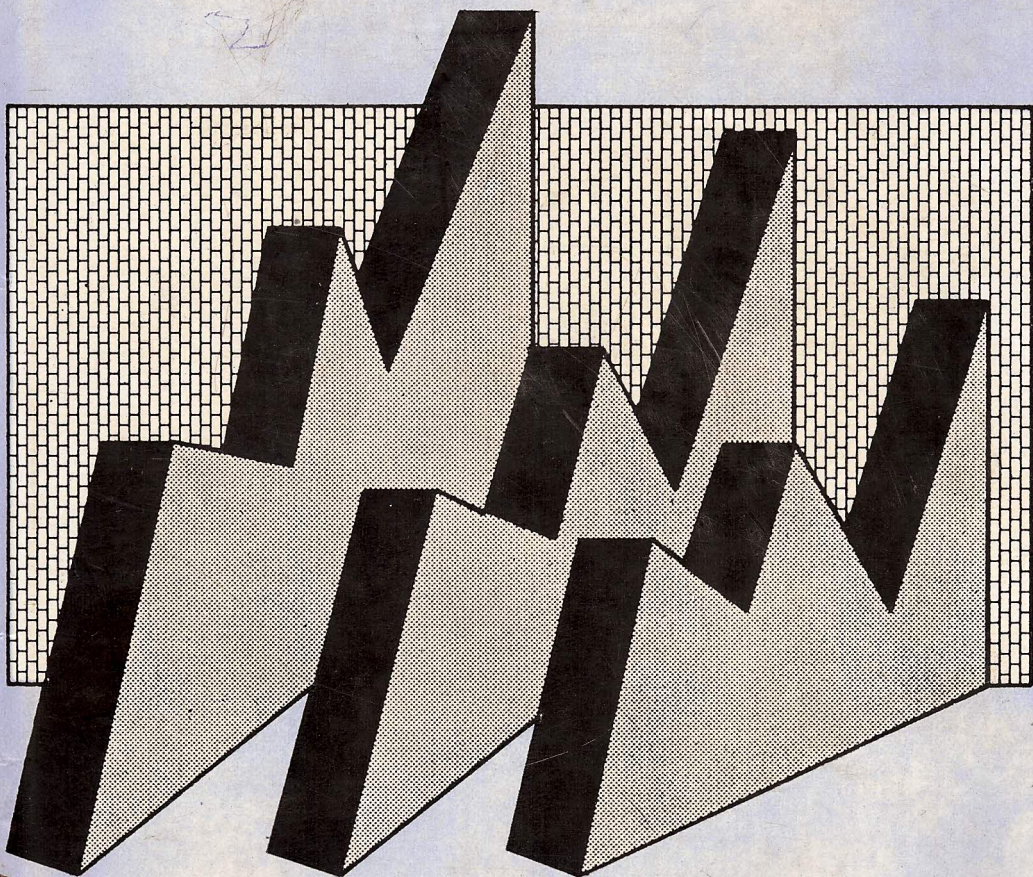


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OF THE
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Economic development is the mainstay in the overall developmental process of any given geographical area. The north-eastern region of India comprising the "seven sisters" viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura has vast untapped resources of natural wealth. Though crude oil production, the tea and plywood industries, and to some extent coal exploration have developed gradually (largely in the state of Assam) a vast potential remains unharnessed in most of the core sectors.

The eighties have ushered in a new era of developmental activity and in order to keep pace with the mainstream, it is essential to identify those areas which deserve a high priority.

The papers, read at the *Seminar on the impact of the Five Year Plans on the Socio-Economic growth of the North Eastern Region of India* (organized by the Department of Commerce, Gauhati University) each form a chapter of this book. The contributors, coming as they do from diverse and associated fields have highlighted the anomalies that existed, and many have offered solutions for the accelerated growth of the region. In this backdrop the statistical information provided in the various tables (though dated to some extent) will prove a useful tool for comparison in the key fields of management and industry, banking, Trade and commerce, Transport, agricultural development etc. Also emphasised are the socio-economic impacts of planning and integrated development vis-a-vis the impacts of the Five Year Plans on infrastructural development.

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