

## Preface

Development of a community is judges by the position of women in the society. In a society where there is negligence of women that society or community can not develop. But, women are by and large neglected a lot and also suffer low status in the society. She has contributed to low female literacy rates, early marriage, high fertility, high infant mortality, high maternal mortality and declining sex-ratio. My research works on the "*Status and Role of Bodo Women in the Northern part of the Brahmaputra valley in Assam (1919-2003)*". But due to the vast area of the Brahmaputra Valley special reference has been chosen to Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC). Bodo community is socially, economically, educationally and politically one of the most backward tribe in lower Assam. Being a member of the same community, from my childhood I have seen how much the Bodo women has struggled for maintaining their day today family life as well as in taking care of their children. Despite their hard works and significant role in the family as well as in the society their contribution is perceived to be secondary by the Bodo society. Therefore, in order to give equal status and honour the contributions of women's towards the development of the Bodo community as a whole I have chosen as my research topic on the - *Status and Role of Bodo Women in Northern part of Brahmaputra Valley in Assam*, particularly in the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) Assam. This work is an outcome of my extensive field work and research. Since I

belong to the same community, I could easily access deeply into the Bodo socio-economic and cultural set up and able to collect necessary knowledge without much difficulty about the topic.

I work hard to present all the findings facts, chronology and information as authentic as possible and tried to analyse them critically and systematically. Besides, I have tried to use all the available sources both used and unused information very carefully in order to make more meaningful of the study.

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