



An Insider's Experience of Insurgency in India's North-East

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Description

A rare analysis that – for the first time – examines the crises of a region mired in political strife and ambiguity.

'Soldier's talk by a soldier – Lt General Mukherjee gives a crisp unvarnished account of our north-east and what ails it, with empathy, emphasis, and the personal knowledge of someone who has been there. I strongly support and fully endorse everything that Lt. General Mukherjee has said in his book. But the problem is: will anyone who matters ever read this book? Will anyone listen?' – *General Shankar Roychowdhury PVSM (Retd), Former Chief of Army Staff, Indian Army*

Written with empathy and lucidity, Mukherjee's book combines hard fact with sensitive insight in his approach to the region's landscape, people and history. The author analyses problems intrinsic to this enigmatic area, offering viable solutions where possible. As former Chief of Staff of the Eastern Command, Mukherjee forms astute observations about the north-east's conditions. Drawing on his 41 years of experience with north-eastern soldiers, ex-servicemen and their families, he is able to explore the perspectives of both the north-eastern people and those who oppose them.

Readership: Historians and students of the region.

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