

## ABSTRACT

### **POLITICS OF MIGRATION IN NORTH-EAST INDIA: EXPLORING THE ROOTS OF BELONGINGNESS IN SIDDHARTHA DEB'S THE POINT OF RETURN**

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North-East India occupies an important place in the Indian sub-continent. Geographically, India's North-East is rich in bio-diversity which hosts a large number of flora and fauna in the heart of the territory, which is a home to numerous species of plants and animals in the lap of nature. Known as the 'Seven-Sister' states of India, the region is also a home to various tribes sharing the land and space since times immemorial. However, historically, the region has faced various issues from time to time. Conflicts ranging from the issues related to sharing the land with other tribes to gaining superior autonomy and independence, India's North-East is considered to be a region full of conflicts which one can locate historically as well as in the present day scenario as well. Since the region shares its boundaries with international countries as well, the issue of migrancy, immigration and infiltration of the so called 'foreign people' in the land becomes a rampant issue in the region. Questioning the issue of law, citizenship and the recent ongoing issue in the country regarding the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), this paper explores the dynamics of migration and its after effects both in the lives of the migrants and the local people offering the space for living in North-East India with reference to Siddhartha Deb's *The Point of Return* (2002).

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