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Preface

The north-eastern states of India have multiple issues and challenges. Underdevelopment, poverty, lack of proper quality education, superstition, witch-hunting, drug abuse, terrorism, deforestation and lack of industrialization are some of the major issues impacting the region. On the other hand these states are also endowed with enormous potential for development. Therefore, while the entire north-east has many pertinent issues and challenges, this region has also many prospects for development in different fields.

As the issues and challenges of north-east India are multidimensional, a multidisciplinary approach is necessary to address these issues. The Book "Issues and Challenges of North-East India: A Multidisciplinary Perspective" is a humble attempt to offer a multidisciplinary approach to study the multiple issues and challenges of the region. It is a multidisciplinary and multilingual book consisting research-based articles contributed by scholars and academicians of different fields.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the authors and researchers who have contributed their valuable research papers for this book. Without their contribution our noble academic venture of bringing out this book would not have been materialized. We also thank the owner and the staff of L.K. offset for printing this book in short time.

We hope, the book will immensely benefit the readers and research scholars with interest on north-east studies. We apologize for unnoticed errors or lapses in this book. Suggestions for further improvement of this book are most welcome.

Elizabeth Basumatary, in her article "A Short analysis on witchcraft as social issue from Manaranjan Lahary's novels" analyses the prevalence of social evil of witch-hunting in Bodo society through her study of the two novels of the popular Bodo novelist Monaranjan Lahary. She opines that the practice of witch hunting can be eradicated from Bodo society through the spread of education and scientific temper.

In his article "Tourism potentiality and problems in Namphake village in Dibrugarh District", Bhaben Khanikar highlights the tourism potentiality as well as problems of Namphake village in Dibrugarh District. The rich flora and fauna, the rich cultural diversity, and history of the area are the major tourist attraction to the area.

In the article "Boro women and their participation in micro-entrepreneurships to meet the expenses in educating their children with special reference to greater Bengtol area, Chirang" has studied the participation of Bodo women in various micro-entrepreneurship activities in order to meet of the educational expense of their children. In the article the author highlights various enterprises in which the Bodo women have been engaged and the multiple challenges that they face in their venture.

Bikramjit Das, in his article "Role of women of Assam in the freedom struggle of India" makes a historical analysis of the contribution of Assamese women in the freedom struggle of India.

In her article "Information and Communication Technology-its use in education", the author Jonali Das analyses the importance of the application of ICT in education.

Parmol Basumatary, in his article "Drug abuse and young generation of BTR with special reference to Chirang District" makes an analysis of drug abuse among the youth of Chirang District and its hazards in the society. He also suggests some measures to check the increasing drug addiction among the youth of the area under study.

In his article, "Human Rights and Values in Education" Samaresh Nath has explored the incorporation of human rights and values in education. He opines that human rights education contributes towards to social transformation and creating sustainable participative democracy.

Jamuna Basumatary, in her article "Problems of Agricultural development of north-east India with special reference to Bodoland Territorial Council" highlights

the problems and prospects of agriculture sector in the BTAD areas of Assam. She also highlights the prospects of organic farming in the region.

In the article "Utilization of material and non-material resources in secondary schools of Chirang District with special reference to Kajalgaon sub-division" the author Ramkrishna Chakraborty makes a survey of the proper utilization of material and non-material resources in secondary schools of Kajalgaon sub-division of Chirang District which is important for enhancing the quality of education.

Raju Moshahary, in his article "Witch-craft and superstitious beliefs among the Bodo community: A brief analysis" makes an analysis of the superstitious beliefs prevalent in Bodo society.

In his article, "Socio-economic perspectives of witch hunting in Assam: An analysis", Ranjit Basumatary analyses the problem witch-hunting prevalent in Assam from socio-economic perspective.

Rimush Narzary, in his article "Challenges of sustaining the traditional games and recreational activities of the Bodos" explores the threats to the traditional games and recreational activities of the Bodos and suggests remedial measures to preserve them.

In the article "Armed Forces (Manipur) Special Power Act (AFSPA), Khupboi Vaiphei makes a critique of the draconian 'Armed Forces Special Power Act' with particular reference to his home state Manipur .

Martin Borgoiary, in his article "The early efforts of Christian missionaries to the contribution of Bodo literature" highlights the role of early Christian missionaries in the development of Bodo literature.

Shahidul Islam Akand focuses on the role played by education and mass-media in women empowerment in his article "Role of Education and Mass-Media in empowering women".

In the article "Witchcraft hunting in Assam: Parable and Consequences' Swmkwr Brahma examines various causes and consequences of witch hunting in Assam.

Benedict Hazowary studies the issue of large scale deforestation in the Chirang District in his article "A General understanding of Forest degradation in the Chirang District of BTR"

In his article "A philosophical study on the traditional religion of the Bodos: with special reference to tribal religion", Anosh Narzary makes a philosophical inquiry on 'Bathouism', the traditional religion of the Bodos.

Dharmendra Baro highlights how national heroes of the Bodos have helped to develop a sense of Bodo nationalism among the Bodo people in his article "Bodo Nationalism: A discourse through the narratives of colonial heroes"

In the article "The Socio-cultural Significance of Bodo folk songs", Dhananjay Brahma highlights the importance of folk songs in preserving the culture, identity and history of the Bodos.

Mallika Basumatary, in her article "Female centric novels of Chitaranjan Mushahary: An analysis" studies the depiction of female characters in the novels of Chitaranjan Mushahary.

Sukrajeet Daimary makes a comparative study of the traditional food habits of the Bodos and the Garos in his article "A few major traditional food habits of the Bodos and the Garos and their future prospects."

In the article "The Social picture of the Bodos as reflected in Janil Kr Brahma's novels", Rahel Mochari studies the various aspects of Bodo society as depicted in the novels of the Janil Kr. Brahma.

Anita Basumatary, in her article "A study of the River-centric social life as depicted in Nabakanta Barua's novel Kapiliparia sadhu" analyses the river-centric social life of the people living near rivers.

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