Preface

As the society moves from agriculture and household industry to organized industry and service, the traditional division of labour ceases to operate and the complimentary relationship of the family is substituted by the competitive one among the individual units of labour. Subsequently educational opportunity made it possible for women to adopt a career. India constitution gave the guarantee to the opportunity and Law gave them protection and security.

With all these opportunities, though women came forward to take their share in the labour market, entry of women in the professional world of men, especially in the non-traditional profession is a recent one. Quite a few women became professionally occupied not only due to the shortage of money but to establish their independent identity in the society. However the professional scope of women brings not only additional earning, status, self-confidence, autonomy, a new perspective of self, but also generates numerous problems. Especially in this selected area where winds of feudal culture, still blow in the width and breadth of the locality, Professional women face acute role conflict while trying to combine the two roles, professional and the home-marker.

The work ‘Professional career of women in undivided Goalpara District: A critical Analysis’ is chosen because my purpose here is to analyse the different dimensions involved in the life of professional women
through developing a critical approach to the situation. For this purpose, the whole work is divided into eight chapters.

Chapter one, ‘Introduction’, deals mainly with the changing status of women in general with methodology significance and related literature.

In Chapter two the ‘Legal Status’ of women in general and Professional women in special is discussed.

In Chapter three, the socio-economic and educational profile of the respondents is examined.

In Chapter four, it is attempted to investigate into the family and personal life of professional women.

The working life of professional women is explored in Chapter five.

The challenges and achievement in professional women’s life are disclosed in Chapter six.

Chapter Seven stretches the different dimension of Professional women’s life through the individual case studies.

The findings and conclusions of the whole investigation with some suggestive remarks are drawn in the eight Chapter.

The work is chosen and written with condor and conviction. I feel that what I have discussed and analysed is necessary but not sufficient. I hope more and more scholars will take up research in this field which has a lot to be explored.

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