

Acknowledgement

A plethora of social problems awaits diagnosis and appropriate measures. One such problem centres around gender studies. Vast information is required to develop a critical understanding of their problems, to bring about their betterment, as society moves ahead with modernization. In the case of Darjeeling, a colonial creation having its own post colonial dilemmas, the changing identity of the hill women is one such focus which needs to be properly examined and interpreted from the stand point of the 'other' or the natives themselves. My research on this vibrant theme, locating the strength of the Darjeeling women from 1835-1985 was possible only due to the help given by people from all walks of life. Therefore I take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude for helping me complete this work.

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