

possible. Due to limited fund, and the first of the its kind, publication there may be unforced errors I request the readers to bear with us in our shortcoming. I hope this till be useful for the generation to come and serve the purpose for which it had been published.

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The North Cachar District is one of the two hill districts of Assam, which enjoy the status of Autonomous District under the provision of the sixth schedule to the constitution of India. Paragraph four & five of the sixth schedule of the constitution of India empower the Autonomous District Council to constitute village court, Subordinate Court and District Council Court for trial of suits & cases between the parties, of all of whom belong to schedule tribes to the exclusion of any court of the state except the High Court and the supreme court. The N.C. Hills Autonomous District (Administration of Justice) Rules 1955 and constituted the village court, Subordinate Court and District Council Court.

The main hill tribes living in N.C. Hills District are : the Dimasas, The Zeme Nagas, the Kukis, the Hmars, the Khasis, The Bietes, The Hrangkhols etc. There are customary rules and traditions in every society and particulars it is very strong among the tribal society and customary laws settle most of the Dispute. It is of urgent need to codify so that the younger generation to know about their customs.

In order to safeguard and preserve the rich customary practices of various tribal people living in the district, the Autonomous District Council has taken steps to publish Book on customary practice of tribal living in this district.

I am greatly honoured to write foreword, as the Book is outcome of the painstaking and hard labour done by the authors. It is bound to be immense value to the future generation and the Council Court. I am grateful to the present Executive Committee of the Autonomous District headed by Shri Purnendu Langthasa, Chief executive Member for providing fund to publish the Book on Tribal customary practices.