

Exposition of Indian Values in the Select Novels of Sudha Murty

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Abstract

Sudha Murty is a successful modern day writer whose works have been translated into many languages. Sudha Murty being a rational, resourceful and emotional woman understands that social equality is must for each and every individual. She is a recipient of many awards and the most reputable amongst them are the Padma Shri Award and the R.K.Narayan’s Award for her remarkable contribution in the field of thought provoking and motivation literature in India. On reading the novel “Gently Falls the Bakula” one can sense her best feelings that numerous couples undergo social and psychological problems. The book “Mahashweta” depicts the “skin deep” (Leukoderma) nature of relations that is revealed in things are unstable and may be even dangerous. The novel “Dollar Bahu” teach us valuable lesson that mere dollar cannot buy love and respect. The novel “Wise and Otherwise: a salute to life,” consists of 51 short anecdotes each one imparting vital human values. The “House of Cards” novel analyzes how ambition leads a person in pursuit of sovereignty and material wealth which leads to corruption and slowly the breakdown of family life and individuals.

Keywords: Social Equality, Sovereignty and Material Wealth, Leukoderma, Psychological Problems

Introduction

The most effective way of teaching children is telling stories. It makes the children to learn the art of true living and how to solve problems. To achieve their well-liked goals they face up many challenges in life and acquire skill to overcome the obstacles. Stories play a vital role to shape our society and culture. The portrayal in Sudha Murty’s book renders moral values. According to the changes in social-culture, these tales reinstate values, during discord and challenges. Her stories associated to the nation and helps in shaping individuals behaviour towards oneself and towards the society. In children’s and adult’s attitudes these stories create effective domination, because they repeatedly read their cherry-picked stories, due to the extreme influence felt. In her writing she explores the need for humanist values and enlightenment in people. Human values, beliefs have been picturised in her works. Indian culture, it’s genuineness, it’s issues are highly admired in her works. It is an interrogation that Indian’s multicultural society, different ethics, different facts and different values are conveyed in Sudha Murty’s works.

Discussion

When stories are related to the personal lives of people, it evokes feeling within us and empathize with them is so important in developing social skills and making friends. Personal stories can reflect a person's reality to a certain extent. The predominant review of Sudha Murty's novels deal with women and women issues. On reading "Gently Falls the Bakula" the reader could realize that numerous couples experiences social and psychological problem. In Indian system women has to compromise and sacrifices her family regardless of whether they are more proficient, competent and accomplished than their partner. To satisfy the chore of the family they abandon their career and ambition. They became submissive and prove the widespread ideology of this period that the only submissive woman is a good woman. "Gently Falls the Bakula" was Sudha Murty's first novel written in Kannada and translated into English recently. It is an encomium to the author's vision, consciousness and receptiveness. So this book touches the chord of the readers. This story is about the marriage lost owing to ambition and selfishness. It is about the ideologies of family variance among family members i.e., the protagonist Shrimati, her mother- in-law and her sister-in-law.

Shrimati becomes uncomplaining, however a silent cat that fulfils the duties of being wife of a corporate leader. Failure of the marriage, due to lack of time, communication and self pride, was inculcated in this story. Shrimati's husband Srikanth is a "technocrat" i.e., today's generation sets a high goal in their career, for promotion and neglects marriages and human relationships paves way for family disintegration. Dr. Savitri Phule says woman's rights are not a privilege but a fundamental aspect of human rights.

- Empower a woman and uplift an entire community
- Women are not only forced to work at home and on the farm. They can do a better job than man.

Shrimathi had suffered on loneliness. She understands Srikanth's reluctance to extend his family before settling in his life. She hides her husband's negligence to hold his honour and bear the blame of her childlessness. Very few people work like him to achieve what they had. The bother, only material benefits.

Quotes:

India is a land as holy as hero rules in the ancient Kannada poet wrote:

"This land is so pious and sacred, that

If I am not reborn as a human being in this land,

God, then please make me a singing cuckoo or a humming bee at least!

I too pray to God that I may be born again and again in such a country.

"The bakula was now, for him, a symbol of Shrimati, a personification of her."

The title of the novel Bakula probably signifies that like a flower which blooms, withers and falls down to the ground, so does the love of a couple eventually.

"In our society, you marry not only an individual, but also his family."

The book "Mahashweta" depicts women in our country who control their emotions and suffer silently by leukoderma (skin condition). It is also called "vitiligo". Beauty is god's handwriting. True beauty is not in the facial mode of a woman but it is reflected her soul. People who are considered attractive, may liked by others. People had the conscience that being open and friendly, curious in new things were attracted by others. We neglect the people who are unhealthy, not beautiful and smart. In the novel "Mahashweta", there are four persons in Anand's family, one his mother Radhakka, his sister Girija and his wife Anupama. Before her marriage life of Anupama was full on thorns by her stepmother and her step sisters. After married to Dr. Anand, she felt the life is going to be bed of roses. But her skin condition leads to a pathetic by negligence of her husband and cruel treatment of her mother-in-law and her sister-in-law Girija. She was ill-treated by the society. This disregard made her to attempt suicide.

As she inculcated with morality she give up her notion of attempting suicide. She built the ability to stand by her own at any cost to lead happy and reverential life. Woman or girl's physical appearance should not be judge by the society. Inner beauty (character) must be adorable. "She had never felt comfortable in Lakshmi Nivas, but it had been her home until the day before. Not any longer! A home, after all, is not made up of just the four walls—there must be affection and love, as well. So where was the place she could call home?" In life, every decision has a side-effect, too, be mused, and we should always calculate the pro and cons of particular course of action before taking a decision. Anand tried to rationalize his decisions, but his mind was in constant turmoil. Sudha Murty dedicates "Wise and otherwise" to the shirtless people of India who have taught her so much about our country. The book consists of 51 stories shades the human nature. Sudha Murty's generosity, sympathy, empathy, charity, human nature, her quest for career, has been narrated brilliantly and sensibly. The story, "Honesty comes from the heart teach us the honesty of Hanumanthappa who had scored the first rank in board examination. In spite of his poverty he was honest. This story is about the right value followed by Hanumanthappa. And also some evil characters depicts in the story "on human foible" reflects the man's minor weakness. Foible men the habit of a person is strange, foolish, bad and also unimportant. It is a weakness of the person around us. All have weakness. But the weakness varies from person to person. Experience taught her that honesty is not the mark of any particular class not related to education of wealth. It springs from the heart. It cannot be taught in any university. In "An Old man's ageless wisdom" the author admires and understands the lesson in modern by reaching the dense forest of Orissa. This story reveals the innocence and ignorance of the tribal people. The old man considers money merely a paper. The Indian value portraits here are we are children of god. The land is God's. The land belongs to none. Mountains, wind and rain are gifts of God. What is the right for us to sell or buy? The paper currency can turn our lives upside down. The man was aware of eternal truths. Bill Gates and Bill Clinton, currency movements are seemed to be unaware of him.

Quotes

"Don't go at the speed of bits and bytes"

Bits are primarily used to represent data use and transmission of speeds of internet and telephone. Bytes mean storage capacity. Thus Sudha Murty was very much interested n helping Hanumanthappa.

"In most people, honesty springs naturally from the heart".

"Who is more civilized- this wise old man in the Kalahandi forest or those of use with our fingers on the pulse of the Internet?."

Conclusion

Sudha Murty's novels spotlight the women's liberation in most of her novels. Her writings embrace the reader's heart with a awesome perception. Sudha Murty draws ones attention to the consideration of Indian ethics. Mythical experience, character, their age and correspondence situations are conferred through her novels. She interprets the momentous contemporary status. Sudha Murty has defined through her aesthetic insight and ingenious vision, society's fault was invading and shattering by influence. She focused on her personal experiences her travels and her encounter with ordinary people with extraordinary minds. Sudha Murty's stories are heartrending and eye-opener to the society.

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