**ABSTRACT:**

While ‘Research’ allows me to explore and discover things relating to my area of research, ‘Teaching’ on the other hand shall allow me to deliver necessary knowledge to the young minds that I believe I have acquired over a period of academic engagements. Teaching will not only allow me to deliver the required knowledge to the students but shall also allow me to grow as an academic and be flexible to adapting to the demanding needs of higher education.

I would like to briefly mention my previous research work, future research plans and a wish to teach a course involving my subjective interests. My previous research work consisted of research carried out during Ph.D. and Post-Doc. The Ph.D. work can be broadly divided into two parts. The first part is an in-depth study of six major tribes of Assam which focuses on the tangible and intangible cultural heritages of the tribal communities. The second part discusses the shortcomings of display on the tribal gallery in the museums of Assam. Through my research experience on the subject matter, I have proposed an Eco-Museum model for sustainable development as well as the conservation of tribal heritage within their territory. My Post-doctoral research is on symbolism and how it communicates the culture of a community. The research studies the ritual symbols of Mising tribe and how they communicate within the tribe. As an individual having much interest in anthropological research and exploring community-based dynamics, I in the future, plan to research the Social and Economic History of the Monpa community under the Monastic Rule of Tibet in Monyul-the land of Monpas.

Coming to the requirements of the advertised post, I would like to propose two courses which I believe shall contribute to the knowledge base of the students. However, the onus lies on the Department as the ultimate decision-maker in terms of proposing the required course to teach, and thereby, I would like to religiously abide by the same and is ready to teach whatever dictates within my capacity in the domain of social science-based knowledge deliverance.

The two courses of study that I would like to tentatively propose to teach include Indigenous Traditional Knowledge System & Sustainability: the subject will discuss about case study on ITK & Sustainability. The evolution will be based on the publication of research paper in reputed journals and its presentation.

Folk and tribal arts: Material cultural heritage, ITC, cultural memory, acculturation, folk and tribal art practices and preservation, conservation of folk and tribal art practices.