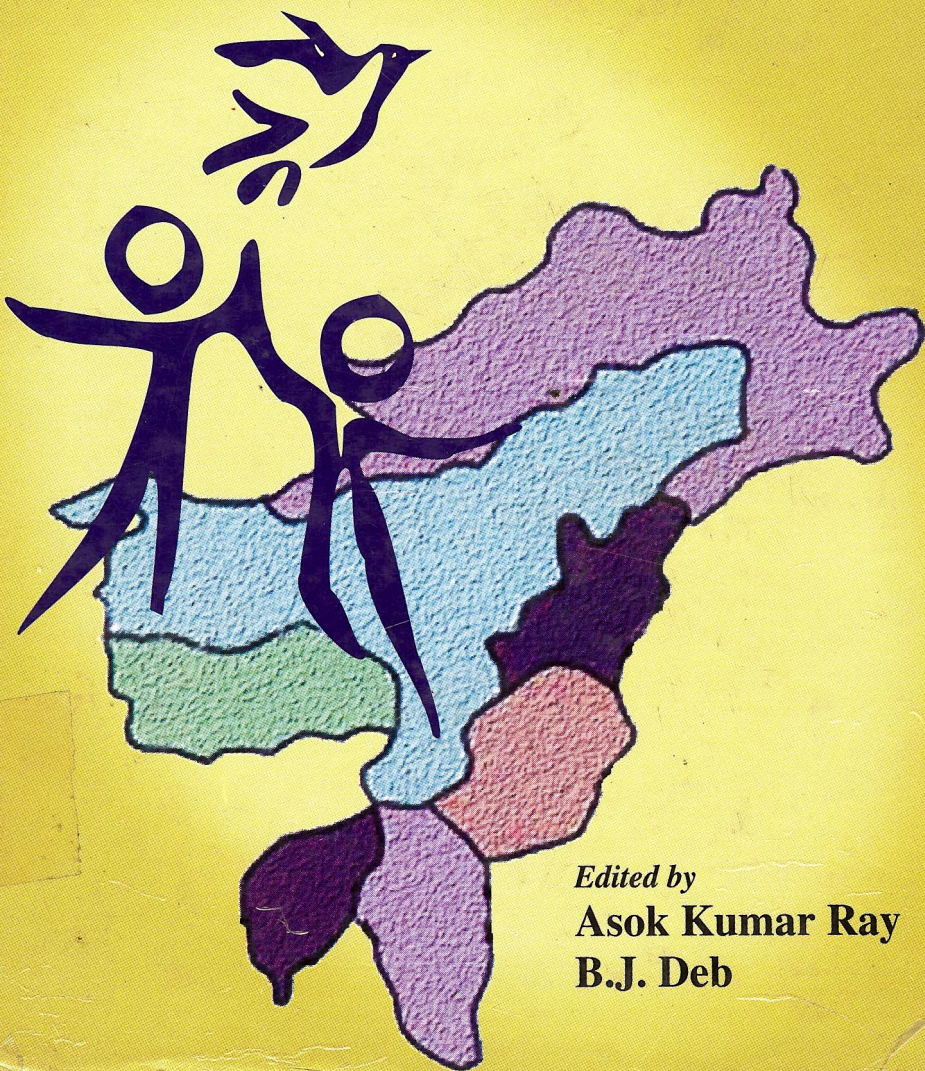


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Preface

Terrorism either of the state or of the insurgent groups has posed a serious threat to human rights and civil liberty. Such threats have gone to the extreme point over the last two decades or so. As a corollary to the contemporary terrorism, the concept of human rights has become a highly challenged concept. The regional scenario on human rights violation of different natures and dimensions might charge the social science researchers' minds to look fresh into the problem. At this point of time the state of Manipur is the worst victim of terrorism. The destruction of human rights of the civic community particularly of the women community has no parallel. Manipur is followed by other states. In the state of Arunachal Pradesh, on the other hand insurgency and terrorism have very low profile. The gendered dimension of terrorism and the atrocities related to it has exposed savagery and senselessness of the state militia. The social cost of insurgency can never be compensated. This raised serious debates over the political legitimacy of the power state on the one hand and the civil liberty mandate of the liberal state on the other.

The insurgent groups and terrorist acts are also responsible for violation of human rights. The indiscriminate violence of the insurgent and terrorist groups affects the state agencies and the civilians alike. In many cases therefore such violence amounts to senseless abrogation of human rights and civic life. Often such insurgency and terrorism are guided by parochial interests and are manifested in inter-community violence. Therefore serious criticalities have been raised over the relative value of 'universality' and 'particularity' of human rights affecting the communities in the region.

North East India Council For Social Science Research organized a national seminar on “Contours of Terrorism, Human Rights and Peace Initiatives in North East India” during 9-10 December 2005. The selected articles from the proceedings are hereby published in this book. I hope that this book will be extremely useful not only to the academic community but also for the policy makers and the civil society organizations.

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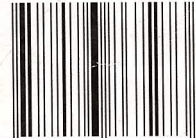


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