In recent years much attention has been paid on the process of urbanization and change in relation to environmental set-up. The foremost reason behind is that urbanization and environment both are regarded as a global phenomenon for the entire society. So the environmental changes have been drawing wide spread of attention among the thinkers of different disciplines for scientific enquiry. The populations of Assam were predominantly living in the rural areas of different parts. Due to the advent of urbanization process in the states of Assam, it leads to migration of people from rural areas to urban areas. Therefore the gatherings of people in urban areas have influences on environments both natural as well as social. Though, Assam is naturally beautiful in her endowed areas but presently urbanization has broken her original beauty. So the changes are not only occurred on natural sides but also it reflects the social changes among the people of Assam.

Man is basically an intruder in natural landscape. Unprecedented population growth, unregulated urbanization has brought in to conflicts between man and his natural as well as social environments. Human developments are influenced by the rapid change which alters the human settings especially in urban areas. Modern technologies and forces, industrial and constructional growth, expansion of city areas, immigration and population growth result in many ecological, social and biological changes in the towns of Assam. Some changes are beneficial to human development and improve the levels of standard of living. But
other changes have created new problems for us. Rightly, the environmental change is favorable as well as unfavorable alteration of our surroundings through the by-products of man's action i.e. urbanization.

I am greatly indebted to Prof. C.K. Gogoi, Former Professor, Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University, and Professor of Sociology, Nagaland University, who guide me to upgrade the quality of my present research work. Only by his scholarly guidance, inspiring suggestion, the work could be completed. I also express my sincere gratitude to Dr. P. Sarmah, Head, Department of Sociology, Prof. J. Borbora, Prof. (Mrs) S.V. Borbara, Prof. A.K. Bora, Dr. J.P. Saikia, Dr. Bikash Deka, and all the faculties of Sociology Department for constant inspirations, precious suggestion for improvement of my research work.

In doing of my research work, I received support and assistance from a large number of well wishers. Hence, the thanks go to my brother, Mr. Gunaram Kalita, Associate Prof. (History), Dr. Prasanta Phukan, Associate Professor, (Sociology) of Lakhimpur Kendriya Mahavidyalaya, Dr. Sonaram Kalita, Associate Prof. (History) of Panigaon Omprakash Dinodia Colloge, Dr. Anil Kr. Kalita (M.D.), Senior Medical Officer, Dibrugarh University, Mr. Gopal Hazarika, Field Officer of Lakhimpur Agricultural Department, Mr. Chandan Kumar Borah, Lecturer, Nowboicha Junior collage, my friend as well as my colleague, Mr. Manik Ch. Nath, Assistant Prof. (History) and the all College family members of T.T.N. College, brother Kamal Borah and Jayanta Phukan, who have encouraged me to go through the compilation of my research work.
The work would not have been given a final shape without the support of central library of Dibrugarh University and other offices. I am equally beholden and enriched by the writings and ideas of many eminent authors and writers in this discipline of study and bibliography attached at the end of the thesis bears the testimony of the same.

The work would not complete without the light of the blessings of my parents and all of my family members. Therefore, I would also express the indebtedness of them and I owe to all of them. I remain indebted to all officials of Sociology Department of Dibrugarh University and the members of AC Computer Networld of Dibrugarh University Market Complex for their kind help and cooperation.

Date : (Tuniram Kalita)

Place :