

**CHAPTER SCHEME.**

The present survey attempts to make an in-depth analysis of socio-economic status of fisherwomen in selected places of Karwar taluka. The study seeks to provide insights into the profile of fisherwomen, their social and economic condition and it ultimately aims at making effective suggestions for the development of fisherwomen.

The present Dissertation has been divided into Five Chapters as follows:

**First Chapter** is devoted to the introduction of the subject, problem, statement of problem, concepts and operating definitions etc. It also outlines scope, objectives, methodology, limitation of the study and the profile of the study area.

**Second Chapter** presents a brief picture of seafood industry. It gives details about its historical background, nature, season, modern seafood industry and its development.

**Third Chapter** reviews the profile of fisherwomen, their demographic characters, age, caste, marital status, etc.

**Fourth Chapter** examines the working, social and economic conditions of the respondent households. It analyses the working conditions which involve working hours, rate of wages and employment pattern. It presents economic status by analysing the aspects related with income, expenditure, indebtedness, savings and assets. It also examines the social status by analysing housing, health, education, recreation and political position, etc.

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Fifth Chapter, which is the last Chapter, summarises the main findings and the logical conclusions of the study. It also presents some useful suggestions which would help the planners and policy framers to improve the status of women in general and fisherwomen in particular.

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