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The thesis titled ‘Problems of Women Journalists in India and Thailand: A Comparative study’ aims to spotlight the role, and problems incurred thereby, of women journalists in the aforesaid countries. Women in journalism, basically, have had three aspects worth mentioning. The former is the ‘object of news’ – often sensationalized to increase the circulation of newspaper; the two latter aspects are due to women entering the profession and advancing as journalists alongside male colleagues. The thesis, however, renders primary concern to the two latter aspects, since the role and problems of women journalists as the ‘messenger’ is focused.

The methods used for data collection based on qualitative and quantitative study as well. The former was conducted through personal interview; the latter was through questionnaire distribution. It is important to note that whereas the interviews often reflect certain reality of the respondents, the questionnaires may show the doubt or uncertainty of the respondent’s answer.
Furthermore, in-depth social history of and social background of women journalism has been compiled to help the readers to understand the women journalists. The domestic culture in which the women journalists grow and to some extent the foreign culture which opened journalism and writing to them as possible career, had serious an obvious influence on their lives. In addition, the tables required for quantitative analysis of the work are featured as the essential consideration of the text.