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## Preface

This book is the outcome of the National Seminar on "Urbanisation and its impact on the environment" organized by Department of Geography, Government Aizawl North College between 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. Under the umbrella of the themes, there are many sub- themes which are related to urbanization. Urbanization is an outcome of demographic expansion which results from the natural increase as well as rural-urban migration. Rapid increase in the population in urban areas has led to lowering in the quality of life and deterioration of environment. The present publication is an endeavour to identify the multifarious urban problems associated with population growth.

In 2019, the United Nations has estimated that more than half the world's population (4.2 billion people) live in urban area and by 2041, it will increase to 6 billion people. The effects of urbanization are diverse. Urbanization presents both positive and negative effects. Some of the positive impacts include efficient services especially availability of labours to the increasing industries in the urban areas. The increase in the population helps the increasing industries whereby promoting the general economy of the country. With increase population, there is significant growth in the commercial activities in the cities and towns. At the same time, a rapid increase in the population has led to congestion in the cities and emergence of slum