PREFACE

The present work is an attempt to examine and evaluate the problem and prospect of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development in the context of the rapidly increasing process of devolution of power in Thoubal District. It is a study of the foundation of our constitutional structure. It is the foundation of democracy. It is the training ground for our politicians. It attracted the attention of politicians and public men. "Power to the people" is the slogan of the party in power. This work is mainly based on the available primary and secondary sources. So far, nobody can take up research work of this theme in Thoubal District. I confronted many difficult problems regarding procuring data and materials due to frequent inundation and burning the panchayat offices of Thoubal District. This work was started under the guidance of Dr. H. Indrakumar, Reader, Department of political science, Modern College, Imphal. He was so kind and warm to me when I first met him for the purpose of my research work. He also supervised its writing and completion. If there are shortcomings, that should be all
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