

## **Communitisation of Electricity Management: A Reflection of Political Participation for Sustainable Democracy**

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### **Abstract**

Communitisation is an important driver of political participation that reflects in Naga community as it is based on the triple 'T' approach - Trust the user Committee, Train them to discharge their new found responsibilities and Transfer governmental powers and resources in respect of management. Naga people owes pride of a rich historical resource in the form of community, spirit and community action as a way of life. With the tremendous interface of people far and wide daunted with various global challenges, the Naga spirit of traditional efficiency stands at the threshold. In the truest spirit to this call, the State Government of Nagaland evolved a unique way of empowerment of community through the process of Communitisation. Communitisation of electricity management through single point metering (SPM) was introduced in 2002 to check the chronic problem of distribution loss. The primary objective of the paper will, therefore look specifically into the power sector of the state which is one targeted dependable amenity for brighter existence of life. This paper is a reflection of how communitisation can contribute towards greater participation, improved efficiency and consolidation of gains by sharing of resources, responsibility and ownership for a sustainable community. In hindsight the Naga electorates' consistent patterns of political participation calls for emulating in strengthening the ultimate concept of communitisation.

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