

## CONTENTS

ABSTRACT	iii
DECLARATION	v
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	vi
ABBREVIATIONS	ix
GLOSSARY	x
1. INTRODUCTION	1
2. CHAPTER – 1: NATURE OF THE SILK CULTIVATION : PRODUCTION AND ORGANISATION	20
3. CHAPTER – 2: SILK TRADE : INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL	58
4. CHAPTER – 3: ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE SILK INDUSTRY	78
5. CHAPTER – 4: ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF SILK INDUSTRY	87
6. CONCLUSION:	99
7. SUMMARY	105
8. BIBLIOGRAPHY	107