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HETEROGENOUS WOMAN CHARACTERS IN THE NOVELS OF PREETY SHENOY

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PreetiShenoy is the principal novelist who reaches with a fresh document and apprehends it being transformed into a finished book. Her writings started with the purpose to permit ambitious and debutant characters and tie them to readers. She has been a fictional support of the society and has been inculcating the reading habit for the last 10 years, now takes a step ahead to inculcate and curate the problem solving skills too by connecting authors to readers.

Shenoy takes care of all the themes like young woman, motherhood, single parent, educated woman, and most important thing of all is marketing and sales at bookstores as well as most online bookstores in India.

The year was 2011. It was the dawn of Shenoy writings. The first novel would soon be making waves, and readers were not far behind. In the midst of this exciting era of change, an ambitious new writer was setting out to radically rethink the way pens were designed. Shenoy philosophy is to put readers first and this is what makes Shenoy the most recognized fine writing brand globally. She again created history by writing the second novel in 2014.

Shenoy is a pioneer in the writing novels, in 1996. Today, she is an exclusive range of fine writer who is only available in India. In last 9 years Shenoy has made such a mark on the nation that she has been awarded "Indian of the year" by Brands Academy.

As a writer, Shenoy has served readers impeccably with her writings that are a perfect combination of elegance, reliability, durability and timeless style. Her writings are inspirational and a prized possession for Indian populace. The Indian English writers offer a vast potential that can be tapped with the right steps Indian English literature was created in the face of intolerance and discrimination to reaffirm faith in the dignity and worth of

humans, and in the equal rights of women and men. Its fundamental values postulated that in order to live sustainably, we must practise tolerance and endorse the values of equality. However, if we are to stay true to the ethical and moral values.

Well-known for her advocacy of woman rights, PreetiShenoy, declared that woman needs emancipation. In a plea to elicit support for the women, she stressed the importance of counteracting the cycle of oppression. It was a call for greater equality made many years ago, but the promises still remain unfulfilled. So, she concentrated much on women related concepts.

Based on recent estimates, women in the world are impacted by disability and the stigma surrounding to them. According to the Women Health Organization, nearly 50% of the women population has some or the other form of problems. Continuous discrimination denies them equal access to education, employment, healthcare and other opportunities. Essentially, what we are looking at is an enormous reservoir of untapped resources excluded from the workforce.

The stigma attached to women with problems, compounded by a lack of understanding of their rights, makes it difficult for them to attain their valued “functioning”, which AmartyaSen defined as capabilities deemed essential for human development. Furthermore, women and girls with problems are at a higher risk of experiencing sexual and other forms of gender-based violence. This article speaks about the woman characters in the novels of PreetiShenoy

In the course of history, there comes a time when humanity is called to shift to a new level of consciousness to reach a higher moral ground- A time when we have to shed our fear and give hope to each other. That time is now. -wangarimaathai

One of the hallmarks of PreetiShenoy is the effort to recreate traditional ethical values and means in her novels. Shenoy seeks to create a feeling for the glorious days of yore and recreate the nostalgic past in the present. Modern women as well as Motherhood and wife characters are often parodied by Shenoy. She creates in the mind of the people a feeling of no nostalgia and a sense of respect for women.

Traditional values such as family friendship and respect your elders and so on are promoted through her novels to create a positive atmosphere. In addition to the modern limit in recent times have tended to promote new idea. Especially when considering the last 2 years, you cannot notice novel concepts of an ideal society propagated by them. Postmodern ideas new feminism, gender equality, rights of the marginalised people, ecological concern and so on are artistically promoted, coupled with traditional values. The most striking among these are undoubtedly the concerns in new feminism. This is an attempt to trace and appreciate the strikingly new female centric social values pictured in the novel.

One of the basic principle of new feminism as a cultural theory is to provide equal opportunity to women in each and every social scenario. They should

be given powersuch as empowered women is portrayed in her novel higher opportunities for employment, especially in positions that call for leadership qualities and decision making

The heroine of the novel “LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT” is Ankita .The novel opens with the letters exchanged by Ankita and Vaibhav. They both are in love before they join in their B tech courses.Vaibhav has got an appointment to study in IIT Delhi whereas Ankita got an appointment to study in Saint Agnes which is in Cochin. When they both separated because of the studies their conversation started through letters. After a few months they both became busy in their courses. Ankita became an icon who promotes the scope for women becoming the head of college politics. With her high sensibility, skill to empathise and long-term sustainable ideas, they make her leader in college elections.

In the college elections Ankitha was appointed as arts club secretary .There are seven other positions which were occupied by other students in the college. After the college election the eight new office bearers went out for an official dinner with the principal and other faculty in the college. The principal of the college told all the responsibilities of all the eight office bearers. Every year the Management School of Cochin University conducts a cultural festival called Symphony. Saint Agnes is also invited for the symphony event. In the symphony event there were around 15 events ranging from funny events to serious events like face painting, ad-world, dumb charades , short story writing, painting and elocution. Everybody was excited to be involved in the events conducted by Symphony.

In the symphony event Ankita met Abhishek for the first time .Abhishek was impressed with the beauty of Ankita and he proposed to her. In the beginning Ankita doesn't want to love Abhishek but later on with the impressive letter written by Abhishek she falls in love with Abhishek. But she kept it a secret with Vaibhav. She continued her love with Abhishek till her final year. In the final year she became very conscious about her studies. She wanted to study MBA and reach high standards in life.

Abhishek doesn't like her to study in another place. He wanted her to study in his place.But she refused to study in Cochin but she wanted to study in a metropolitan city. In this regard they both got into a clash and Ankita started avoiding Abhishek. Abhishek couldn't assimilate avoiding him by Ankita. She continued silence for a long time but Abhishek whom loved Ankita deeply committed suicide.

In the beginning days of the death of Abhishek she was quite good but later she suffered with many problems.The pain of his death deeply hurt Ankita. Ankita became very good in her studies, she became first in the class and she learned every concept very quickly without any practice.her parents are very happy with the academic performance of Ankita. Ankita started avoiding sleep. She became very lean in a few days.

She was unable to recognise the problem in her. Day by day she became thin. She stopped eating food and became thinner day by day. She was unable to sleep in the nights, unable to concentrate in studies and she became totally out of control. Thrice she committed suicide and unable to express her feelings to anybody. One day when Ankita returned home from college her parents saw the love letters which got to Ankita from Abhishek. They scolded her and burnt the letters written by Abhishek.

The moment she saw the letters burnt she became totally disturbed and tried suicide once again. The next day came to her father and called him in a very low voice. Her father saw her and asked her problem. She was unable to express her feelings to her parents. Finally she was admitted to the hospital. In the hospital the psychiatrist Dr Madhusudan gave treatment to her and finally she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Dr Madhusudan helped her to get rid from her psychological problem. After she was cured from bipolar disorder she also did other courses and became a normal person. It's all the treatment given by Dr Madhusudan.

The new generation writers exhibit women as bold and powerful. They cease to conform to the patriarchal ideas of a homemaker woman. Modern writers present as challenging the traditional ideals of beauty, dignity and manners. Shenoy portrayed woman in a male-dominated scene defeating others in a symbolic way. She is fearless, careless about feminine beauty. "Secret wish list" is the other novel written by Preeti Shenoy.

Diksha is the central character in the novel where the story revolves around her. Other characters of the novel are Ankit, Tanu, Sandeep and Abhay. The whole story started in Chennai with a sixteen-year-old, Diksha and her friend. These two young girls spend hours together in studies and discuss about their latest crush. Everyone in their lives has a crush for some, it's one person for years, and for others, it changes every day. But, our first crush will always be memorable. Nothing, and I mean nothing, can beat the creatures that our very first infatuations were.

Every girl will probably get butterflies in her stomach for at least once in her life. The same thing happened in the life of Diksha. Ankit, he is the hero of the novel and very good friend of Diksha's elder brother. They both Ankit and Diksha started loving each other and spend hours together at the same place. They got an opportunity to travel whole night on a school project which made them commit a mistake which is irreversible.

The incident happened made their life totally reverse. Diksha indicates this through her following words, "This one incident is going to change the course of my entire life. But I have no idea to what extent and, for the moment, all I feel is this huge heaviness in my heart and the horrible feeling that life as I know it is about to change forever"

After the incident Diksha got married to Sandeep and they both had a boy kid named as Abhay. Diksha after her marriage she became a mother who

could greatly influence Abhays growth and development. She had an extremely important role to play when it comes to boosting her husband and Abhay.

Her life changed after marriage. She had to look after each need of her child and husband and take care of everything related to them. Becoming a mother changed entire life and lifestyle of Diksha .

Diksha is quiet busy all the time by making breakfast ,lunch and dinner for her family and she had no private time to spend her own life. Even after she made all the household things and family responsibilities she was not respected by her family.

She was totally changed after her marriage and she sacrificed everything for sake of her family. She almost forgot about her likes and dislikes. She felt lost. Diksha explains her feelings as follows, “What have I done with my life? Where am I headed? I feel miserable and sorry as I sit there and take stock of my life. I have everything, yet I have nothing. And I have no idea what I am going to do” (16).

A sudden change had got in the life of Diksha , she wanted to change her life.so she once attended her cousin’s wedding and she made a wish list the list consists items like snorkeling, getting drunk and learning salsa. Vibha says,

Is it important to you or not? Just a moment ago, you were complaining bitterly about having lived your life so far as per your parents’ or husband’s wishes. So I want you to write down what is it that YOU want on this piece of paper. Put down everything that will make YOU happy, she speaks slowly as though speaking to a child.” (76)

Diksha’s mother-in-law is actually sympathetic and helpful. She set the manner for the self-motivated between both from day one, and was a source of comfort and strength as she bumbled around trying to figure out what this whole marriage/motherhood thing was all about. Generally mother in-laws are not very supportive but Diksha’s mother in law is very supportive. Diksha’s Mother – in – law says, “You know, I felt much the same way. I too got married to Sandeep’s father, way too early. I have never ever lived my life or done things for myself. But that was okay for women of that generation. Certainly not of your generation,” (122).

Diksha finally decided to meet Ankit and she wanted to spend her remaining life with her first boyfriend Ankit.Diksha says, “Ankit truly makes my life worth living. I know I want him more than anything else. But I lack the courage to say this to Sandeep. I am terrified of the repercussions and I am terrified of facing his wrath” (212).

“It Happens For A Reason “is the story of vipasha who faced many twists and turns in her and leads her struggle in her life. Vipasha was a model by profession and she has a background of a strong family, but due to her hasty decisions she struggled a lot in her life. She is a single mother who suffered

a lot for sake of her son .she attends two jobs to give good life to her son. She said “The best way to handle pain and disappointment is to bury oneself in work.” Vipasha said in her words “For me, this baby was the most precious thing I had ever had. He was my treasure, my joy, my world, my everything now.”

After her breakup with her first boyfriend she did not go for second marriage. Even though she is very young she did not go for second marriage Shenoy wants to convey the nature of woman with her character Vipasha. Vipasha was very bold enough and she sacrificed everything for sake of her son. She became pregnant before her marriage but she continued with her pregnancy. Many of her friends and family suggested her to get abort but she did not convince with their words and continued with her decision. She said ,Yes, when you are passionate about something, it shows. There is no point doing something that does not make you feel happy just to earn money. If you hate what you are doing, you are then just wasting your life,”

To survive with her son she started two jobs and she enjoys her work. One of her friends suggests her to go for second marriage and gets settle in her life. She has one doubt in herself that whether her son will be accepted by the person or not. She accepted for one proposal and wanted to marry him but meanwhile she meets her first lover and continued her life with him .The author has tried to convince a lot to the readers about the story. The story is more imaginative.

Conclusion

Preetishenoy has written maximum number novels related to woman. If we clearly observe her novels we can see all characters related to the latest society. Shenoy wants to correct the society with her characters. She has written novels based on various roles of woman. She wrote novels on mother, daughter, teenager and wife .with each of the character she tried to convey something to the student. With the role of Ankita she conveyed to the society about how a woman should be in the society during her academic period. Similarly, she pictured the role of mother with the character of vipasha. She also portrayed the role of wife with Diksha character.

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