Preface

The Memba people are calm and peace loving in nature, dwelling in an unbelievably beautiful Valley of Menchuka. Like any other tribes of Arunachal Pradesh, they have their own unique culture and heritage, which they still continues to preserve. The Memba live in a distant area bordering with Tibet, away from mainland India. Due to my close association with many Memba people from my school days, inspired me to take keen interest to know more about the Memba community. The opportunity came when I was selected for PhD course in the Department of History, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh.

The present work, provides the first comprehensive and scientific account of Memba life of Menchuka Valley. It is my primary aim to present an in-depth and multifaceted study of the Memba’s socio-cultural, political, economic and religious aspect, which has not been done before on a historical point of view.

The work takes the form of an ethno-historical reconstruction that includes extensive use of Mamba’s oral tradition and their written sources. Most of the vernacular material set out in this research work is new knowledge and authentic. The work relies extensively on insight gained from fieldwork experience carried out during the last four years and is of a great value in interpreting and elaborating much of the data.

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