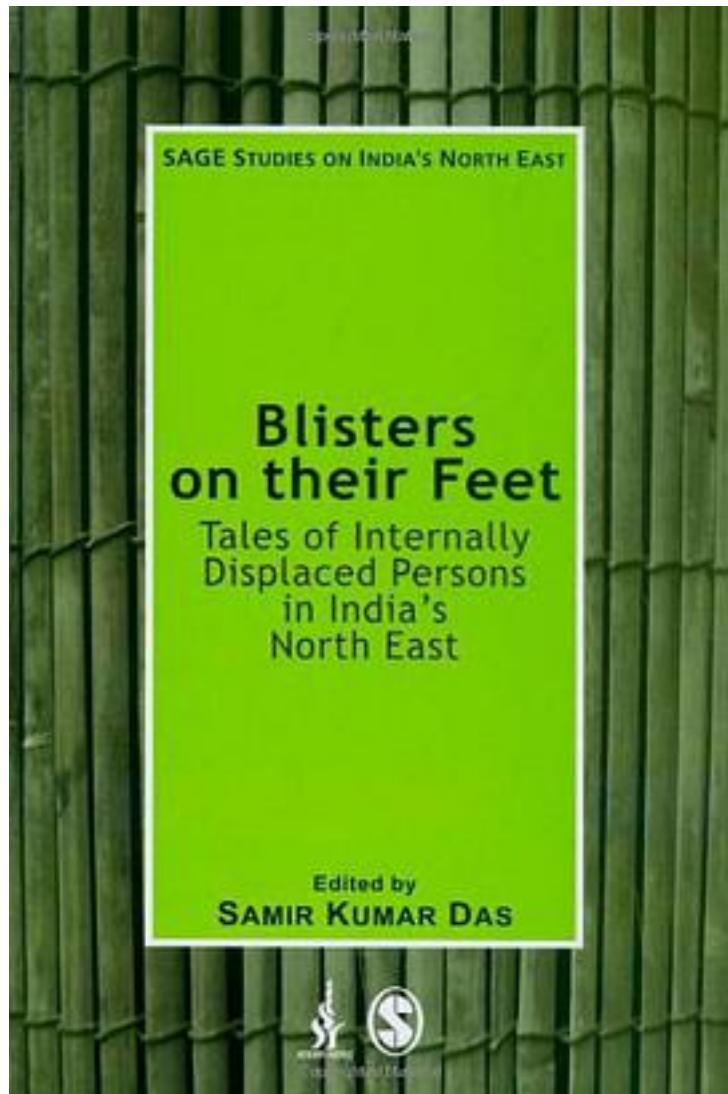


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This book is a comprehensive study on India's North East where violence, development and natural disasters that lead to eviction and displacement of 'citizens' within a country produce more Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) than refugees. Dwelling upon this debate, the book discusses the two major sources of displacement, conflict and development, and presents a compendium of case studies drawn from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Tripura - the four worst-affected states of the region. The Introduction to the book highlights the silenced aspects of displacement, drawing upon the implications of the case studies presented and bringing them to the centre of any future theoretical enquiry into the society and politics of the region. *Blisters on their Feet: Tales of Internally Displaced Persons in India's North East* provides contrasting perspectives on what is often considered a simple answer to displacement, and views the phenomenon as a logical culmination of a package of policies initiated and undertaken in the region, particularly in the age of globalization. The case studies display rare insight, human rights sensitivity and commitment, sans any theoretical pretensions. The book serves as a useful key in placing the North East in the newly emergent discourse on displacement and brings it to the forefront of the public agenda. It offers important insights for policy makers and analysts, research scholars, human rights activists, lawyers, developmental specialists, students and socially concerned citizens.

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