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**Honours:** Colonialism and Nationalism in India, Comparative Govt.& Politics, Western Political Thought.

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'Women in local Self Government (Special Ref.to Municipal Administration)' at Mrinalini Dutta Vidyapith, Birati, on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013

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Two terms as Head of the Department (2006-2009; 2015 onwards)

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Member: Academic sub-committee, Routine sub-committee, Office and Leave sub-committee, Infrastructure Subcommittee, Sports sub-committee.

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**Ph.D Abstract:**

Access to and controls over resources, are the very significant means for economic emancipation of women which eventually leads to women's empowerment. The notion of women empowerment which has generated an ongoing debate in India and away has been revisited with the emergence of Self Help Group (SHG) which provided a platform to the escalator towards the goal of women's empowerment in India as well as in West Bengal where the exponential growth of SHGs has given women a significant space. The present study proceeds with the hypothesis that mobilisation of women into SHGs to build their collective strength has the potential to lead them to the goal of empowerment of women. The researcher makes an attempt to find out particularly the aspects of women's empowerment which is a natural outcome for millions of women being organised in SHGs. To test the assumption survey based empirical findings are presented. It is experienced that SHG movement cannot generate awareness among its beneficiaries about the benefit of education which facilitate the process of empowerment of women though freedom to work and earnings brings income security to the women and SHGs have helped the concerned women for dipping the barriers and to know the outer world.

On the question of women's empowerment the study finds that though there are positive outcomes in aspects of participation of women in social and economic activities, empowerment-- a vast and complex process involving various factors and being an important phenomenon of role

reversal of men and women in the society has been partially achieved. It is a beginning of the journey which has latent potential to build up collective strength towards empowerment.