

## ROLE OF SELF HELP GROUP AS A PLATFORM IN EMPOWERING WOMEN, A CASE STUDY OF GOLAGHAT SUBDIVISION, ASSAM

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The Self Help Group and its Bank Linkage has played a dominant role in empowering poor women. The model has led to use of savings and credit (s/c) for income generating activities, development of thrift and self-help, reduction of transaction cost for banks and the members, better recovery of loans and to improve quality of life of the poor community through social mobilization. As defined by NABARD (2005) an SHG has an average size of 15 persons from a homogenous community (generally women) coming together for a common purpose. Various scholars and writers have glorified in stating the role of SHG as a platform in empowering women. This paper is an attempt to find out how far women are involved and participated in the strategy of SHG in socio-economic empowerment. Empowerment of poor women as a vulnerable section of the society is the responsibilities of the government agencies by promoting the SHG approach and in getting linked to the banking system. But in reality, to get at it is a question. Therefore, the article aims at finding out the level of socio-economic empowerment among the women SHG members.*

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