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# THE PROGRESS IN BARRIERS TOWARDS WOMEN'S EDUCATION IN THE COASTAL AREA OF THE INDIAN SUNDARBANS- A STUDY

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## ❖ ABSTRACT:

*Sundarbans, the largest delta in the world, is formed on the extreme downstream of the Ganges River. The region is spread across the southern part of West Bengal a provincial state of the Indian Union and the neighbouring country of Bangladesh. Since the Sundarbans is an underdevelopment region, women are ceaselessly facing additional barriers to empower themselves due to the viable presence of the issues like- male dominated society, illiteracy, lack of economic independence and conservative social structure with religious obscurantist practices and beliefs.*

*Key words: Women, Society, Education, Migration*

## ❖ INTRODUCTION:

The Sundarbans, world's largest active delta, are unique in its nature. Its own estuarine system, intricate coastlines, clusters of smaller deltas, innumerable islands, criss-crossed by numerous distributaries, provides great diversity to the eco-system. William Wilson Hunter portrayed the Sundarbans as an area 'a sort of drowned land, covered with jungle, smitten by malaria, and infested by wild beasts; broken up by swamps, intersected by a thousand river channels and maritime backwaters but gradually dotted, as the traveller recedes from the seaboard, with the clearing and patches of rice land.'<sup>1</sup> The area, as he observed, has a enormous alluvial plain, in which the procedure of land formation is still ongoing.

India and Bangladesh not only share their borders on land but also on their coastlines. The Sundarbans situates between the two neighboring countries in Asia, namely India and Bangladesh. Its largest part (62% of the entire grove ecosystem) occupies the southwest nook of Bangladesh. The western boundary of the Bangladesh Sundarbans runs alongside the Harinbhanga-