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From
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Subject: Submission of approved Syllabus upto Semester III

With due respect, I would like to submit the approved syllabus of the Department of Political Science for final approval of the Academic Council, Morigaon college (Autonomous).

Dr Pallavi Hazarika
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Department of Political Science
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Syllabus: UG 1st Semester

Semester I	
Course Title	Introduction to Political Theory
Course Code	POL-CORE-(MJ/MN)-MC-0100104
Nature of the Course	MAJOR/MINOR
Total Credits	4
Distribution of Marks	40(INT)+60(ESE)

No. of required classes: 60

Course Objectives:

- This course aims to introduce the students to the idea of political theory, its history and approaches, and an assessment of its critical and contemporary trends.
- It is also designed to introduce the basic concepts of political theory.
- The course also attempts reconcile political theory and practice through reflections on the ideas and practices related to democracy.

Course Outcomes:

- After completing the course students will be better equipped to understand the key concepts in political theory and various related conceptual categories.
- They will also be in a better position to engage in application of concepts and understand the limitations.
- It will also help in developing critical thinking regarding the functioning of the political system in relation to the context the students are situated in.
- The foundation for understanding the contemporary political developments would also be laid down by the course.

Unit	Content
Unit I	**Political Theory** a) What is Politics: theorizing the 'Political' b) What is Political Theory? Its Nature and Scope c) Significance and Decline of Political Theory
Unit II	**Tradition and Approaches of Political Theory** a) Traditions- Liberal, Marxist b) Approaches- Normative, Historical and Empirical c) Critical and contemporary Perspectives in Political Theory- Feminist and Post-Modern
Unit III	**Basic Concepts** a) State- Origin and Nature of State b) Sovereignty- Concepts and Theories c) Law, Liberty, Equality, Justice
Unit IV	**Government and Democracy** a) Classification and forms of Government b) Unitary vs. Federal form of Government, Parliamentary vs. Presidential form of Government c) Democracy: Concept, Types and Critiques

Suggested Readings:

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SYLLABUS

SUBJECT: POLITICAL SCIENCE
PAPER: SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH
CODE: SEC-POL-MC-0100103

SEMESTER: I
PAPER NAME: Social Science Research

COURSE OBJECTIVE:
To impart knowledge on research design formulation, methods and techniques of data collection and ethics of research.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOME:
• The knowledge on formulation of research design, application of methods and techniques in data collection will be obtained.
• The ethics of research will be understood for an effective research study.

UNIT I	**Introduction**
	Research- Meaning, Nature
	Types of Research
	Social Science Research
UNIT II	**Research Design**
	Research Question
	Objective & Hypothesis
	Data Collection & Analysis
UNIT III	**Report Writing**
	Chapterization
	Citation & Referencing
	Bibliography

Suggested Readings:

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