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Department of North East India Studies Under the School of Religion and Culture

Possible Topics for Research

The Topics are categorized into three, namely:

1. **General**
2. **Regional, and**
3. **Specific**

1. General

- North-East India Pre-historic Times
- Socio-Economic and Political History of North-East India
- North-East India: Past, Present and Future
- British Policy in the North-East and Identity Formation
- Identity Formation in North-East India today
- Ethnicity: Help or hindrance for socio-economic development
- Religious Dimension of Ethnicity
- Biological Anthropology of North-East India
- Social Anthropology of North-East India
- Physical Anthropology of North-East India
- Immigration and Conflicts
- Indigenous Issues
- Social Change
- Culture and Ecology
- A Philosophy of Culture for North-East India
- Economic Development
- Culture, Religion and Post-Modern Society
- Cross-Cultural Dialogue
- Interculturality and Emerging Global Scenario
- Religious Movements in the North East (*Ahom/Seng Khasi/Songsarek/Sanamahi /Zeliangrong/Zomi/Donyi-Polo*)
- Oral History
- Identity expression through proverbs, stories, folklores, Legends
- Identity expression through myths

2. Regional (State/Community/Theme)

- Peoples and their resources
- Link with the rest of India
- Ethnicity, Ideology and Religion of the State
- Foreign-Hand in regional politics
- Pressure Group and Civil Society
- The Crisis of Development
- Governance
- Origin and Formation of the State
- Impact of Modernity and Post-modernity
- Impact of Christianity/Hinduism/Islam/others
- Interface of Customary Law with Formal Law
- Traditional Institutions
- Ethics and Value System
- Mythologies and Folklores
- Basis of Individual Cultures
- Linguistics and Languages
- Promotion of Regional Languages
- Religious Beliefs and Practices
- Role of Culture and Religious Beliefs
- Feminism and Folklore
- Empowerment of Women
- Gender Equality
- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts
- Celebrations/Festivals
- Tourism Potential in North East India
- Change/Transition and future of indigenous cultures.
- Crimes and Punishments

3. Specific

- Christianity and Socio-Political Consciousness.
- Hinduism and Socio-Political Consciousness
- Islam and Socio-Political Consciousness
- Srimanta Sankardev (1449 – 1568): A Study
- William Carey (1761-1834)
- Edward Winter Clark (1830-1913)
- Louis Mathias (1887-1965)

- Constantine Vendrame (1893-1957)
- Stephen Ferrando (1895-1978)
- Gopinath Bordoloi (1890-1950)
- Verrier Elwin (1902-1964)
- Orestes Marengo (1906-1998)
- Thomas Jones
- Rani Gaidinlui (1915-1993)
- Student Unions
- Freedom of Religious Act
- India's look East Policy
- The Issue of "Original Inhabitants"
- Ethnic and demographic composition
- Politics of Ethnicity/Language
- A Study on Specific work, for example: *A Philosophy for NEFA/Arunachal Pradesh*
- Crafts and Textiles.
- Indigenous Music.
- Christianity and Social Change.
- Christian contribution
- Insurgency
- Human Rights
- Armed Forces Special Power Act (AFSPA).
- Lesser known tribes
- Matrilineal/Patrilineal
- Taboos
- Folk Humour
- Folk Games
- Traditional Weapons/Tools
- Rites and Rituals

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