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Preface

I feel privileged to present to members and the general public this volume of Proceedings of the 37th session of the North East India History Association (NEIHA) held at Sikkim Government College, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim on 10-12 November 2016. This Volume is a collection of the papers presented in the various academic panels during the 37th session and also the proceedings of the business meetings of the Session. We are thankful to the College authorities for untiring efforts in successfully hosting the session.

Dr. Sunita Kharel, a faculty in the Department of History, Sikkim Government College and the Local Secretary of the Session welcomed the guests in the Inaugural function. Dr. Lily Alley, Principal, of the College and Chairman, Reception Committee and Mrs. Kavita Jaishi, Head, Department of History, of the College also spoke during the Inaugural function. Professor J. V. Hluna (who was elected at the 36th session at Mizoram to be the President of the 37th session) kindly accepted the position and presided over this session. Shri G. M. Gurung, Hon'ble Minister of Roads & Bridges and Cultural Affairs Department, Government of Sikkim, graced the occasion during the Inaugural session as the Chief Guest and Prof. T. B. Subbah, Vice-Chancellor, Central University, Sikkim as special guest. Shri Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia, Assistant Local Secretary proposed the vote of thanks. More than one hundred seventy outstation members attended the annual conference. It is a healthy sign for the discipline of history and the NEIHA that a large number of young teachers and research scholars of history and sister disciplines attended the session, presented papers in person.

All the participants of the session would recall with gratitude the affectionate hospitality of the management, faculty, other staff and students of Sikkim Government College, other colleges of Sikkim and people at large. The artists of the cultural programmes were excellent in their performances. We again record our appreciation and best wishes to all of them. We also appreciate the enthusiasm of history lovers for holding the session for the first time in Sikkim and most importantly in befitting manners. The organizers took care of the delegates and the latter did not face the impact of demonetization announced on the 8th of November 2016.

The Association is thankful to the Indian Council of Historical Research for the financial support advanced towards the publication of the Proceedings volume. As the Editor, I have tried my best with the help of the Editorial Board to maintain as far as possible a particular academic standard in publishing the volume. I gratefully record the support I received from Prof. J. V. Hluna,

General President during the session and after. Initially these papers, while being presented, had been given critical comments for improvements by the Presidents of the academic sections. After being submitted again these papers have been further screened by the Editorial Board. Thus these papers are fully reviewed. The Editorial Board has decided to not continue with the publication of abstracts from this Proceedings volume, so that there is greater space for significant papers. This step is regretted but the number of papers presented and selected for publication is so large that has left us with no other alternative.

It pleases me greatly to see that the style sheet of NEIHA is being followed by the paper presenters. We would also like to remind the esteemed members of NEIHA again that they should ensure that the revised papers should reach us within the last day announced in the business session. The time taking task of editing, composing, proof reading, etc. of such a large number of papers within a very limited time period is tough task to undertake and we can do the work upto the satisfaction of all NEIHA members only with the co-operation of all the papers presenters. **In this regard I would like to appeal to all the NEIHA members to precisely FOLLOW THE NEIHA STYLE SHEET and submit nearly typed papers and abstracts in duplicate for presentation at the session. The papers may also be sent to the General Secretary by email in the MS Word. This will help in improving the quality of the Proceedings.** I am also thankful to ICSSR-NERC, Shillong and the ICHR, New Delhi for providing financial support towards holding the Session.

Finally, I would like to say a very special word of thanks to the members of the Editorial Board for editing the papers and deciding the status of the same. I would also like to thank the Treasurer, Prof. Amena N. Passah for managing the finances of NEIHA and Dr. Sagar Boruah for helping in every way. My colleagues, research scholars and office staff of the Department of History, NEHU, Shillong also deserve my sincere thanks for helping us in various ways to run the permanent office of NEIHA and the printing of the Proceedings Volume in time. In particular I am thankful to Mr. Raktim Patar, Ms. Benora B. Masharing, Ms. Iadeshisha Ladia, Ms. Babhador Khongdup, Ms. Menute-u Vero, Ms. Iwasankini Rymbai, Mr. Shafi Ahmad Khanday and Mr. Lasoborki Pynngap for their support and concern. Last but not the least Mr. Pradeep Kr. Shaha and his staff of Modern Offset, Shillong deserve our heartfelt thanks for their interest in the work and their efforts in getting the Volume ready in time for release during the 38th session.

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