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Preface

Unity in diversity is the unique feature of India. Diversity of Indian society is neither repulsive nor isolated by nature but acts as a binding force by virtue of showing mutual love and respect for diversified beliefs and traditions of another segment of the society. Indian society has passed all tests of oppression and hatred to remain tolerant in the end. Temporarily, like all repulsive forces in the world, it too showed signs confinement at one or another point of time but in general it remained opened to receive positive changes. Invaders came along with their religion, language and culture. Indian society embraced all these and incorporated changes in its social fabric. Contemporary Indian society is a mix of its ancient values and those of invaders. Contemporary Indian society is the result of massive transformation it has undergone by discarding some of its own values and adopting new values that came with invaders. This transformation has increased its degree of diversity manifold. Contemporary Indian society still possesses the power to receive because of its principle value of "Vasudhev Kutumbukam".

North eastern states or seven sisters have always been treated as step daughters by mother India. This region, before and after independence of India, never got its due share of respect and care. It seems to be small and economically weak is curse for this region. Negligent attitude of federal government increased its problems manifolds. Unlike other parts of India it remained isolated from development and prosperity. North east is the hot bed of biological diversity and has huge

economical potential but this virtue of its still remains unexploited.

Present edited book is the outcome of the national seminar organized by department of education and sponsored by ICSSR-NERC and Rajiv Gandhi University. Seminar was organized to achieve the following objectives:

- To assess the issues and challenges of contemporary Indian society with special reference to north-eastern region.
- 2. To sensitize people about multi-faceted issues and challenges of contemporary Indian society with special reference to North-East India.
- To provide feedback to the government regarding various policies and programmes implemented, so far, to bring reform and development in the country.
- 4. To provide a forum to various academicians, research scholars, teachers, NGOs, students and others members of the society from different part of the country to exchange their ideas in the broad theme of the seminar.
- ${\bf 5.} \quad {\bf To \ suggest \ measures \ to \ improve \ the \ country \ from \ various \ socio-cultural, political \ and \ other \ crisis \ in \ the \ country.}$
- 6. To bring out presented papers of the seminar in the form of a book

After successful organisation of the national seminar with main theme "Contemporary Indian Society: Issues and Challenges with special reference to north east India" a total no. of 35 papers were selected to be published in the form of books. Volume –II contains seventeen papers encompassing- Higher and Elementary education issues in north east, environmental related problems of north east, and challenges faced by teacher education in this region.

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