Himachal Pradesh popularly known as the valley of gods' is the 18th State of Union of India. It came into being on 15th April, 1948 by integrating thirty hill states of Western Himalaya into one administrative unit. It is a land of fairs and festivals and its centuries old culture rightly command interest and respect. It is located in one of the interior regions of the Western Himalayas, between north Indian plains and Ladakh, the land of Lamas.

Much has been written on Himachal Pradesh, both specialised and general. Most of these are on history, travels, art and economy paying little attention to the social and cultural life of the people in the State. Now efforts have been made to that end, so that the information to the students of culture, general readers and scholar is easily available.

I have, therefore, deliberately taken this project in a way, which, I hope would give a complete picture of fairs and festivals, which form an important aspect of cultural life of the people of Himachal Pradesh.