PREFACE

After doing my post-graduation in Anthropology with specialization in Cultural Anthropology, I had been cherishing a desire to take up research work in the field of my interest, that is, culture change. At this juncture I had the chance to undertake a short-term research project entitled "Trends of Culture Shift: A Study in Two Karbi Villages of Kamrup District, Assam" under the auspices of O.K.D. Institute of Social Change and Development. This strengthened my urge to go for a more comprehensive research project with a wider scope. When I broached the idea before Prof. A.K. Danda, he not only encouraged me but also graciously agreed to be my research guide. Thus began my journey into the charmed land of academic research – A journey that has been rather arduous and exacting on the one hand and highly satisfying on the other.

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