

**EDITORIAL****Greetings!**

As we continue with the second issue of the journal since it went online, we have selected five papers which will be of good help to scholars and policy makers in addressing some of the pressing concerns in the northeast, especially in the state of Manipur.

One of the most interesting papers is the work of Dr. Sonthang Haokip who discussed in length the importance of Imphal city during the INA-Japanese campaign in the early part of the 1940s. The paper highlighted the never-die spirit of Subhas Chandra Bose, leader of the INA during and aftermath the retreat and surrender of the Japanese. Another equally interesting paper is the work of Elizabeth Misao and Dr. Priyanka Patowari which highlighted the plight of children in arm conflict. The scholar observed how ethnic conflicts became fertile grounds for recruitment of child soldiers, despite efforts made by government and non-governmental agencies to contain it. It also discussed the traumatic experiences children have to go through in life.

Dr. Onkholun Haokip paper presents *balkanization* in the context of the Yugoslavian experience, and relates it with the present situation of Manipur. The paper observes that *balkanization* and disintegration of a political unit happens with denial, subjection and mistreatment of minority communities by the majority. Constitutional and legal approach to end the crisis is what appears to be the most appropriate advice to solve the crisis. Two other papers, one by Dr. S. Hohoi, and another jointly by Dr. T. Thangjahao Haokip and Dr. Reimeingam discussed the irregularities in the implementation of various development schemes in Manipur. While Hohoi focus on the health care facilities and its implementation, Haokip and Reimeingam focus on the infrastructural disparity in the hills and valley districts of Manipur.

The above mentioned works which are presented elaborately is hoped to throw some light to the pressing issues which hunts Manipur for the past many years. I hope this particular issue can help administrators and policy makers in addressing some of the crisis Manipur is engulfed with.

Once again, heartiest congratulations to all contributors and best wishes to all who will take these works to further heights.

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