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The study seeks to find out the roots of the present ethnic unrest of North Bengal as well as the mobilization pattern of demographic changes, involving of an old, yet new ethnic community, the Rajbanshis / Kamtapuris in the multiethnic society of North Bengal.

As a man of the soil as I consider myself to be a man of North Bengal by my birth, notwithstanding the fact, that I belonged to a displaced family of the then East Bengal following the communal violence, I felt keen interest about the basic causes of the ethnic unrest of North East states of India, particularly, the Northern Part of West Bengal where such unrest was completely absent in the pages of history. Now, an atmosphere of distrust among the different communities has been clouded over the long harmonious relation between the different communities of this area.

I started enquiring and collecting the information from different sources from the whole of North East as I found that there was close ethnic bondage among the different ethnic groups of this vast area not only from the anthropological point of view but in the same time from the socio-historical account. I began to write about the issue in different magazines, newspapers, seminar, and published several books on the depicted matter.

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