



कुमारभास्करवर्मसंस्कृत-पुरातनाध्ययनविश्वविद्यालयः
কুমার ভাস্কর বর্মা সংস্কৃত জ্ঞান পুৰাতন অধ্যয়ন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
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National Conference, 2023



(Dates: 14-09-2023 and 15-09-2023)

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Deptt. of Political Science

SUB THEMES:

- ◆ Locating Act East Policy in Indo- Pacific Strategy.
- ◆ India and Regional Powers.
- ◆ The Chinese Challenge to Act East Policy.
- ◆ ASEAN Outlook and IPOI.
- ◆ India's Emerging Role in Defence and Security of East and South East Asia.
- ◆ Act East Policy & Regional Organisations/ Forums
- ◆ North East & India's Act East Policy
- ◆ Any other topic related to main theme

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation will be provided to all invited speakers by the University.

HOW TO REACH:

The University is located in Nalbari with a distance of 60 km from the capital city of Assam i.e Guwahati which is well-connected by airways, roadways and railways with the other parts India.

WEATHER:

Maximum temperature of Nalbari in September is 30 degree (maximum) and 23 degree (minimum)

RE-IMBURSEMENT OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES:

Three tier AC fares will be re-imbursed subject to production of original tickets.

PUBLICATION:

Abstracts of all the invited speakers will be published in the form of a booklet. Peer reviewed full papers will be published with ISBN from a reputed National Publication House

REGISTRATION:

Certificate of participation (without paper) will be provided to those participants, who will register for the National Conference on 14th September, 2023.

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कुमार भास्करवर्मसंस्कृत-पुरातनाध्ययनविश्वविद्यालय:
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

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Dates: 14th and 15th September, 2023

Venue: Seminar Hall, Administrative Building

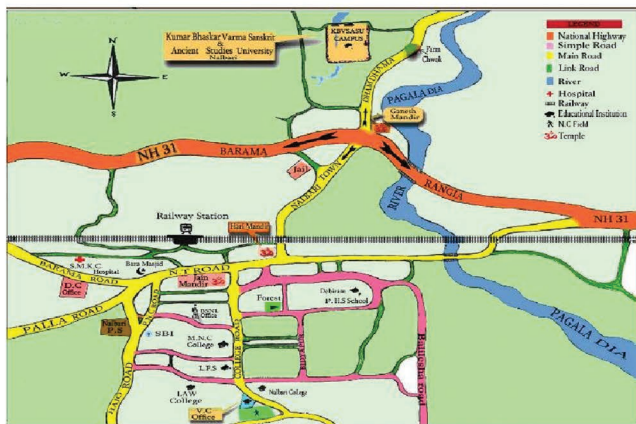
About the University:

The Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University stands for imparting education leading to graduate, post graduate degrees as well as research degrees. The University was set up with a notification by the Government of Assam dated May 24th, 2011, of the Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University Act, 2011. The preamble of the Act states that by this Act, "the Government of Assam goes to establish and constitute a teaching, affiliating, research and residential University at Nalbari," the Headquarters of the district of Nalbari, Assam. The University has been awarded UGC 12B status recently.

Kumar Bhaskar Varma, a great monarch of Assam (7th century A.D) was a patron of Sanskrit studies and during his rule Vedic culture and Sanskritic knowledge came to flourish in Assam. The campus of the University is developed at Namati Village of Batahgila Mouza under Nalbari Revenue Circle of the district of Nalbari, Assam - 781337. It has an area of 100 bighas of land allotted by the Government of Assam. It is easily accessible by public and private transport facilities.

Location:

The University is situated at a distance of 3.3 KM from the 31 National Highway and 4.5 KM from Nalbari Town. The nearest railway station is Nalbari Railway Station under N.F. railway and nearest airport is Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati which is at a distance of 75 KM.



About the Department of Political Science:

The Department of Political Science was established in the year 2015 offering M.A. Programme with an intake capacity of 75. From the academic session 2023-24, the department is also FYUGP with an intake capacity of 30 seats as per the spirit of NEP 2020. Besides, the Department has also started research Programme in Political Science and one year Post Graduation Diploma in Gandhian Studies (PGDGS). As per an order of Assam Government, the Department has recently started a Centre for South East Asian Studies.

The department endeavours to engage with the study of politics both at normative and empirical level with an understanding of ancient Indian political values as well as the political developments in modern India and the contemporary world. The Department regularly organizes academic seminars, lecture programmes, public talks and group discussions on contemporary issues inter alia invited lectures, interactive programmes and other academic extension activities.

About the Seminar:

Sporadic layers of connection amid contested dilemmas among the South Asian Countries and the changing paradigms of India's foreign policy in the post-Cold War phenomena arguably implied its policy towards East. The Look East Policy which was launched during P.V Narasimha Rao's government at the centre in 1991 became Act East Policy during the political dispensation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014. The transformation of Looking East vis-à-vis Acting East is thought to be one of India's successful foreign policy initiatives. Locating North East in India's Act East Policy could have been the plausible solution and foundation for India's growing relations with Southeast Asia. While analysing the relationship between India and ASEAN, deeper economic integration of this region needs to be reconfigured through bilateral and multilateral agreements. For instance, we can refer the multilateral outcomes like Mekong-Ganga Sub region, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) comprising of Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand, and Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Regional Economic Forum (BCIM) etc.

Since 1990s, India has sought to connect with South and South East Asian Countries as it considered this region as an important trading destination. In the age of globalization, the prospect of inter-state trade and economic cooperation increased and subsequently economic globalization surpassed the idea of territoriality. The concept of globalization and the borderless world as explained by Kenichi Ohmae became more significant while analyzing India's neighbourhood policy amid creation of an economic corridor. In the strategic framework of Indo Pacific, India's effort towards IPOI is said to be crucial in terms of boosting its maritime security arrangement.

After becoming a sectoral dialogue partner with ASEAN in 1992, member of the ASEAN regional forum (ARF) in 1996 and also summit level partner of ASEAN in 2002, India shifted its interest towards eastward direction thereby engaging more in the Indo-pacific region for wider global connectivity. China's growing economic and strategic dominance in the region intensified India's neighbourhood policy subsequently paving the way for sustained engagement with the South and South East Asian region.

The changing spatiality of India's foreign policy could determine the mobilizing dynamic of India's political economy. The remarkable economic dynamism showcased by the East Asian region magnetizes India to shift its interest towards South East Asia. ASEAN also showed their interest towards India for its potential to contribute to economic development and regional security. Geo-strategic and economic significance of the Indian Ocean region amid huge resources signaled the growth and development of the East Asian region in the post-cold war period. Arguably India wanted to maximize their economic opportunities through economic corridors thereby establishing itself as an economic powerhouse like Japan and China.

It is worth mentioning that the present Modi government's policy is distinct from the earlier government's policy in terms of assumption, resilience and accuracy. Along with engaging the extended neighbourhood policy with the South East Asian region, focus is also made by the present government with major global powers for strengthening and resolving the national security challenges. Therefore, the proposed conference invites papers from academic, thinktanks etc. on various aspects of Act East Policy, indo-pacific strategy, Chinese challenges, India's defense and security, North East in India's Act East Policy for intellectual dialogue. The conference is also aiming to retrospect the State's role in terms of policy implementation and to critically examine its impact on Northeast India.

Report on the two days of National Conference

on

Assessing India's Act East Policy in Strategic Framework of Indo-Pacific

Organised by

Department of Political Science, K.B.V Sanskrit & Ancient Studies University

Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi and ICWA, New Delhi

Date: September 14-15, 2023

Venue: K.B.V Sanskrit & Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, Assam

DAY-I (14TH September 2023)

1. Inaugural Session:

Two days National Conference on “Assessing India's Act East Policy in Strategic Framework of Indo-Pacific” was organised by Department of Political Science, Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, Assam. The national conference was sponsored jointly by ICSSR, New Delhi and ICWA, New Delhi. The inaugural session has started with Vedic Mangalaswaranam performed by student of Department of Vedic Studies, Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, Assam. It was followed by the welcome speech of **Mr. Ankur Jyoti Bhuyan, Programme coordinator of the conference, Assistant Professor K.B.V Sanskrit & Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, Assam.** Thereafter, a felicitation programme was arranged to felicitate: **Prof. Pralhad R Joshi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Kumar Bhsakar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Professor Aswini K. Mohapatra, Former Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Dr. Sripathi Narayanan, Representative from ICWA, New Delhi**

Opening remarks and introduction of the programme was given by **Dr. Pankaj Kumar Sarmah, Convener of the National Conference and HoD(i/c), department of Political Science, Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, Assam.** Dr. Sarmah has highlighted the significance and rational of organizing the conference on the pertinent theme i.e. “Assessing India's Act East Policy in Strategic framework of Indo-Pacific”. Further he also added that after the political dispensation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the policy of the current government is becoming distinct from the earlier government's policy in terms of assumption, resilience and accuracy. Along

with engaging the extended neighbourhood policy with the South East Asian region, focus is also made by the present government with major global powers for strengthening and resolving the national security challenges- Dr. Sarmah added. Honourable Vice Chancellor of the university Prof. Pralhad R. Joshi has chaired the inaugural session of the conference and also inaugurated the conference. In his inaugural speech, Prof Joshi throws light on the significance of ASEAN outlook and India's Act East Policy. Professor Aswini K. Mohapatra, Former Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi graced the conference as the Key Note Speaker. He has highlighted the success of G-20 summit and projection of Indian culture Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam- The whole World as One Family. Regarding the G20 summit he added the significance of India's Act East policy and timing of this conference. Organising various conferences under G-20 in the 60 different cities across India creates awareness among general public about India's foreign policy and its global stand- he concluded

At the end of the session **Dr. Madan Chandra Boro, Registrar (i/c), Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University** offered the vote of thanks to the convener, the honourable VC, Key Note Speaker, representative from ICWA, invited dignitaries and the organising committee for arranging the national conference.

The session was ended by singing the Asom Sangeet (Assam State Song)

2. Plenary Session:

Plenary Session on "ASEAN outlook and IPOI" was introduced by **Dr. Pankaj Kumar Sarmah, Convener of the National Conference** with a welcome note and felicitation programme. The Plenary speakers were **Prof. Arvind Kumar**, Professor of United States' Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, **Dr. Rudra P. Pradhan**, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS PILANI Goa, **Dr. Sripathi Narayanan**, Representative from ICWA, New Delhi.

Prof. Arvind Kumar emphasizes on India's role in ASEAN summit, rule-based security architecture in Indo-Pacific, India's ambitious multi-model development projects for its economic growth and digital infrastructure of India. He raised concerns over China's growing global presence and insisted on the importance of joining strategic grouping like QUAD to make India as a global power. **Dr. Rudra P. Pradhan** presented the paper "ASEAN

OUTLOOK and IPOI: MACRO PARSPECTIVE and MIRO ACTION PLAN". He compared India's vessel traffic pattern with Singapore argue on India's action plan. He then highlighted India's key maritime projects and its development. He emphasizes on grouping such as BIMSTEC to achieve India's maritime goals. **Dr.Sripathi Narayanan** gave a valuable speech on the proposed theme of the conference.

This session ended by a discussion over the topics presented, started by **Professor Aswini K. Mohapatra** followed vote of thanks by **Dr. Pankaj Kumar Sarmah**.

3. Technical Session-1:

Technical session-1 on "**Locating Act East Policy in Indo- Pacific Strategy**", Chaired by **Dr. Liyaqat Ayub Khan**, Professor and Course Coordinator (Public Policy) Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai. During the session four presentation were made by honourable speakers. Each presentation was followed by question answer session and fruitful interaction and feedbacks from the chairpersons and audience. **Dr. Aliva Mishra**, MMAJ Academy of International Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi explained India's transition from regional power to global power. She stressed on India's strategic mission to counter China, its growing multilateral global aspects, especially debt restructuring policy along with covid policies. She concluded by the statement that India has moved from a reluctant actor to an active actor.

Prof. Jyotiraj Pathak, Professor (on lien), Bodoland University highlighted the three major aspects- shifting from Act East policy to Act Indo-Pacific policy, India's series of initiative to become Visvaguru and the role of North East India regarding act east policy. He mentioned various projects of India; BIMSTEC, BBIN, McG that expands its capacity to become a global power. While talking about the role of North east India he stressed on its air bus, railway connectivity projects and the Kaladan project and their tourism projects. Talking about the break to act Indo-Pacific policy Prof Pathak touched upon India's emphasis on blue economy, sea ports, disaster management projects.

Dr. Biswajit Mahapatra, Department of Political Science, NEHU, Shillong, Meghalaya discussing about the policies adopted by govt of India with regards to act east policy. He provides a critical analysis of the policies mentioning the changes of the terminology,

drawbacks of the same. Lastly, he stressed on how India's relation with China helps to prosper both the countries so far.

Dr. Suwa Lal Jangu, Department of Political Science, Mizoram University presented a paper on **“India's Multilateral Approach to the Indo-Pacific Region- Prospects And Problem”**. He highlighted how India's active participation in multilateral forum like the QUAD, ASEAN, aimed to promote regional stability and cooperation among like-minded nations. He also stated that India's Indo-Pacific approach is only to counter China, the approach is only interest based and issue based. He also mentioned the challenges; strategic challenges coming from China, poor level capacity of India, lack of bargaining power of India during India's multilateral approach to the Indo-Pacific.

At the end of this session, several questions were raised by the audience and clarifications had to be given by speakers followed by vote of thanks by **Dr. Krishna Kalita**, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, KBVS & ASU, Nalbari, Assam.

4. Technical Session-2:

Technical Session-2 on **“The Chinese Challenge to Act East Policy”**, Chaired by **Professor Chintamani Mahapatra**, Founder & Honorary Chairman, Kalinga Institute for Indo-Pacific Studies (KIIPS) & Former Rector & Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. During the session five presentations were made by honourable speakers.

Dr. Chandan K. Panda, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh presented the paper **‘The Border as a Political Space: The Case of McMahon Line’**. He discussed the historicity of the McMahon Line and the Chinese contestation over it to refute its legitimacy and the process that makes the border space assume a political character. He explored the areas of economic engagement with China along the McMahon Line to transform the political space into economic space.

Dr. Arup Kumar Deka, Suren Das College, Kamrup (R), Assam presented a paper on **‘Challenges to India's Act East Policy: Rise of China in the Indo-Pacific Region’**. He highlighted that the policy developed as a result of numerous factors including China's expanding economy and military presence in the Indo-Pacific region. He pointed out that the emergence of China and its hegemonic goals pose challenges to the Indo-Pacific region's security environment.

Dr. Rajeev Rai, Department of Political Science, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, ICFAI University, Sikkim presented his paper on the theme “**Continuance of ‘The Great Game’ between India and China: India’s Act East Policy and North East Region**”. He analysed the conflict between India and China vis-à-vis Eastern Himalayan region in general and North East India in particular by using historical and analytical method and seeks to answer the question whether the conflict that characterize the great game, where Russian and British Empire never declared an open war on each other, the great game of today is also characterize by the same event.

Dr. Jaikhlong Basumatary, Assistant Professor, Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, SIS, JNU presented his part on the theme ‘**Significance of India- South East Asia Relation in Indo-Pacific Construct**’. He outlined the importance of Indo-Pacific region as one of the centres of global politics in contemporary international politics. He stressed on identifying China’s belligerent behaviour in areas such as South China Sea which directly impacts the exclusive economic zone and territorial waters of most of the South East Asian countries.

Debajit Boruah, Assistant Professor, ICFAI University, Sikkim presented his paper on ‘**Competing Asseverations in the Indo-Pacific Region: A Study of India’s Role**’. He explained India’s vision and actions shaped the evolving geopolitics in Indo-Pacific region. He highlighted the potential areas of cooperation and competition among major players while highlighting the strategic implications for resonance stability and international order.

This presentation was followed by the opening of discussion panel by the discussant. The session ended by the formal vote of thanks by Arpana Ramchiary, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, KBVS&AS University, Nalabari, Assam.

DAY-II (15TH September, 2023)

5. Technical Session- 3

The session began with welcome note and felicitation programme by **Dr. Papori Boruah**, Assistant professor, department of Philosophy, K.B.V.S &A.S.U.

Technical session-3 on ‘**India’s Emerging Role in Defence and Security of East and South East Asia**’ Chaired by **Prof. Ripu Sudan Singh**, Professor & Former Dean, Department of Political Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow.

He narrated the theme of the session by discussing the relevance of the theme. During the session three presentations were made by honourable speakers.

The resource person of the session **Prof. Manoj Kumar Kar**, School of Governance and Public Affairs, XIM University, Bhubaneswar gave a lecture on the health diplomacy with regard to covid19 pandemic. He argued a strong health system are essential for advancing UHC and ultimately improved health outcomes and well being.

Dr. Mahan Borah, Department of Political Science, Assam University, Silchar presented “**From Look East Policy To Act East Policy: Expectations vs Reality**”. He outlined the transition from Look East Policy in India, the impact of Act East Policy in North Eastern Region in India. **Kanika Raj**, Department of Political Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, presented “**Soft Power Diplomacy in Act East Policy : Addressing Indo Pacific Concerns**”. She narrated the role of soft power diplomacy in India’s Act East Policy and its importance in the Indo Pacific strategy. **Yashasvi Shukla**, Department of Political Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, presented “**India’s Defence Diplomacy in South East Asia and It’s Role in Indo Pacific Paradigm**’. He highlighted India’s defence diplomacy towards South East Asia and the importance of defence diplomacy in making India a global power.

This presentation was followed by the opening of discussion panel by the discussant. The session ended by the vote of thanks.

6. Technical Session- 4

The session on “**North East & India’s Act East Policy**” Chaired by **Prof. Shubhrajeev Konwer**, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University. During the session five speakers presented their paper.

Dr. Sreya Maitra, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata presented on the theme “**India’s Northeast in the Indo Pacific Imagination: Convergences and Compulsions**”. She narrates the gaps between the actual role and assessed potential of India’s northeast in its indo pacific vision and policy. **Dr. Chuchengfa Gogoi** Department of Political Science, North Lakhimpur College, Autonomous, Lakhimpur, Assam presented on the theme “**Bridging Borders: Prospect of Buddhist Tourism in Advancing Act East Policy through North East India**”. He outlined the potential of Buddhist tourism in North

East India as a way for promoting the Act East Policy. He examined the significance of Buddhists sites and their role in fostering regional connectivity. **Dr. Joyjit Hazarika**, Department of Political Science, B. Boruah College, Guwahati, Assam presented “**Act East Policy and North East India, Prospects and Challenges**”. He outlined the major objectives of Act East Policy, the importance of NE region which will serve as the gateway to achieving these objectives. **Manalisa Tase**, Department of Political Science, Nagaland University, Nagaland presented ‘**Act East Policy and Northeast India: Nagaland Perspective**’. She highlighted the geographical proximity, historical significance and cultural commonality which made the NE Region more relevant for the prospects of regional co operation in trade, peace and stability. **Hemanta Kaushik Mahanta**, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University presented on the theme “**State Developmentalism in India’s Northeast and the Act East Policy**”. He narrated that Act East Policy is one of the major facet of the Indian developmental state. He examined the historical development of underdevelopment in India’s Northeast due to state developmentalism and its culmination in the form of Act East Policy.

This presentation was followed by the opening of discussion panel by the discussant. The session ended by the vote of thanks.

7. Technical Session- 5

The last technical session of the conference on the theme “**India and Regional Powers**” was chaired by **Prof. Arvind Kumar**, Professor of United States' Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University. During the session resource person and three other speakers also presented their paper.

Resource Person of the session Dr. Vikash Tripathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University has presented a paper on the theme ‘**Changing Dimensions of India’s Foreign Policy and BRICS : An Assessment**’. During his deliberation, he basically highlighted about BRICS, multi-alignment, India’s foreign policy, LIO, multipolarity, institutional reforms etc.

Dr. Akshay jyoti Sarma, OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati presented on “**India’s Regional Framework in Indo Pacific and the Act East Policy: A Critical Appraisal**”. He examined India’s efforts to strengthen its ties with the countries of South East and Indo Pacific. **Mrinal Sarma**, department of Political Science, Lumding

College, Assam presented on the theme “**Examining India’s Increasing Status as Regional Powerhouse**”. He examined India’s role in the region mainly its economic power, geo strategic military power and the soft power to become a regional powerhouse and also the challenges it confronted. **Bhaskar Gogoi**, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University presented on the theme “**Climate Change and Regional cooperation in Indo Pacific Region**”. He highlighted the need of plan of actions based on collaborative partnership from the Indo Pacific countries for ecological wellbeing.

This presentation was followed by the opening of discussion panel by the discussant. The session ended by the vote of thanks.

8. Valedictory Session

The valedictory session began with the welcome speech made by **Mr. Ankur Jyoti Bhuyan**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, KBVS&ASU. The session was chaired by **Prof. Pralhad R Joshi**, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Kumar Bhsakar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University.

Valedictory speaker **Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra**, Founder &Honorary Chairman, Kalinga Institute for Indo-Pacific Studies (KIIPS)&Former Rector & Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi delivered a special address. In his address he discussed about the evolution of Indo-Pacific region, global rise of India, India-China relation, India’s diplomatic policy and so on. Reflections and feedbacks were received from each participant of the whole event followed by distribution of certificates among the speakers, paper presenters and participants.

Dr. Pankaj Kumar Sarmah, Convener of the National Conference gave the formal vote of thanks to all involved directly and indirectly with the conference. The Chairperson of the valedictory session, Professor Pralhad R. Joshi, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University has declared the formal end of the conference.



Inaugural Session of the National Conference dated 14th September, 2023



Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Pralhad R. Joshi with the invited dignitaries in the dais



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor is delivering his inaugural address of the National Conference



Prof. Aswini K. Mohapatra is delivering the Key Note address of the Conference



Dr. Madan Ch. Boro, Registrar (i/c) is offering vote of thanks for the inaugural session



Mr. Ankur Jyoti Bhuyan, Programme Coordinator in moderating the inaugural session



Dr. Pankaj Kumar Sarmah, Convener of the conference is introducing the Conference



Invited Dignitaries and the learned gatherings in the National Conference



Faculty members, invited guests, research scholars and students attending the Conference



Speakers deliberating in the Plenary Session of the National Conference



First Technical Session of the National Conference



Second Technical Session of the National Conference



Cultural extravaganza performed by the students of the department of Political Science



Cultural team with Honourable Vice Chancellor of the University



Showcasing rich culture of Assam during the cultural programme of the Conference



Felicitating the Chairperson of the Technical Session III of the National Conference



Felicitating the Resource Person of the Technical Session III of the Conference



Panelist presented their part during the technical session III of the Conference



Felicitation of the Panelist during technical Session-IV of the Conference



Speakers presented their paper during technical session-IV of the Conference



Chairperson and discussant of the technical session-IV of the Conference



Felicitating Resource Person of technical session-V of the National Conference



Panelist presented their paper during technical session-V of the Conference



Discussion and Q/A during technical session-V of the National Conference



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor along with the Valedictory Speaker



Invited guests and other dignitaries in the Valedictory Session of the Conference



Distributing certificates to the speakers by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Valedictory Speaker



Honourable Vice Chancellor Pralhad R. Joshi is distributing certificates to the panelist



Honourable Vice Chancellor along with the participants of the National Conference



Dr. Pankaj Kumar Sarmah, Conver of the Conference is offering the formal Vote of Thanks