

**Ph.D ABSTRACT**

**DEVELOPMENT AND RESISTANCE: A STUDY OF POSCO STEEL**

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## **ABSTRACT:**

Study of development and resistance is significant in our society today because it deals with the existing socio-economic and political reality of the country. It also unravels the structure, agency, and processes of social change and the potential that is inherent in society to demand a desirable change in society. Increasingly development experts are advocating that the present model of development has not been able to resolve the issues of poverty, underdevelopment, and backwardness of the people. The growth-driven economy has been questioned as there is no relationship between development and poverty alleviation. Anti-POSCO movement renewed the potential power of collective resistance which was articulated and organised on the basis of issues on the ground. The collective mobilizations for a collective and significant objective of the society have resulted in a successful culmination. The relationship of distrust, exploitation, negligence, violence, suppression etc. has increased a feeling of collective resistance by the people against the state and the corporates. The success of the resistance against POSCO underline the fact that people were becoming disenchanted with the development, since few rich corporates make absolute gain at the cost of hundreds of impoverished poor. Development must synchronise with the constitutional principle, i.e., the rights, liberty and dignity of human life must be protected. The movement offers a new hope that uneven development and unfair treatment to the weaker sections of the society should not be taken for granted.