



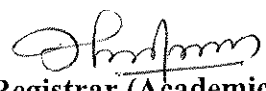
Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Ms Kriti Chopra (Registration Number: 2170146), PhD scholar at the Department of International Studies, Political Science and History, School of Social Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore will defend her PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Wednesday, 03 September 2025 at 2.00 pm in Room No. 044, Ground Floor, R & D Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru - 560029, Karnataka, India.

Title of the Thesis	:	Zhonghua Minzu and Chinese Nationalism: Implications and Responses of the Mongols in Inner Mongolia
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The members of the Research Advisory Committee of the Scholar, the faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva-voce examination.

Place: Bengaluru
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ABSTRACT

The proposed thesis aims to study the conception and evolution of the idea of Zhonghua minzu through the contestations between nation building and ethnic identity paradigms in China. The rise of an indigenous ideology to advance and project a cumulative Chinese identity has occurred in the state of China. The 56 ethnic groups are recognised by the Chinese state. The conception of Zhonghua minzu elucidates an overarching national identity over the ethnic identity. The frontier regions have seen ethnic conflicts due to the policies of the government of the day. This study will be undertaking an assessment of the implications of these policies in the territory of Inner Mongolia. The implementation of the idea of Zhonghua minzu has caused conflicts among the minorities in China. The Mongols in Inner Mongolia have agitated against the new laws rolled out by the government. These responses will be an important part of the framework as they provide an empirical picture of the interactions between national and ethnic identity. A predictive theoretical analysis will be provided to elaborate upon the identity politics within the paradigms of nationalism. The development of Chinese national identity will also be assessed under the lens of world IR to juxtapose the unique and similar characteristics of its evolution.

Keywords - Chinese identity, Nationalism, Inner Mongolia, Minzu, Ethnic Groups

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