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Case Studies from Northeast India
and Orissa

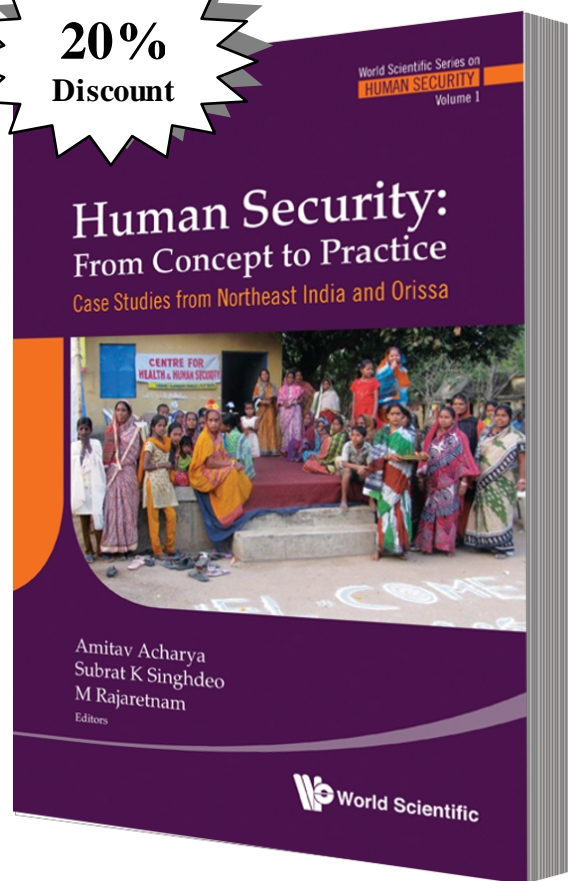
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Key Features:

- One of the few books that examines human security in India
- Among the first books to develop practical applications of human security
- Explores human security measurement at subnational levels, including provincial and district levels

Human security is a new paradigm for security, development and justice. Since it was first proposed in the 1990s, there has been an endless debate between its proponents and critics, and even among its advocates, over the meaning and utility of the concept. What is important now is to move the concept beyond the realm of theory and explore its practical applications, considering possible policy perspectives and implications. This book suggests new practical applications of the human security concept, such as human security mapping, the human security governance index and human security impact assessment. Using Northeast India and Orissa as case studies, the methodology introduced in this path-breaking book can be applied to conflict zones worldwide. By designating the individual rather than the state as the referent object of security, human security is emerging as a framework that can serve as a means to evaluate threats, foresee crises, analyze causes of discord and propose solutions entailing a redistribution of responsibilities.

Readership: Researchers, professionals and non-governmental organizations dealing with human security issues.



Contents:

- Introduction: Human Security from Concept to Practice (*A Acharya et al.*)
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- Human Security Mapping in Conflict Zones: The Case of Northeast India (*N G Mahanta*)
- Conflict and Development in the Context of Human Security in Northeast India (*D Sharma*)
- A Human Security Index for Orissa, India (*Madhyam Foundation*)
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