

WOMEN, CRIME AND COLONIAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: A CASE STUDY OF KUCHBEHAR STATE JAIL

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ABSTRACT

The present paper deals with women's encounters with colonial law, different law enforcement agencies, and the prison system. Marginalisation and exploitation of women have always been publicized in history, but their marginalization and abuse in the criminal system have not been discussed explicitly. Hence, it is an attempt to illustrate how their issues and interests were ignored, discouraged and always kept out of the system. The present study focuses on the women of the kuchbehar districts of North Bengal in post 1860s.

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