This work is the first systematic study of the Economic Development of Nagaland. It is an undeniable fact that Nagaland has poor resource endowments, but it is equally undeniable that the rate achieved during the last two decades has been much slower than that narrated even by the limited resources available.

The present work makes a critical analysis of the transition of Nagaland's economy from a primitive to a modern economy. The work falls into three parts - the overwhelming tribal population and their primitive ways of living at the beginning and an analysis of the basic features of the State's economy provide the background of the account. The impact of the settled form of Government and a review of the Five Year plans during the last two decades forms the second part. The third part deals with the features peculiar to the State of Nagaland and the summary of the thesis. Furthermore, the works views the economic development of Nagaland not as an isolated phenomenon but as an integral part of the economic development of India as a whole, and its economic problems have been analysed in such a way so that its position in relation to its neighbouring states of the North Eastern Region and the country as a whole is portrayed.

The data sources for the work have been drawn from published documents official and non-official, unpublished records of Government Departments and findings of my own field work. While all possible care has been taken to check and weigh the materials, I am keenly conscious of the deficiencies and inaccuracies of the source materials acquired and used.
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