Preface

The contemporary literature on labour process has its focus on the features of the labour process as they appear in the developed hemisphere of the globe. The study of labour process in a transitional economy in the context of the Third World in which pre-capitalism is both preserved and destroyed in the course of its development in the present era, still remains under-focused. The present dissertation is a modest attempt to explore the features of the labour process under such a setting.

In order to study the labour process in a transitional economy, I concentrate on the textile industry in India, more specifically the handicrafts of textiles – the sector which itself is undergoing in a transformation. The present study is based on a field survey without which a qualitative study on labour process is not possible. For the field study, I have selected the weaving industry of Nadia district – one of the leading districts in handloom in West Bengal.

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