

# **Developmental Challenges in Northeast India: A Mizoram Context**

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## **Abstract:**

This article is meant to study the role of state and non-state actors that contributed for the governance and developmental process in the Northeast India in general and Mizoram in particular. Discouraging a few responses of the governmental agencies, the article has focused on nongovernmental players that were engaged in the developmental process. In contrast to the role that non-state actors like the civil society played in the mainland India, their participation in the North East India is remarkable. Examining a few known concepts and practices in the theory and practice of development, the article tries to contextualize the background related to the development of North East India. It suggests for addressing genuine issues of ethnic identity within the existing democratic arrangement if long-term peace and development is to ensured.

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