

Abstract

Arunachal Pradesh, the erstwhile NEFA, is essentially a tribal state of India's North East Region which reflects huge diversity in terms of its natural resource base as well cultural parameters. This state is also having huge strategic significance as it shares boundaries with China, Tibet, Bhutan and Myanmar. Moreover, this is the largest state in the region and consist of large number of major and minor tribes many of whom represent certain commonalities as well as distinctiveness. Present deliberation is an attempt to understand the nature of tribal transformation in this bordering state in a holistic perspective by underscoring evolving issues and concerns of the variegated tribes who are historically exposed to various forces of transformation.