ABSTRACT OF THE THESIS

This topic mainly acknowledges the different social issues of both the national as well as the international society between the time periods of 2001 to 2006. Some of them which have been considered are natural calamity, terrorism, socio-political issues, communal violence, accidents or disaster, social crime and social justice. There are many events which comes under these issues that again have been considered are Gujarat earthquake, Nepalese royal massacre, Manipur problem, Assassination of Phoolan Devi, September 11 attacks, War in Afghanistan, Indian Parliament attack, Attack on American Centre, Kolkata, Murder of Daniel Pearl, Godhra train burning, Gujarat violence, U.S. Space Shuttle Columbia Disaster, The invasion of Iraq by the U.S., Mumbai blasts (2003 & 2006), Stealing of the Nobel Prize of Rabindranath Tagore, Hannah Foster murder case, Abu Ghraib Prisoner abuse, Hanging of Dhananjoy Chatterjee, Killing of Veerappan, Tsunami devastation, Kashmir Earthquake, Killing of Pramod Mahajan, The trial and death of Saddam Hussein, Noida serial murder case etc. The four major national dailies have been chosen are The Statesman, The Hindu, The Times of India and The Indian Express. Two magazines i.e. India Today and Frontline and NDTV have also been taken for their coverage. A survey of 400 people have been done from the 4 major metropolitan cites.

Initially I have started with giving the brief idea about the major social events that I have chosen chronologically. They are the major twenty five social events under the seven major social issues. Then I took interpreting every individual 25 major social events according to their corresponding years (i.e. from 2001 – 2006) as separate chapters. Again I took the individual seven social issues as separate chapters and divided those twenty five social events under those chapters. Afterwards I analyzed every event taking the help of different newspapers and magazines i.e. the print media and TV Channel i.e. the electronic media and finally reached a conclusion after every social event and social issue. Moreover, I have analyzed the survey report also. At the end my research findings were there and I concluded with both statistical and content analysis.