PREFACE

The present study entitled DIMENSIONS OF SOCIAL CHANGE IN A NORTH EAST INDIAN VILLAGE : THE STUDY OF NARSINGPUR IN BARAK VALLEY OF ASSAM. This study is an attempt to analyse the nature of social changes in Narsingpur village of Cachar district in Barak Valley of Assam. It deals with the various Dimensions of social change such as social, cultural, economic and power dimensions of life in the village. The *first* chapter that is concerned with the Conceptual Frame work that includes the conceptual formulation of the problem, methodology and implications of the study in the light of the studies on Indian villages in India as available in sociological and anthropological literature. The *Second* Chapter deals with the Locale of the Study which takes account historical, demographic, social, cultural and political formations in the Barak Valley, Assam, North East India and in Narsingpur village along with the currently existant structures. The *third* chapter on the Social Dimension of life comprises the structures based on religion, caste, family, marital status, gotra and sex of population in the village. The *fourth* chapter on the Cultural Dimensions contains various cultural codes such as education, health, communication, fairs, festival and other living patterns of the village. The *fifth* chapter on Economic Dimension attempts to analyze the occupational differntiation and diversification among the family and individuals in the village. The *sixth* chapter discusses the Power Dimension consisted of formal and informal structures of various institutions in the village. The *seventh* chapter summarises the entire discussion in the forgoing chapters and lays out the emerging structural patterns in various dimentions of life in the village.