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India's North Eastern region is the home of different ethnic communities having their own languages, cultures, traditions and practices different from each other. Each communities and tribal groups of North East India are still preserving their distinct cultural identity. Unity in diversity can be say as one of the main feature of the region. This region includes seven contiguous states and among these states Assam is geographically largest in size. Keeping in mind the ethnic situation of the region this book entitled 'Ethnic Diversity in North East India' mainly discusses the different cultures and traditions of the region. The study and research on various socio-cultural and political traditions of the people will help to understand the ethnic situation of North East India and it will help for the development of nation building process. It will also strengthen the process of national integration of the region. The North Eastern region of India has vast source of history but its study and research in this aspects are still limited. It is very important to find out the hidden local history, cultural life of the ethnic groups, their agricultural life, religious practices, literature and educational development of the region. The unique ethnic diversity of North East India is a resource for the nation. The nation building process of the Government of India can't be complete without preserving the rich culture of the region. Research papers and articles written on ethnicity, culture, political conditions, religious practices and beliefs, festivals of ethnic groups, literature, social aspects, economic and agrarian aspects of the indigenous people of North East India has been included in this book. Assam College Teachers Association (ACTA) is doing various initiatives to study the ethnic communities and their problems to bring out solutions on different issues of the people. We hope that this book will opens up many new dimensions on the ethnic life of the people of this region.



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