PREFACE

This thesis has been prepared for the Degree of Philosophy in Law of the University of Calcutta. In this exercise, an attempt has been made to analyze the emerging legislative and judicial trends in the law of rape in India in victimological perspective.

Rape is the most gruesome and barbaric act perpetrated against woman. It is a gross violation of her bodily integrity and honor. Occurrences of rape have never ceased to exist. On the contrary, it has multiplied beyond limits. Keeping in view the gravity of the offence and the sad plight of its victims, the present writer has felt the inclination to pen down, in the present thesis, her thoughts on it.

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