



Social Sector Development in North-East India

Edited by:

[Ashok Pankaj](#) - Professor and former Director at the Council for Social Development, New Delhi

[Atul Sarma](#) - Chairman of the OKD Institute for Social Change and Development, Guwahati

[Antora Borah](#) - Research Associate at the Council for Social Development, New Delhi

December 2020 | SAGE India

Format	Published Date	ISBN	Price
Hardback	12/01/2020	9789353885328	₹1,595.00

Social Sector Development in North-east India is the first comprehensive book that makes a strong case for people-centric social sector development of North-east India. This book argues that human capital formation through social sector development should be the strategic goal of development of this region, as the prospect for service sector development is much higher compared to that of the primary and secondary sectors. This needs a course correction in the erstwhile approaches of development, which has been driven by political and strategic considerations such as national security and the territorial integrity of India. This book advances an argument for a shift in approach of development policy from top-down, infrastructure-focused to bottom-up, people-centric and social sector development-focused. It also critiques the mainstream understanding of North-east India that treats it as a geographical entity and a monolithic socio-cultural society, ignoring its rich ethnic diversities, cultural pluralities and regional variations.

Table Of Contents:

Preface

SECTION I Introduction

Ashok Pankaj, Atul Sarma and Antora Borah

Social Sector Development in North-east India

SECTION II Contexts

Chandan Kumar Sharma

Contextualizing Social Development in North-east India

Bimal Kumar Kar and Suli Yohana Ayemi

Demographic Changes in North-east India: Inter-temporal Variations in Population Growth and Composition

SECTION III Education

Saket Kushwaha, Sushanta Kumar Nayak and Jumi Kalita

Status of School Education in North-east India

Nirmali Goswami

Contextualizing Educational Attainment in Assam: Reflecting on 'Gender Gap

Jayashree Doley

Education, Modernity and Tribal Identities: Narratives of Schooling from Mishing Youths of Assam

SECTION IV Health

Sushanta Kumar Nayak and Geling Modi

Accessibility to Health Services in North-east India

Surajit Deb

Child Malnutrition in North-east India

SECTION V Poverty, Unemployment and Food Security

Joydeep Baruah

Poverty in North-east India: An Overview

Kalyan Das

Unemployment and Outmigration for Work from North-east India: How Does It Ensure Well-being?

Rajshree Bedamatta and Mahsina Rahman

Public Food Distribution System in Riverine Villages of Assam—A Cross-section Analysis

SECTION VI Governance

Bhupen Sarmah and Joseph K. Lalfakzuala

Nation State and North-east India: From Exclusion to Autonomy

Vanlalchhawna

Fiscal Decentralization and Development: A Study of Autonomous District Councils in Mizoram

Thongkholal Haokip

Making a Case for the Formation of Regional Councils within Sixth Schedule Area

SECTION VII Challenges

Patricia Mukhim

Unique Challenges to Social Sector Development in North-east India: An Insider's Perspective

Index

About the author(s):
