

# NATURE AND PATTERN OF INSURGENCY IN NAGALAND A GEOGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS

Abstract

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## ABSTRACT

The present analysis is with the intent to prove into the underlying relationship (spatial ) of the insurgents movement in Nagaland to the people who speak it as their own in an environmental framework. It also seeks to identify the underlying dynamics of the movement (so called Nationalist expression of the few) that express the dynamics in their distinctive social behaviour and geographical environment. The author has attempted to show the role of geographical factors as one of the many determining factors in all this interactions. Such an approach, to author's knowledge has never been presented before, nor has the name which the author has attached to it. Even the attempted analysis is unusual, lending itself to be elaborated in succeeding chapters.

While many had written on insurgency and on Nagaland, it has almost invariably have been as an appendage of colonialism (and capitalism), and only a relatively few since independence on such problems. There had been a considerable discussion in respect to origin and development of insurgency in Nagaland with its associated diacritica, varied socio-economic and political problem.

It had evidently occurred to no one (possibly) to understand the role of geographical factors that motivated (impart) the movement. It is of course difficult to overemphasise the role of this factor, when one sees the overall development of the state.

Other factors too have contributed to the author's approach. Among them was the basic dynamics of social and politico-economic aspects, which seems to the author, greatly clarified the effect of insurgency upon the Naga's society. The author had also sought to indicate contrastively the validity of the geographical bases of the study by paralleling it with (to some extent) their ideological bases.

One important and significant challenge was the Naga perception and its response to integration with the Indian Republic. As the author feels, their ideology that was essentially tribal in character from the outset proved difficult to adjust or recognise the advantage of the remaining with the Union of India. Their persistence and resultant offensive (insurgency) had struck the author as an example of an ideological bias that required clarification.

It soon became evident to the author that the work had to be planned around

(i) the geographical bases and its relationship, and

(ii) Contrast between socio-economic parametres and their political implications. Inevitably the question of sources, origins and foundations involved in the dynamics of insurgency as well as arising from the above two points began to focus themselves in the study. Out of this national and social forces emerged the concept of process, whose social ramification was founded upon differentiation within the Naga society.

The present analysis is an attempt, then, to construct and establish a relationship between the environmental matrix and insurgency in Nagaland. This is because there have been efforts in making the problem actually ethnic one which has posed a challenge to India's security environment. Again right from independence there had been an uncanny continuity of events (in the North-east that is continuously testing the Indian Union).

The present attempt also seeks to fill up some of the gaps that exist about the state and the insurgent movement. By providing a spatio-temporal framework of references, the author seeks to clarify but had (hitherto) been in doubt. To facilitate this the

following chapterizations is made:

Introduction

- I. Geographical Framework
  - II. Some Essential Background
  - III. Economy of Nagaland and Its Levels of Development.
  - IV. Socio-Political Set up of Nagas.
  - V. Naga Insurgency.
  - VI. Perspectives and Response to Naga Insurgency.
- Conclusion.
- Appendices.
- Bibliography.

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