

## Preface

The present Ph.D. thesis 'Administrative Development in Contemporary Darjeeling Hills: A politico Historical Analysis' tries to explore the origin and development of the administrative development in the Darjeeling Hills. The administrative problems in the hills are those problems which have constantly been haunting the political leaders of the State and the Centre and also the academicians. It is a regional problem but has drawn the attention of the whole world. Darjeeling, also known as the Queen of the Hills, more famous for its scenic beauty became the epicenter of the agitation.


Attempt has been made to trace origin and development of the local issues including the Gorkhaland agitation which is one of the crucial issues.

An effort has been made to examine the problem from the perspective of democratic governance, historical background and also that of ground level politics.

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