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## Preface

I feel privileged to present to members of the Association and the general public this volume of Proceedings of the 39th session of the North East India History Association (NEIHA) held at Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya on 1-3 November 2018. This Volume comprises of papers presented in the various academic panels and minutes of the business meetings held during the 39th session. We are thankful to the Organising Committee and the College authorities for their untiring efforts which made the session a great success.

At the offset of the Inaugural Function, Dr. D. Wanswett, the Principal of Synod College, Shillong welcomed the invited guests and other attendees. Dr. Rajen Saikia (who was elected to be the President of the 39 session during the 38<sup>th</sup> session at Mirza) kindly accepted the position and presided over this session. Prof. Amrendra Kumar Thakur, General Secretary, NEIHA, presented an account of the activities of the Association in his address. Shri Vincent H. Pala, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha graced the Inaugural Function as Chief Guest and addressed the gathering. This was followed by the Presidential Address by Dr. Rajen Saikia. Their prowess and eloquence in oration left the gathering motivated and gave a great start to the session. Shri Kerl'ihok L. Buam, Local Secretary for the session presented the vote of thanks. The annual conference was attended by over two hundred members. Thus, it provided a platform for an academic congregation of teachers, students and researchers of history and its sister disciplines from northeast India and beyond to engage in insightful discourses through presentations of various papers.


All the participants of the session would recall with gratitude the affectionate hospitality of the management, faculty, other staff and students of Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya and people at large. The artists who participated in the cultural programmes performed exceedingly well and were highly appreciated. This was the seventh session of NEIHA to be held in Meghalaya. We are grateful to the enthusiastic history lovers in the state.

I, the Editor of the Volume and the entire Editorial Board strived to maintain a certain academic standard in its publication. I acknowledge the continued support rendered by Dr. Rajen Saikia, General President of the 39<sup>th</sup> session during and after the session and am greatly thankful to him for

the same. **During the presentation of papers in the different academic sections of the session critical comments for improvements were made by the respective Chairpersons and other attendees. The Editorial Board further screened the papers after their final submission for consideration for publication. Thus, the papers included in the Volume have been comprehensively reviewed.** I am also thankful to ICSSR-NERC, Shillong and the ICHR, New Delhi for providing financial support for holding the Session.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the Chairpersons of various academic sections during the three day session for their diligent comments on each and every paper. I am also thankful to the members of the Editorial Board for editing the papers and being decisive about their possible publication. Their commitment to the cause of NEIHA made my job as the Editor much easier. I would also like to thank the Treasurer, Prof. Amena N. Passah for managing the finances of NEIHA and Dr. Sagar Boruah for his dedication to NEIHA. My colleagues, research scholars and office staff of the Department of History, NEHU, Shillong also deserve my sincere thanks for helping us in running the Permanent Office of NEIHA and in the timely printing of the Proceedings Volume. In particular I am thankful to Dr. Raktim Patar, Dr. Rusievan Shangpliang, Ms. Babhador Khongdup and Ms. P. Gracefulness Bonney for their relentless services to NEIHA. Last but not the least Mr. Pradeep Kr. Shaha and his staff of Modern Offset, Shillong deserve our heartfelt thanks for their passionate efforts in getting the Volume ready in time for release during the 40<sup>th</sup> session.

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