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Editorial ~~~

The Department of Political Science, Sipajhar College which celebrated its Silver Jubilee a year ago, with a grand success, has for the first time, made a great endeavour to publish this journal named '**IDEAS: A Journal of Multidisciplinary Thoughts**' annually. The journal is expected to focus on different ideas and concept of the political events concerning primarily with different aspects of the society. It carries out analytical views on several facts regarding principles of government as well as the new ideas incorporating the matters political and non-political; governmental and non-governmental and thus resolves to come forward for action, reaction and interaction.

The Ethnic Conflict and Politics

Multiculturalism and Multi-religious society no doubt faces some problems like ethnicity and it breeds in the fear of insecurity. In other words, contemplation of minority in the native culture, tradition, customs religion etc. requiring security creates ethnic problem. The fact is that different classes and groups have to spend their days amidst the fear of existence. The people therefore march forward to agitate for safety and security. They want to preserve their respective culture which is menaced to ruin as a result of incessant encroachment.

Assam is now in the grave of serious problem of ethnicity which has resulted in the loss of peace and security. Instead, murder, looting, raping, kidnapping etc. have been experienced in the affected areas. The existing conflict between the tribal i.e. the Bodos and the Muslims spreads all-over Assam. Here, Bodo Radicals and Muslim Fundamentalists are the two different elements found to play frightful role in creating such a cruel as well as violent disturbances. It seems that the two communities involving in the tumult situation which has recently taken place in some

areas like Dhuburi, Kokrajhar, Nalbari, Chirang etc. were Bodo and Muslim. But it is definitely a misunderstanding. Most agree to the saying that misunderstanding creates enmity which might devastate all. Such is the case happened to this recent incidents. To speak the truth, behind the incident, there is obviously a third element i.e. illegal immigrants mostly coming from Bangladesh causing interruption as well as encroachment. Ethnic disturbances are thus created as a result of influx of illegal immigrants who threaten to occupy the land of BTAD. The Bodo people always demand that BTAD area must belong to them as they consider themselves sons of soil and no other people have the right to interfere with their rights. From this point of view, it is a serious violent clash between Bodos and those non-Bodos including Muslim community, so called minority. It is not a serious problem for the Bodo populated area since the minority Assamese Muslim people cannot be a threat to the Bodo culture and tradition. But as the years roll on, the Bodo people come to feel insecurity of their culture, tradition and even their livelihood and it is none but anti-social elements viz. illegal immigrants who enter like dragons polluting the entire area of the two communal brethren.

So far as solution of this ethnic disturbance is concerned, misunderstanding between the two groups belonging to community of Bodo and Muslims must be eliminated and the wave of illegal foreigners must be stopped. In this regard, Government must play as good interpreter in taking bold step for detecting, deleting and deporting those immigrants who have come to appear as a great threat to all the Assamese including Bodos, native Muslims and others and thus restore peace and security.

Dibakar Ch. Das