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COTTON WEAVING INDUSTRY OF NADIA : 1773 - 1977, A CASE STUDY OF SANTIPUR AND PHULIA, the research is aimed to explain the ups and down of the handloom industry of Nadia over a span of 200 years that has touched the social, economic political aspects of life. Despite all barriers and crises the weavers of Phulia and Santipur have survived and retained their identity. At present it has evolved as the epitome of exquisite design and quality earning accolades from all over the world. I have tried to highlight the incessant, long struggle of the weavers of Santipur and their indomitable courage and spirit. Whereas their counterparts at Phulia has shown equally responsible and committed in 1977 when they formed the cooperatives and added a different dimension to the weavers' struggle for existence in Nadia.

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