

Letter to the Editor— Assembly Elections of India, 2021: Revisiting Assam

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Dear Editors-in-Chief,

I am writing to draw your attention to the article titled Assembly Elections of India, 2021: Revisiting Assam, written co-jointly by Dr Pranjit Sarma and Dr Rituparna Bhattacharyya, published in the Journal Space and Culture, India, Volume 9, Issue 1, 6-28 (<https://doi.org/10.20896/saci.v9i1.1189>). In this article, the authors critically reviewed the Assam Assembly Election, 2021.

The authors have made an excellent attempt to analyse the current status of the Assam Accord critically. The Accord, however, could not be implemented successfully, notwithstanding signing the same some more than thirty years back,¹ specifically Clause 6.

While making an extensive attempt to study the process of Assembly Election held recently in Assam; the authors made a detailed analysis on how some section of people tried to derive personal gains and became leaders overnight by taking advantage of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), 2019² protest (Pulla et al., 2020) that took place in Guwahati in December 2019, to climb on the shoulders of vast mass to get into their respective political space at the time of ensuing Assembly poll in Assam.

Article reviewed the very fact that it was Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, the present Chief Minister of Assam who as Health and Education Minister, during the previous regime took people-oriented many valuable steps for building up many new medical colleges in Assam and conducting Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) exam in a very fair manner to enable meritorious candidates to secure a good teaching job.

This article by Dr Sarma and Dr. Bhattacharya will help the research scholars and upcoming journalists get valuable insights into the Assam Assembly Election in 2021.

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¹ The Assam Accord was signed on 15 August 1985 between the Union of India, Government of Assam, All Assam Student of Union, and All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (Barooah Pisharoty, 2019; Bhattacharyya, 2009).

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² The Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019. No47 of 2019. Ministry of Law and Justice. *The Gazette of India*.
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