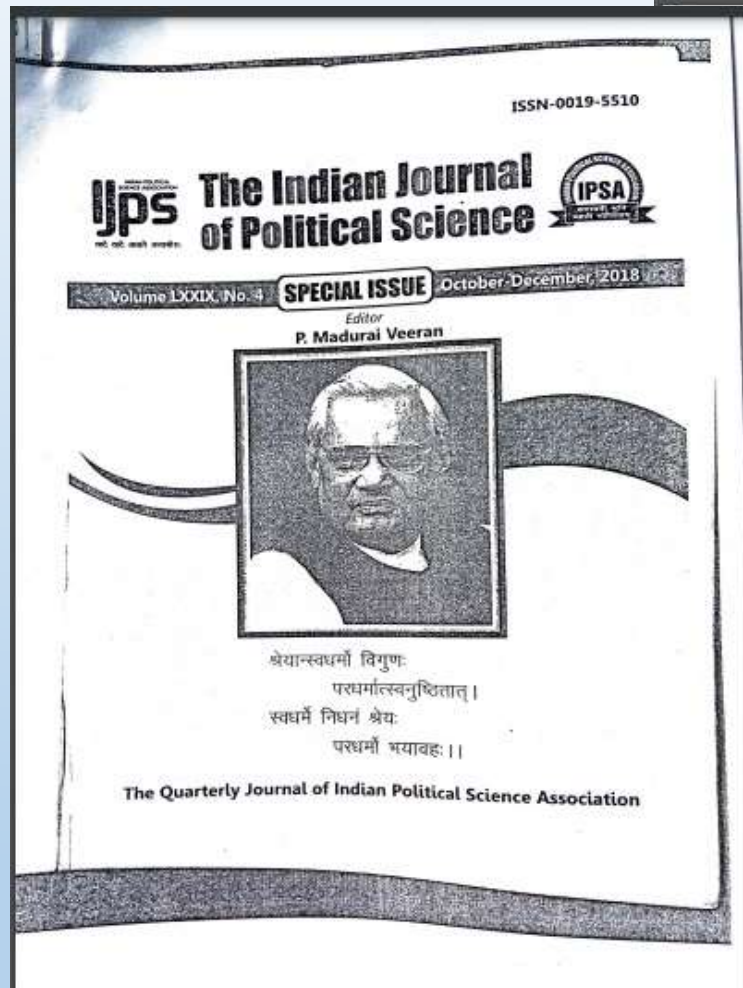


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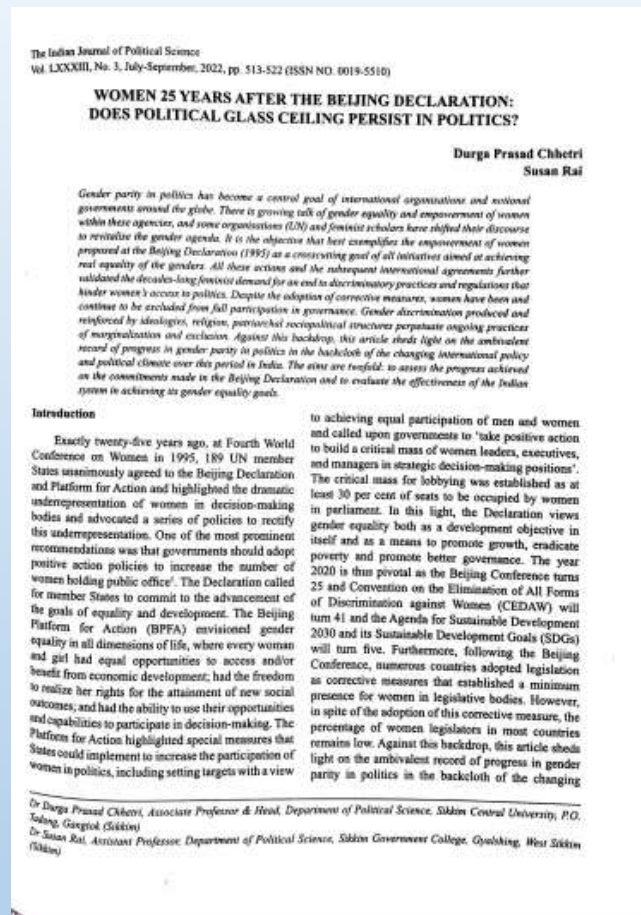
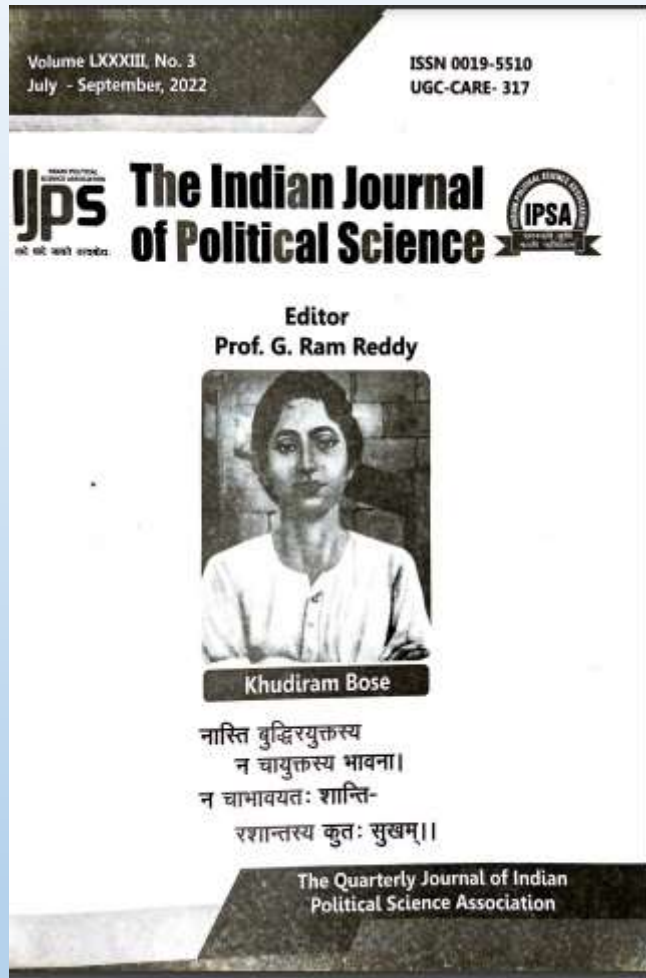
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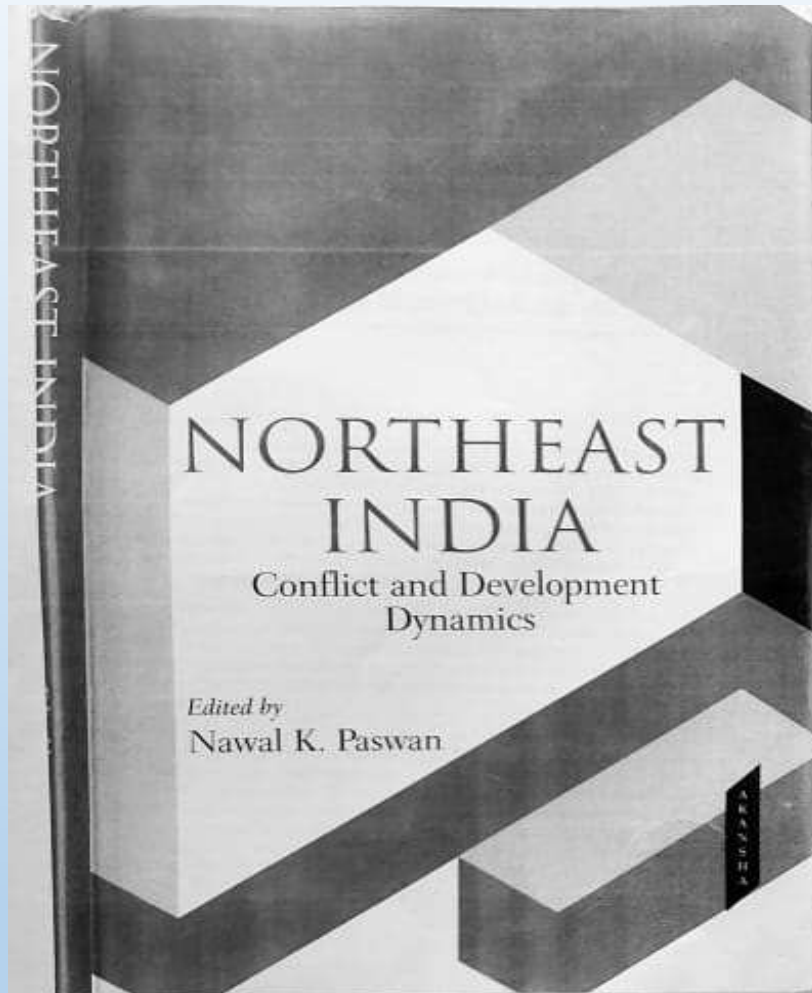
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India's North-Eastern region collectively covers about 8 per cent of the total geographical area as well as roughly 4 per cent of the total population of the country. It exists as a castle of myriad cultural diversity with its geo-physical uniqueness. A conglomeration of eight states shares International border with country's "Near-Abroad(s)" namely Bhutan, China, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Nepal. It adds not only geo-strategic importance of region in security paradigms of country but also the socio-economic, cultural and political apparatuses of such near-abroad(s) towards national interest of India which may pass through the region popularly known as "Eight Sisters".

It is against this background that this book deals with all these issues related to conflict and development dynamics of Northeast India. The book is based on the papers presented by researchers, practitioners, eminent scholars and specialists from India and neighbouring countries at an international conference at Sikkim organized by Department of Peace and Conflict Studies and Management, School of Social Sciences, Sikkim University, Gangtok in association with ICWA and ICSSR, New Delhi. Well-researched 20 papers contained in this volume will provide mine of information to one and all concerned.



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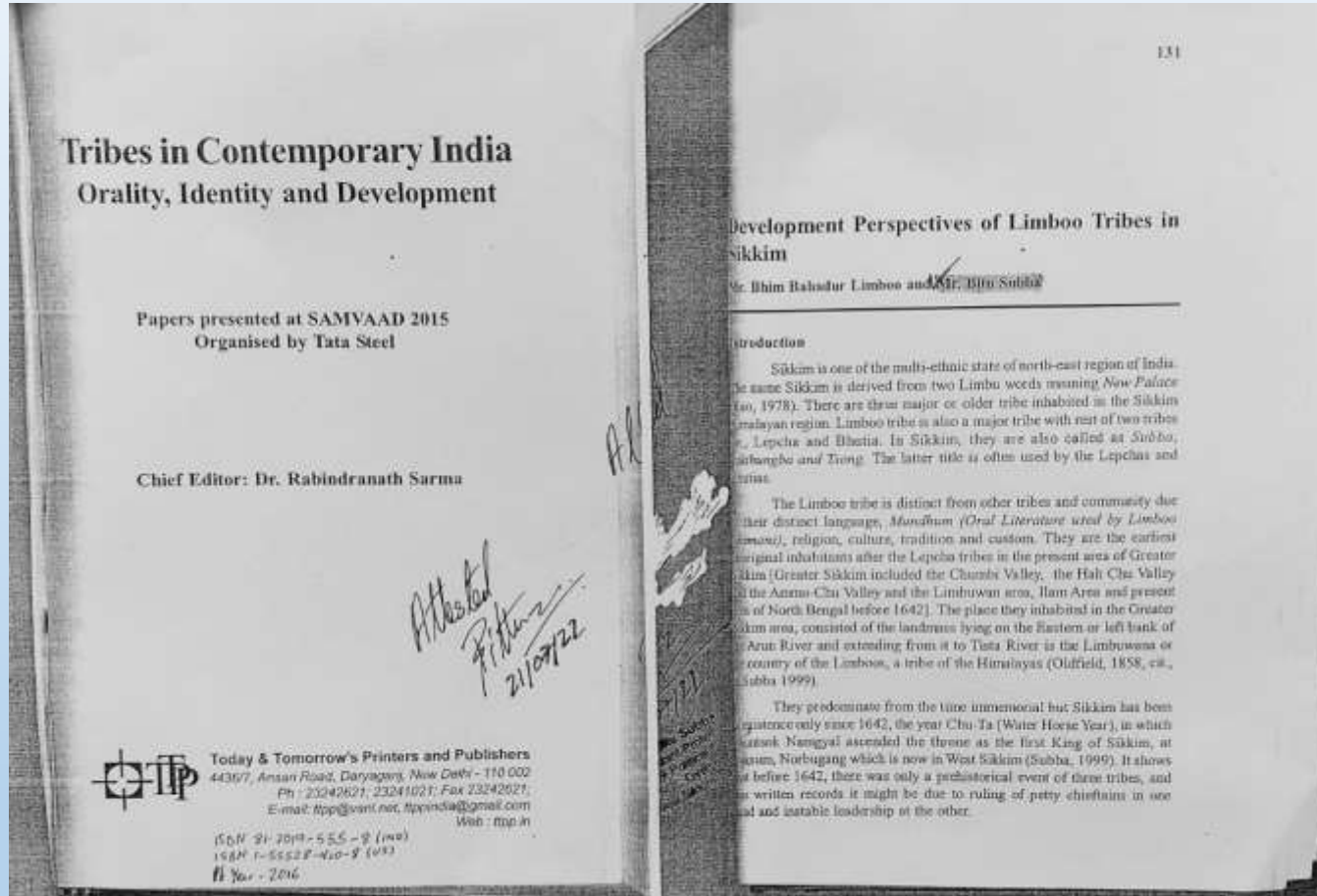
Introduction

Sikkim is one of the small state of Indian Union comprising total area of 7096 sq. km, its total population consist of 6,07,688 persons and about 75.03% of the population resides in rural areas¹ (Census, 2011). Sikkim natural setting provides major buffer zone between the Indian Union and the three countries of Asia that is China, Nepal and Bhutan without any internal disturbances of secessionist movement and the external intervention in the form terrorism. Thus, it provides peace and security within the Indian state perspective.

Sikkim has only four districts and north being the largest, but has lowest population primarily due to its rocky terrain, as compared to the other three districts. The state has total four hundred and fifty two villages, of which the North district has fifty six villages which is the lowest. The South district has the highest number of 148 villages and the East has 123 villages.

Due to its geographical constraints and late merger with the Indian Union its progress rate has been low compared to the other states leading to "socio-economic deprivation, politico-cultural alienation, inaccessibility to State resources and technology" (Economic Survey 2006-07) at the same time low productivity and low investment in agriculture sector has been a worrying factor. Insufficient Agricultural Production, Unemployment specifically in rural areas and poverty, are highly interrelated elements which affect the livelihood opportunities and specifically food security at

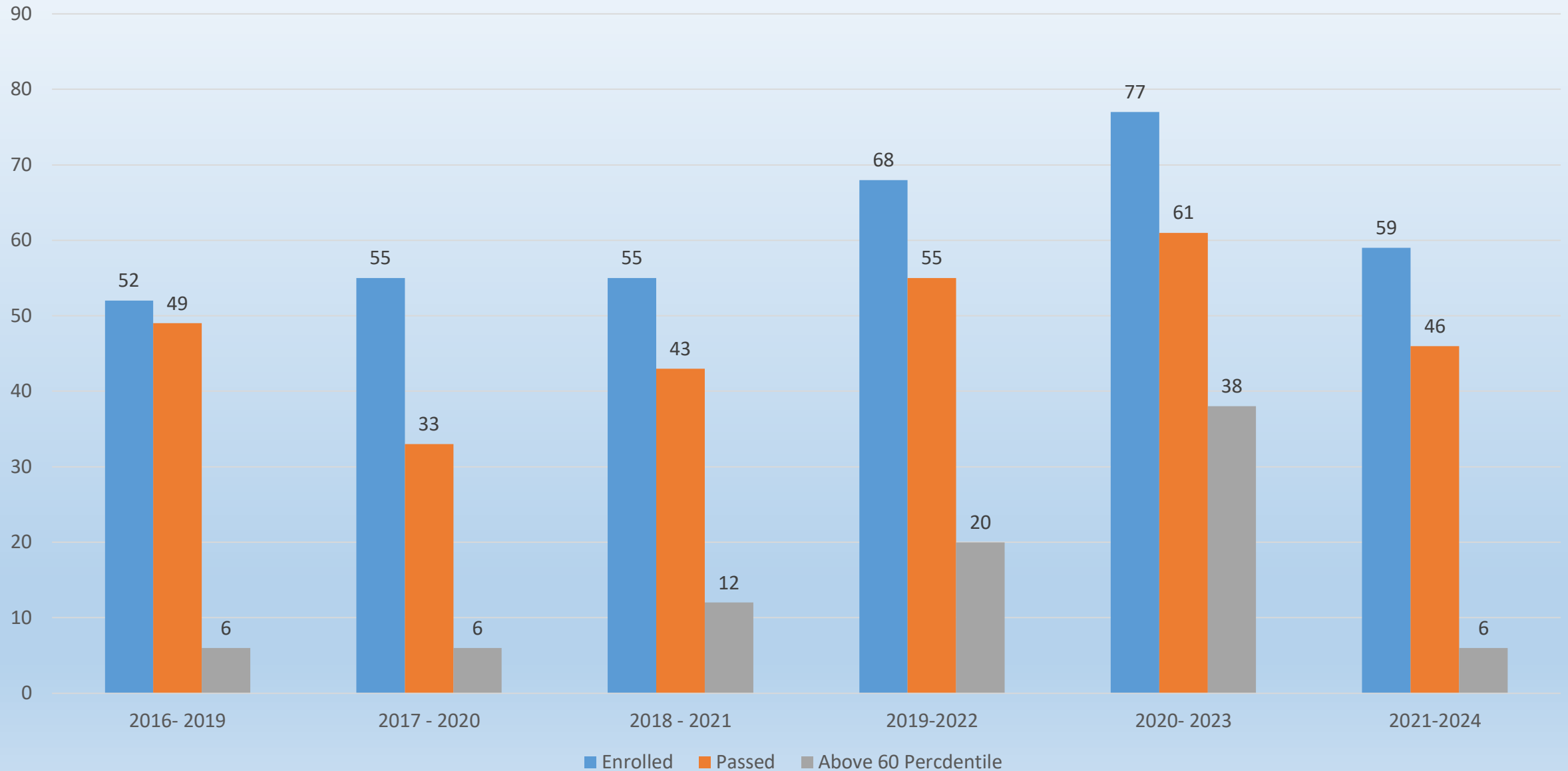
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IV. Details of the Department and other Infrastructure:

- Human Resource:
 - Four Regular Assistant Professor
 - 1 Non-teaching staff: Office Attendant
- Infrastructure Details:
 - 1 Smart-class fitted with 1 Smartboard equipped with online teaching and learning facilities,
 - 1 Projector,
 - 1 Department Office,
 - 1 Desktop with 1 Printer,
 - 4 tables, 1 Computer Table and 1 Non-teaching staff table, 7 chairs.
 - 1 Metal Cupboard for files and other important documents and materials
 - 1 Bookshelf for Department Library
 - 1 Digital wall clock.

Student Statistics



VI. Department Activities

a) Lectures Delivered in the Department

- Dr. Binayak Sundas, Assistant Professor, Centre for Himalayan Studies, North Bengal University – **3rd December 2021.**

- **Topic** -Negotiations between ‘History’ and ‘Nation’ in Eastern Himalayas: Moving towards a Himalayan History’



- Advocate Kumar Sharma, High Court of Sikkim, , **24th November 2021,** Wednesday.

- **Topic:** Celebrating **Constitution Day** (advance date)



- Mr. Sonam Wangchuk Bhutia, Assistant Professor, Alpine University, **5th July 2023.**

- **Topic:** Role of Sangha Seat in Sikkim Politics.



b) Lectures Delivered by Faculty members of the Department

- Dr. Panu .O. Pazo, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Sikkim Government College, Namchi - **21st February 2019.**
 - **Topic:** China's Strategic Perspective in the Himalayas: Tightening its Grip through Annexations, Border Conflicts and Investment Incentives, SGC, Namchi
- Dr. Panu O. Pazo, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Sikkim Government College, Namchi, **26th November 2022**
 - **Topic: Constitution Day at Industrial Training Institute, Kichudumra, Namchi.**
- Dr. Diki Bhutia, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Sikkim Government College, Namchi.



Department Activitiescontd.

- Mock Elections conducted with BSc 1st Year students – 1st June 2022



- State Level Quiz Competition on Indian Elections conducted 2nd December 2022 at the Election Department, government of Sikkim Gangtok – Sikkim Government College Namchi secured 2nd Position.



Department Activities....contd.

Safai Abhiyan Conducted at Sikkim Government College, Namchi – 5th June 2023



Neighbourhood Youth Parliament 12th March 2024



Department Activities....contd.

Visit to Sikkim Project, Reading Room, Dumigaon, Namchi, Sikkim, 14th September, 2023
and 23rd April 2024



Registration of New Voters conducted by the Department of Political Science in
Collaboration with the Election Department, Government of Sikkim, 11th April 2023



Department Activities....contd.

District level Inter-College Debate Competition, on the theme '**Namchi for Ethical Elections**', 30th March 2024. Sikkim Government College, Namchi represented by Dr. Susan Rai, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Political Science along with the students of the Department of Political Science and Department of English. The institution secured 2nd Position.



Department Activities....contd.

Department of Political Science participated in the Campus Bazaar on 18th June 2024, during the event of the College Fest.



Department of Political Science Girls Volleyball Team participated in the College Fest on 19th June 2024 and won the prize for Fair Play.



VII. Expected Learning Outcomes

- **B.A. (Hons) Political Science**

- 1. Introduction: In the knowledge dimension the two types of knowledge, factual knowledge and Conceptual knowledge.
- In the Factual domain the students will:
 - Remember: Students will be able to remember Political thinkers and their ideas
 - Understand: Students will summarize an article, speech, or book. (Reading Comprehension).
 - Apply: Students will be able to apply political and administrative ideas to real life governance.
 - Analyse: Students will analyze historical facts and interpretations.
 - Evaluate: Students will evaluate an article on its objectivity and accuracy in evaluating the science of politics.
 - Create: Students will compose/write a paper describing political events.

In the Conceptual domain the students will:

- Remember: Students will identify the theoretical concepts central to the study of Political Science.
 - Understand: Students will explain to the non-political science groups the fundamental problem of political governance and its solutions.
 - Apply: Students will apply basic political concepts and practices in understanding political structures of new and changing administration of various governments.
 - Analyse: Students will summarize the political dimension of the different types of systems and political structure .
 - Evaluate: Students will use an appropriate analytic frame to predict the impact of policy proposals on social welfare.
 - Create: Students will develop and implement plans for improving political processes.
- 2. Learning outcome- based curriculum framework in B.A. Political Science:
 - 3. Aim of B.A. (Hons) Political Science: Equip the students to analyse and study various governmental systems.
 - 4. Graduate Attributes for graduation of B.A (Hons) Political Science

VIII. Students Qualifying Competitive Examinations

- 16NA0123 – **Bivek Sharma** (Batch of 2019) cleared NET in June 2024.
- 18NA0570 – **Lakpa Dolma Bhutia** (Batch of 2021) cleared NET December 2023 = 56.33%
- 21NAO-901 – **Sher Bahadur Dahal** (2024) given the International Student's Award and represented India in Student's Meet in Kazakhstan. 2023, Governor's Gold medal award 2023-24.
- 18NA0574 – **Tashi Ongmu Bhutia** cleared NET in June 2024 – 58.64%

Students Progress Report

- Roshni Rai - Pursued M.A (Sikkim University) and B.Ed (Loyola College of Education)
 - Tashi Ongmu Bhutia - Pursued M.A (Sikkim University)
 - Zigme Tamang – Pursuing MA (IGNOU)
 - Chemila Lepcha - Pursuing MA (IGNOU)
 - Malika Rai - Pursuing MA (IGNOU)
 - Seraj Alam - Pursuing MA (IGNOU)
 - Sajan Baraily – Research and Training Specialist (Women and Child Dev. Dept)
 - Pema Lhamu Tamang – Pursuing B.Ed (Loyola College of Education)
 - Nandika Rai - Pursuing B.Ed (Loyola College of Education)
 - Leah Pradhan - Pursuing B.Ed (Loyola College of Education)
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- Documents to be shown in the presentation

IX. Department Strength and Weaknesses

- **Strengths:**

- Large number of enrollment and high number of pass out students.
- Qualified and experience teachers
- Well equipped ICT based classrooms.

- **Weaknesses:**

- Employability of students is a challenge after graduation so pursuit of higher education is a must.

X. Goals and Objectives of the Department

- Introduce psephology and the study of voting behavior as a co-curricular activity among the students.
- Introduce the students to avenues such as Research Organizations, think-tanks, legal courses.
- Set up a Resource Centre from CM's funding which will house expensive and rare books and will facilitate scholars and researchers from all over the state.

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