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Preface

In India, since long back, women were considered as an oppressed section of the society and they were neglected for centuries. Gender disparities occur in different spheres of society. They occur in Education, work force participation, economic and in political spheres. To remove gender disparity from society women empowerment is an important tool. Empowerment has become the key solution to many social problems like high population growth rates, environment degradation, and low status of women. “Power” is the key word of the term “Empowerment” which means ‘control over material assets, intellectual resources, and ideology. The status and empowerment of women is a domain that still has not been explored intensely in interior and isolated places like Barak valley. In Karimganj District of Barak Valley also the socioeconomic position of women is still very low. Keeping this in view, the present study seeks to investigate the overall status of women in the District by measuring the empowerment level of them. Since the role of women in children’s educational attainments is also a well researched area of study, the study also seeks to investigate the impact of women empowerment on their children’s educational attainment.

The present study is arranged and demonstrated in six different chapters. General introduction of the study is elucidated in Chapter-1. In this chapter, numerous important issues associated with women empowerment in Indian context are first discussed. Relevant statistics relating to women empowerment in developing countries and the role of education in empowering women are also briefly discussed. The discussions take into account the present scenario of women in India. Issues related to statement of the problem, the necessity scope and importance of the study is

discussed. The objectives and research questions of the present study are explained. The purpose of this section is to present a comprehensive view of the basic ground and necessities of the women empowerment.

Chapter-2 of the thesis presents review of literature under two broad categories. The first deals with different aspect of women empowerment. The second kind of reviews is on the impact of mother's empowerment on different aspect especially in children's education. Finally a discussion on the research gap of the previous studies is outlined.

Chapter-3 presents the socio-economic profile of women and children's education in Assam and collection of secondary data are expressed in detail. Finally the background (profile) of the study area (Karimganj District) is presented.

Chapter-4 chapter presents conceptual framework and methodology of the study. Conceptual framework is developed on the basis of different studies on different aspects of women empowerment and keeping in mind the requirements and objectives of the present study. In methodology portion, the variables and the models used in the study are briefly discussed.

Chapter-5 relates to the analysis and the interpretation of the primary data collected through household survey. Broadly, the study uses the five methods of analysis. The first is the analysis of the survey outcomes using the descriptive statistics, tables and diagrams. Secondly, the Principal component Analysis is done to determine the mother's empowerment level in Karimganj District. In the third method of analysis, econometric technique like the OLS regression model is estimated and in the fourth method of analysis, small sample t- test and correlation coefficient is calculated and tested for statistical significance and in finally multinomial logistic regression is estimated.

Chapter-6 relates to the summary of the whole thesis, important findings, conclusion and the recommendations for the study.

It is hoped that the thesis will be of considerable help to socio-economic planners and policy makers of the region. This thesis is the first of its kind on 'Mother's empowerment and Its impact on Children's Education: A Study of rural and Urban Areas of Karimganj district.' Thus all researchers and scholars working on similar problems both in this region as well as in the rest of the country would find this thesis helpful. No study can be considered as sufficient and this is applicable for this research as well. It is thus hoped that readers would find the study useful and would contribute positively towards its improvement through further studies either in this region or in the rest of India.

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ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS

ACFS/CRM	Accompany Children for Schools/Colleges related matter
AFI	Annual Family Income
AME	Average Mother's Empowerment
ASEC	Attend the Speeches of Election Contestants
BDHS	Bangladesh Demographic And Health Survey
BTC	Bodoland Territorial Council
C/F/VF	Cinema/Festival/Village Fair
CATRY	Category
CBMHEOC	Choice Between Marriage and Higher education of Children
CEI	Cumulative Empowerment Index
CFI	Financial Contribution in The Family Income
COEFPDN	Control on Expenditure for Purchasing Daily Necessities
CVIE	Caste Vote in Election
CWOFCU	Control the Wastage of Commodities for Use
DHS	Demographic and Health Surveys
DPOLPF	Discuss the Problems of Local People at any Forum
E/EOC	Educational and other Expenses on Children
EI	Empowerment Index
EIF	Empowerment Index For Freedom In Decision Making For House Related Work Outside
EIH	Empowerment Index For Decision Making In Household Matters
ELMPS	Egyptian Labour market Panel Survey
FCAEDU	Female children Average Education
FDTDE	Family Day to Day Expenditure
FHC	Family Health Care
FHCIE	Feel Herself Contesting in Election
FPS	Family Planning Services
FS	Family Size
FT	Family Type
GDI	Gender Development Index
GEM	Gender Empowerment Measure
GOH	Going Outside of Home
HAWHW	Husband Appreciates Wife's Household Work
HAWTGOH	Husband Allows Wife To Go Outside Home

HDWWP	Husband Deals With Wife Politely
HEDNFW	Higher Education is Necessary For Women
HEDU	Contribution Of Husband's Education
HEOC	Higher Education Of Children
HGITWO	Husband Gives Importance to Wife Opinion
HHHW	Husband Helps in Household Work
HHWC	Husband Helps With Childcare
HIWM	Husband Ignore Wife Mistakes
HLWW	Husband Living With Wife
HOCCU	Husband's Occupation
HOR/HOF	Home of Relatives/Home of Friends
HRWP	Husband Respects Wife's Parents
HRWWI	Husband's Cooperation With Wife Index (Husband's Relation with wife)
HSC	Household Condition
HSC	Household Economic And Cultural Condition Represented By An Estimated Latent Variable
HSHWWW	Husband Should Share The Household Work With His Wife
HSPWW	Husband Shares the Problem with Wife
HTCOW	Husband Takes Care of Wife
HTW	Husband Trust Wife
ICDAW	International Convention in all forms of Discrimination Against Women
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
INF	Achievement Of Awareness Through Information
JOW	Job of Women
KMO	Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin
LHC/LDC	Local Health Center/Local Doctor Clinic
LISREL	Linear Structural Relationship
LMFP	Mother's mobility to Local Market for Purchases
MA	Mother's Age
MBPA	Mother's Have Bank Or Post Office Account
MCAEDU	Male Children Average Education
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MDICEDU	Mean Difference in Children Education
MDMPRCEI	Mother's Decision Making Power Regarding Children's Education Index
MDMPRFC	Mother's Decision Making Power Regarding Female Children's

EI	Education Index
MDMPRMC EI	Mother's Decision Making Power Regarding Male Children's Education Index
MDMPWFI	Mother's Decision Making Power Within Family Index
MDRCEORI	Mother's Decision Regarding Control Over Economic Resources Index
MEDU	Mother's Education in Years
MEI	Mother Empowerment Index
MFOMI	Mother's Freedom of Movement Index (Mobility of Mother)
MFOs	Microfinance Organizations
MHSS	Matlab Health and Socio-economic Survey
MIMIC	Multiple Indicator Multiple Cause
MLHP	Making Large Household Purchases
MOC	Marriage of Children
MPPI	Mother's Political Participation Index
MRHP	Making Routine Household Purchases
MWCD	Ministry of Women and Child Development
MWFCI	Mother's Willingness for Change Index
MYI	Mother's Yearly Income
NFHS	National Family Health Survey
NGOs	A non-governmental organization
NHDR	National Human Development Report
NLSCY	National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth
NPC	National Productivity Council
OC/OV	Other City or Other Villages
OECD-DAC	The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's- Development Assistance Committee
OLS	Ordinary Least Square
PCMA	Purchasing Clothes and Makeup Articles
PDF	Purchasing Daily Food
PGFR	Purchasing Gifts for Relatives
PICP	Participate in Cultural Programmes
PIMOWO	Participate in the Meetings of Women Organizations
PIRP	Participate in Religious Programmes
PJ/B/S	Purchasing Jewelry/Bonds/Shares
POL	Purchase of Land
POM	Property Owned by Mother

POR	Place of Residence
PPMC	Pearson Product Moment Correlation
PRIs	Panchayati Raj Institutions
PSID	Panel study of Income Dynamics
PSLM	Living Standards Measurement Survey
REDU	Respondent's Education Level
RHS	Routine Household Spending
RLGN	Religion
ROCCU	Respondent Occupation
S/EOL	Sale or Exchange of Land
SEM	Structural Equation Modeling
SHG	Self Help Group
SOCOSOC	Selection of Course of Study of Children
SOS/SOCFC	Selection of Schools/Colleges for Children
SPI	Spending Personal Income
SWB	Subjective Well Being
SWCEOP	Should Women Contest Election? (own Opinion)
SWEA	Self employed Women's Association
UACPS	Update herself About Changing Political Situation
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund,
VCOOC	Vote To Candidate Of Own Choice
VPH	Visiting Parental Home
WATGFJ	Women Should Be Allowed To Go For Job Out Side Their Home
WLS	Wisconsin Longitudinal Survey
WRSLAW	Women Have A Right To Spend Their Life According To Their Will
WTJWO	Women Should Be Allowed To Join Women Associations Or Organizations

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