Preface

Social Development is an approach for promoting human welfare and is most distinctive in its attempt to harmonize the social policies with measures, designed to promote economic development. It is difficult to define the term precisely, because, broadly speaking it includes everything which is meant for betterment of a society. The term ‘Social Development’ has come to acquire a very important and new salient feature in the literature and practice of development. Social Development offers a comprehensive micro-perspective that focuses on communities and societies, emphasizes planned interventions, promotes a dynamic change-oriented approach which is inclusive and universalistic, and above all seeks to harmonize social interventions with economic development efforts. Social development is dynamic, involving a process of growth and change. It is a process of planned social change, designed to promote the well-being of population as a whole.

The preamble of “International Development Strategy for the United Development Decade”, spelt out the aims of development. The report suggests that, ultimate purpose of development is to provide increasing opportunities to all people for a better life; it is essential to bring about a more equitable distribution of income.
and wealth for promoting both social justice and efficiency of production, to raise substantially the level of employment, to achieve a greater degree of income, security and to expand and improve facilities for education, health, nutrition, housing, and social welfare to safeguard the environment. These objectives are both determining factors and end result of development. Social development is about improving the well-being of every individual in society, so they can reach their full potential. The success of society is linked to the well-being of each and every citizen. Social development is a process which results in the transformation of social structures in a manner which improves the capacity of the society to fulfill its aspirations. Social development incorporates public concerns in developing social policy and economic initiatives which requires the removal of barriers, so that, all citizens can journey towards their dreams with confidence and dignity. It is about refusing to accept, that people who live in poverty will always be poor. It is about helping people, so they can move forward on their path to self-sufficiency.

The present study makes an attempt to analyse the contribution of Shri Nabakrushna Choudhury towards the Social Development process of Orissa. The thrust of the analysis is to assess the real developments achieved during the period, not only when he was at the helm of power as the Chief Minister and Revenue Minister,
but also when he was out of power. His major programmes of development were both equality and solidarity oriented. His policies and programmes were chiefly related to bring welfare of common people in the society.

Through this research work, the researcher attempts to assess several historical data about Nabakrushna Choudhury and his role as a true leader of masses, who had sacrificed his entire life for the common people. Several proceedings copies of Legislative Assembly of Orissa, during his tenure and the books written on him in Odia have helped in making the dissertation to a great extent.

The present study has been divided into eight chapters.

In the first chapter of the study, is an 'Introductory chapter', in which an attempt has been made to incorporate the problem of the research work, the methodology and the objective of the study, hypothesis and review of literature.

The second chapter is the 'Conceptual Analysis', where the researcher tries to figure out various concepts related to Social Development. Broadly, it is sub-divided development, administrative development, economic development, political development, rural development and social development and its impact on society.
The third chapter deals with the, 'Brief Biographical Sketch of Nabakrushna Choudhury', where the researcher tries to cover each and every aspects of his life starting from his birth to death.

The fourth chapter is all about, 'Orissa at the time of Nabakrusha Choudhury', where the researcher tries to highlight the scenarios of Orissa from different angles and its problems, while Nabakrushna Choudhury was in power and also out of power.

The fifth chapter is related to, 'Nabakrushna Choudhury and his ideologies', where the researcher tries to describe about his basic ideologies based upon which, his whole life and work moved.

The sixth chapter is all about, “Social Development Programmes” implemented by him while in power, where as the researcher tries to point out all developmental activities taken up by Shri Nabakrushna Choudhury or proposed to initiate during his Chief Ministership.

The seventh chapter is about 'Social Development Programmes while he was not in power In this chapter the researcher tries to cover all those developmental activities initiated by Nabakrushna Choudhury when he was not in power, but worked as common man towards the development of society as a whole.

In the eighth, the last chapter of this thesis is the 'Concluding Observation', where the researcher tries to sum up the whole thesis with certain remarkable observations and genuine recommendations,
which will help in making Orissa a better State.

This research study will help in highlighting the immense contribution made by Shri Nabakrushna Choudhury, a foremost and true leader of the masses and his precious ideas. So long as the welfare of the people is a goal to achieve by the government, social development will be the prime concern. It is highly imperative to rethink and design programmes, which will relate to real participation of people and guidance to government, in achieving the ultimate goal of all-round development along with the true social justice in Orissa and for its people.