

The main problem still prevailed in the Presbyterian context is status of women. Women, in spite of becoming effective on their part to fund drive, social service and instrumental in uplifting people in their socio-economic spheres of life they are not included as members even in the Presbytery sub-committee, Standing committee, nor as office bearers. They are not given chances even to read scripture passages in the public worship, no chance is given to preach nor to assist the clergy in any manner. In other words, women are still kept in a different compartment separated from menfolk.

The study of Tangram Presbytery with special reference to the PWF is a humble effort to bring into focus the transformation wrought in the life of the Hrangkhoh women and their role and contribution in the life and ministry of the church, as well as to raise their status in the overall structure of the church.

### **B. Purpose of the Study**

The purpose of this study is twofold: (I) In partial fulfillment of the requirement of the B.D. study course of Serampore College (University) which requires a dissertation on the approved topic, and (II) to bring to light the sad plight of the Hrangkhoh women in pre-Christian era and to show the great transforming power of the gospel in the individual's religious and social life of these same women and their potentialities for their further development and to raise their status in the church.

### **C. Scope and Limitation of the Study**

The scope of this dissertation is limited to the life and activities of the Hrangkhoh women in the Presbyterian Women Fellowship under the Tangram Presbytery. The activities of the Hrangkhoh women in other church groups like those of the Independent Church of India(ICI), Evangelical Free Church of India(EFCI) etc., nor that of Hrangkhoh women in other presbyteries like that of the Silchar Presbytery in Cachar area and Roman Catholic Church are not covered by this