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I was born and brought up in the region and heard many stories from my childhood about the great achievements of Koch king Naranarayan and other kings of the dynasty which inspired me to take up the subject as my research topic from the core of my heart. Besides, the Koch dynasty and king Naranarayan not only played the most important role in the contemporary regional political history of North-East India but also in the history of all intra human affairs of the region. However, it has trickled into the history of India without proper attention. The studies in the history of the Koch kingdom, especially the reign of king Naranarayan have so far been undertaken as a part of the history of either Assam or Bengal and not much pages have been devoted to highlight the times of king Naranarayan. This also inspired me to take up the topic for my area of research to construct the separate and complete history of king Naranarayan and his times.

I took up the present work after my post graduation as research scholar of the University of North Bengal in 1999. However, I could not continue the work as a research scholar owing to my joining as a Lecturer of the college and other various family problems. In spite of that, I never gave up hope and after some time, I again continued the work. As a result, it took comparatively long time to finalize the work.

In the present work, I tried to explore the background of the political formation and evolution in the region, racial identity of king Naranarayan, his role in the process of political formation in Koch Behar and his relations with other contemporary rulers of Bengal and northeast India. The study highlights as to how king Naranarayan himself accelerated and patronized the socio-economic and cultural changes and developments of the region and as well as Neo-Vaisnavite movement of Sankaradeva which revolutionized the religious and socio-cultural pattern of the whole northeast India.

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