Women are in employment since long. But the pace of employment has become fast recently. It is due to the spread of education and impact of westernization. Now not only married but also unmarried women are entering into employment. They are economically independent and have acquired their own economic status in family and society. Now they have say in decision making in the family. As my two of the sisters, one married and another unmarried are in employment, I found that both of them remain under stress and face family conflict for one cause or the other. This is why when the question of doing Ph. D. came into my mind I selected women in employment to view their economic status, working position and family conflict.

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