PREFACE

The Assamese culture and society is the result of a socio-cultural fusion amongst diverse ethnic groups. This process has been going on since times immemorable in Assam. Amongst these contributed ethnos, the Nepalese have also the significant role which contributed towards the growth and development of a composite Assamese culture and society. However, they are not prepared to submerge completely with the dominant culture of the native community leaving their own distinct language and culture. Like other ethnic communities, the Nepalese want to maintain distinct identity on the basis of their socio-cultural traits. The Nepalese, a community of Mongloid stock, linguistically belonging to Sino-Tibetan Language family.

As a member of Nepali community and grew up in the society, I felt necessary for a systematic study on the Socio-Economic Development of the Nepalese. Although, research has been done on the Nepalese community but no systematic and scientific study has been done on socio-economic development so far.

I have tried to complete my work on information collected from field study as well as of my experiences as an insider.

I have tried to give true picture of the socio-economic condition of the Nepalese in their life cycles. Further, this study focuses the trends of cultural change.
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