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INTRODUCTION

This book is a collection of articles written over the past 15 years or so on different aspects of the North Eastern region. With the passage of time, tremendous changes have taken place in the region and its scenario and, therefore, some of these articles may seem to be out of focus. Nevertheless, the underlying principles and my perception of them remain as relevant and as these articles might be found useful by researchers and students who are interested in the North Eastern region of India.

Mention may also be made that the four Universities of North East India : North Eastern Hill University, Gauhati University, Dirbrugarh University and Manipur University have introduced Regional Studies of the North East, and its various aspects, as one of the papers. And So, this book will be particularly useful for students of Social Sciences.

I never intended to bring out these articles in book form because considerable re-checking and corrections have to be done, if these articles are to be published at all. But a number of my students approached me to ferret out some of the articles and this I have eventually done, and they in turn suggested that some articles should be collected and printed in a book form as they are. The outcome is, therefore, the result of their persuasion and I express my indebtedness to them for the interest and enthusiasm they have shown. I am deeply indebted to my friend and colleague Prof. M. Tarinayya who so generously helped me in editing this manuscript and I am also thankful to Shri N. Ibomcha Singh—stenographer for typing this manuscript. And above all, I owe an obligation to such readers who have repeatedly criticized and appreciated these articles in the initial stages of their being written and to them this book is dedicated in gratitude.

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