PREFACE

The primary aim of this work is to place in its proper historical context one of the most significant events of modern times - national integration of North East States in Indian Union. It has become most relevant to a proper understanding of current North East problems in their true perspective. As on date, various books have been written, dealing with different aspects of North East integration. However, co-ordinated approach to the study of political integration of North East States as a whole has not been attempted until now.

The proposed study confines itself to tracing the various integral factors in the light of which integration policies have been formulated. Besides exploring several constraints in the integration process hitherto existing, the analyst could well delineate the actual progress in political, social and economic aspects and other basic areas of integration for purposes of comparison with the desired process as have been spelt out in statutes, and other officially determined norms of integration of the North East.

The writer has made full use of original sources both published and unpublished available concerning the North East States specially Manipur and Tripura.
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