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Prof. Xaxa is an eminent academician and scholar of sociology who has been involved in developmental academics for more than 30 years. He is an alumnus of IIT, Kanpur from where he awarded his Ph.D for Agrarian Social Structure and Class Relations in North Bengal. Prof. Xaxa commenced his career with the North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) and was also the also faculty at Delhi School of Economics & Tata Institute of Social Sciences. He was a Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellow at SOAS, University of London (1988) and a Fulbright Fellow at University of California Santa Cruz, USA (1998). He held the Rajiv Gandhi Chair in Contemporary Studies at North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong from 2006-2008. Virginius Xaxa is at present Professor of Eminence at Tezpur University. As a researcher, he is interested in sociological concerns of plantation labourers, tribal communities, agrarian structure and development, social exclusion and marginalization and has published many books and articles. At present, he is member of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society and Giri Institute of Development Studies. He is also member of the Advisory Committee, University with Potential for Excellence Phase II, Central University of Hyderabad. Prof. Xaxa has been a member of the National Advisory Council of the Government of India and Chairperson of High Level Committee for study of socio-economic, educational and health status of the tribal communities in the country.