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The thesis is divided into sixteen chapters. The first chapter deals with a profile of the Khasi Hills.

The second chapter deals with Syiemship, the method of appointment and succession of Chiefs, their duties and their changing position, village administration, sources of revenue - relations between the Khasi Hills and the British, control by the Deputy Commissioner and control by the District Council have also been discussed in this chapter.

The third chapter deals with the Development of the Shillong Municipality. Shillong was constituted into a Station on November 28, 1878. The Station Committee was converted into a Municipality on 15th November, 1910, under the Bengal Municipal Act of 1884.
of new areas in the Administrative Area of the Municipality as well as its strength and composition from time to time have been discussed in this chapter.

Formation of Khasi Hills District Council, its administrative areas, constitutional structure, legislative and executive as well as working of the District Council - State Government and the District Council have been discussed in chapter IV.

In the fifth chapter Elections And Membership of Shillong Municipality and Khasi Hills District Council have been discussed.

The sixth chapter deals with the Chairmanship of Shillong Municipality and Khasi Hills District Council.

In the seventh chapter Meetings And Committee System in the Shillong Municipal Board have been discussed.

Various functions of Shillong Municipality with special reference to water supply system, and functions of Khasi Hills District Council have been discussed in chapter VIII.

In chapter nine sources of revenue, assessment and collection of taxes as well as measures for the augmentation of the revenue of Shillong Municipality and Khasi Hills District Council have been discussed.
In the tenth chapter Government grants to Shillong Municipality and Khasi Hills District Council have been discussed.

The eleventh chapter deals with the borrowing by the Shillong Municipal Board and Khasi Hills District Council.

In the twelfth chapter nature of expenditures incurred by Shillong Municipality and Khasi Hills District Council—growth of expenditure, variations in the expenditure, percentage of total expenditure incurred under principal Heads have been discussed.

In the thirteenth chapter, audit and budget of Shillong Municipality and Khasi Hills District Council are dealt with.

In the fourteenth chapter Personnel Administration in the Municipality and in the District Council with a special reference to Municipal Sweepers have been explained.

In the fifteenth chapter control of the Municipality and the District Council have been discussed under the following heads, legislative, judicial and administrative control.

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