

PREFACE

The history of the Darjeeling hills is some what neglected area of research especially in a systematic manner of historical perspective. Some scholars, writers and academicians have contributed in the studies of urbanization of Darjeeling. Many popular writers in local magazines and periodicals have focused on the development Darjeeling from slightly historical viewpoint during the colonial and post colonial period. The selected studies focuses to the issues of push and pull factors for immigration in this area during the Colonial and post Colonial period, rapid expansion of tea gardens as well as emerging political tensions. The objective of the work is to investigate the transformation of Darjeeling hills into demographic, economic and political sphere. The transfer of the territory from the son's of the soil to the migrants in this region has created a long term ethnic problem. The proposed study intends to explore the demography, economy and politics of Darjeeling hills which has been largely focuses area of study.