

PREFACE

The History of women in Medieval Assam especially under the Ahoms were events of historical that required special from the deep study of the research scholars. With the aims in view the subject matter had been selected for detailed study of the status of women under the Ahom rule in Assam. Casual references and related study of the facts and figures of Kamrupa, the name of Ancient Assam and other parts of Northern India has been made.

Findings of the Study :

As our study was started wt the hypothesis that during Medieval Assam Woman enjoyed very dignified status and Played very important Role in Political, social, economic, religious and cultural affairs in the state.

In the study we have clearly discussed all the relating matters of the women of Assamese Hindu family, Tribal family and the women of Muslim families and found that there are ample examples to prove our assumption. A minute and deep study of the thesis will prove all our hypothesis.

Thus the elaboration of the thesis may be concluded with the conception that the women of Medieval Assam enjoyed dignified life. They had special status in the family matters. In the family women play various play various stages of life. She is a daughter, she is a sister, she is a mother, she is a wife and so on. Women are the key person in the family to maintain all house hold matters. They are the backbone of the family. In agricultural field women play a dominant role. They are main preserver of a family economy. Women are the main source of cultural matters of a society. Women are source of creation of poetry, music, literature and language.

In the political matters of the Country played very high position. The Queen mothers played special role to assist the kings in court matters.

Women enjoy a prestigious place in religious matters. Women are considered as the symbol of Knowledge and Wisdom, they are the central point of Strength and Energy, and they keep the power of destruction. Therefore women are worshiped as the Goddess of Saraswati, Kali and Durga. They are also considered as Lakshmi. All these images signify the status of women in the society.

The status of women in the tribal families was also better and congenial. The Muslim society of Assam gave special position to the women folk in the society. In fact the religion Islam provoked with the message of women emancipation. But unfortunately, due to the lack of proper knowledge and misinterpretation of the religious tenants, some anti social and inhumane events are also seen to have happened against women in Muslim society. But in general the status of women was found good in comparison to other places.

Thus the study may be summed up with the conception that women enjoyed a life of high dignity. The Ahoms could provide the people a life of peace and security where people could lead a life of mutual coexistence with their male counter parts.

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