centuries. Empowerment of woman, in the true sense of the word, is the only solution to this pathetic and desperate condition, particularly in the rural sector. The study is inspired by the desire to share with the world, the heroic role of the NGOs in Tamil Nadu, with special reference to Thanjavur District, in liberating women from caste prejudices, meaningless social taboos and male chauvinism. A close look at the good work done by the NGOs of Thanjavur District has provided enough indication of the true dawn for the woman of India in the not distant future when she can march forward shoulder to shoulder with men, to usher in a Bharath of which great souls like Mahatma Gandhiji’s had dreamt of. That golden dawn is not far off; and that is the true message of this dissertation.

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