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research, empowering researchers to address complex challenges, promote interdisciplinary collaboration and advance higher knowledge. This collection comprises 29 articles / papers covering a wide spectrum of topics and discourses such as linguistics, literature, humanities and social science, physical education. Each article is thoroughly researched and distinctive carefully written with its characteristic thrust that enriches our readers' knowledge.

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Gender Inequality in Indian Patriarchal Society

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Abstract:-

Gender inequality is a social phenomenon of treating people differently based on their gender, which can lead to discrimination, exploitation and violence. It is a complex issue that is rooted in patriarchal social norms, traditions and structures. It affects women in many aspects of their lives, including education, health, economics and politics. Some of the main reasons for gender inequality in India include– Poverty, Child marriage, lack of education, Patriarchal mind set, gender discrimination, discriminatory practices etc. Patriarchy is deeply rooted especially in rural India where in gender inequality exists in the form of predefined gender roles and gender based discrimination.

Key Words:-

Gender inequality , Patriarchy, Discrimination, Exploitation and Violence.

Introduction:-

Gender inequality refers to the unequal treatment and opportunities experienced by individuals based on their gender. It is a pervasive

form of inequality that affects societies worldwide and it intersects with other forms of inequality such as class, race and sexual orientation. Gender inequality is rooted in power dynamics and social relationships, where women historically have been dominated by men in various spheres of life. Patriarchy is a social system of values, beliefs and relationships that structures gender inequality between man and women. It is a social system in which positions of authority are primarily held by man. The term Patriarchy is used both in Anthropology to describe a family or clan controlled by the father and eldest male or groups of male, and in Feminist theory to describe a broader social structure in which men as a group dominate society. Historically, Patriarchy has manifested itself in the social, legal, Political, religious and economic organization of a range of different cultures. Most contemporary societies are in Practice, Patriarchal.

Objectives of the study:-

- i) To identify the factors which are responsible for gender inequality.
- ii) To know about the types of gender inequality in patriarchal society.
- iii) To give suggestions to reduce gender inequality.

Methodology :-

To prepare this paper the analytical method has been used. The data and information including this paper have been collected from different reference books, journals, articles and websites.

History of gender inequality :-

If we highlight ancient India, an Indian woman was in the position of high esteem and was pronounced by the word of maata (mother) or Devi (goddess) in the Vedas and Upanishads. Same as

Manu Smriti, woman was considered as a precious being and in the early Vedic age, girls were looked after with care. Then practice of polygamy deteriorated the position of woman and in the medieval period, the practices of purdha system, dowry system, and sati system came into being. But with the passage of time, the status of woman was lowered. In India, a sex-selection phenomenon has been in place since the 1980s, with men born during this period now at marriageable age. Then the urbanization since the 1910s where a lot of families and men have moved to cities to look for work. People are much wealthier but at the same time there's pressure to produce sons as an heir. So educated, wealthy families are now more likely to have sex selection. These entire factors are coming to play and creating this toxic mixture, which has turned violence against women into a bigger issue today.

The origin of the gender inequality has been always the male dominance. At least in India, a woman still needs the anchor of a husband and a family. Their dominating nature has led women to walk with their head down. It was all practiced from the beginning and is followed till date. In the case of a woman's reservation in parliament, the opposing parties believe that women are born to do household tasks and manage children and family. In many parts of India, women are viewed as an economic and financial liability despite contribution in several ways to our society, economy and by their families. The crime against women is increasing day by day. Domestic Violence, Rape, Sexual harassment, molestation, eve-teasing, forced prostitution, sexual-exploitation, at work places are a common affair today. So, it's an alarming issue for our country. (Panda, 176)

Factors responsible for gender inequality :-

Illiteracy :

Illiteracy is one of the factors responsible for gender unequal-

ity.

According to 2011 censuses of India, the literacy level in India is 74.04% in which the male literacy level is 82.14% and female literacy level is only 65.46%

Child Marriage :

Children specially the girls are married at a very young age. This proves fatal for their overall development and have a negative impact on their health, too.

Social evils :

Social evils like dowry system, sati system, are also responsible for the low status of women.

Discrimination against the girl child :

The girl child is not treated properly in the family. People still prefer the birth of a boy rather than a girl. The girl child is basically trained for household work only. Even today female infanticide is a common social evil.

Lack of employment equality :

The current global labor force participation rate for woman is close to 49%. For men, it's 75%. That's a difference of 26 percentage points, with some regions facing a gap of more than 50 percentage points.

Job segregation :

One of the causes for gender inequality within employment is the division of jobs. In most societies, there's an inherent belief that men are simply better equipped to handle certain jobs. Most of the time, those are the jobs that pay the best. This discrimination results in lower income for women.

Lack of legal protections :

In many countries, there's also a lack of legal protections against harassment in the workplace, at school, and in public. These places

become unsafe and without protection, women frequently have to make decisions that compromise and limit their goals.

Types of Gender Inequality :-

According to Nobel Laureate Prof. Amartya Sen (2001), there are seven types of gender inequalities at present in India. Here is a brief explanation of all the types of gender inequality.

1) Mortality Inequality :- In this, Inequality between women and men directly involves matters of life and death, and takes the brutal form of unusually high mortality rates for women and a consequent preponderance of men in the total population, as opposed to the preponderance of women found in societies with little or no gender bias in health care and nutrition.

2) Natality Inequality :- In this kind of inequality a preference is given to boys over girls. It is ardent in many of the male dominated societies and these manifests in the form of parents wanting their newborn to be a boy rather than a girl. With the availability of modern techniques to determine the gender of foetus, sex selective abortions has become common in India.

3) Employment Inequality :- In terms of employment as well as promotion at work women often face greater handicap than men. This is clearly exemplified as men getting priorities in getting better work opportunities and pay scale than their female counterparts.

4) Ownership Inequality :- In many societies ownership of property can also be very unequal. Since ages the traditional property rights have favored men in the most parts of India. The absence of claims to property can not only reduce the voice of women, but also make it harder for women to enter and flourish in commercial, economic and even some social activities.

5) Special Opportunity Inequality :- Even when there is little difference in basic facilities including schooling, the opportunities of higher education may be far fewer for young women than young

men. Indeed, gender biasness in higher education and professional training can be observed in India.

6) Basic-Facility Inequality :- Even when demographic characteristics do not show much or any anti-female bias, there are other ways in which women can have less than a square deal.

7) Household Inequality :- There are often enough, basic inequalities in gender relations within the family or the household, which can take many different forms. Even in cases in which there are no overt signs of anti-female bias in, say, survival or son-preference or education, or even in promotion to higher executive positions, the family arrangements can be quite unequal in terms of sharing the burden of housework and child care.

Solution for Gender Discrimination :-

Education :

Gender responsive support to enable out-of-school girls and boys to learn and enabling more gender responsive curricula and pedagogy (Example: implementing new strategies for identifying vulnerable out of school girls and boys, overhaul of textbooks so that the language, images and messages do not perpetuate gender stereotypes).

Health :

Reducing excess female mortality under five and supporting equal care-seeking behavior for girls and boys. (Example: front -line workers encourage families to take sick baby girls to the hospital immediately)

Empowerment :

Empowering women with the help of laws, education and employment will make the society accept women as an equal gender like male. Female also has all the potential and empowering women will help to use her full capability and mitigate the

economic dependency of women.

Employment :

Employment gives the income and improves the economic position of the women. Employed women are given importance by the family members. Employment gives economic independence for women.

Economic independence in Indian society :

In India, mostly, women in the young age- depends on their father, in the middle age- she depends on her husband and in the old age – depends on her son. Women always depends on somebody for her livelihoods hence, independent in economic aspects are imperative for women's development.

Self dependant and self confident :

Women in Indian society, especially uneducated and unemployed women, haven't had self-confidence. Women need self-confidence to fight against all the atrocities, against her and to live a self-esteemed life. Hence, boosting the morale and self-confidence of the women, is the key to eliminate the inferior complex of her.

Constitutional Provision against Gender Inequality:

The Indian Constitution enshrined the principle of gender equality in its Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles.

These privileges are as follow:

1. Equality before law (Article 14).
2. No discrimination on the basis of casts, religion, race, sex, place of birth etc. (Article 15 (i)).
3. Equality of opportunity for all citizen in matters relating to employment or appointment to any office (Article 16).
4. To direct its policy towards securing for men and women equally the right to an adequate means of livelihood (Article

39 a).

5. Equal pay for equal work for both men and women. (Article 39 d).

6. To make provisions for securing just and human condition of work and for maternity relief. (Article 42). (Agarwal, 91)

Conclusion:

The patriarchal norms have marked women as inferior to men. According to me for more effective measures need to be taken to bridge the gender divide gap and to eradicate the issues of gender inequality. The mindset of people needs to be changed and efforts should be made so that they understand the equal rights of women and benefit of educating them.

However the best way to end discrimination against women is by educating people and working with young boys and girls to promote respectful relationship and gender equality and raising awareness among women about their right and equality. We want to end gender inequality, and to do this, we need everyone involved. We want to try to galvanize as many men and boys as possible to be advocates for change and we don't just want to talk about it.

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Gender Biasness: Defining Women

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ABSTRACT:

Women represent 70% of the health and social care sector global workforce but only 25% of senior global health leadership roles. Since 2018, there has been a lack of meaningful change in the gender equality policy arenas at global health organizations that has led to significant increases in women serving in global leadership decision-making senior positions. During the pandemic in 2020, there were nearly 100 open vacancies—one-quarter of CEO and board chair positions—at global health organizations, but none were filled by women. Women disproportionately provide caregiving and unpaid care work, and the pandemic has increased this burden with women spending 15 hours a week more on domestic labor than men. A lack of uniform, state-sponsored paid parental leave and support for childcare, eldercare, and caregiving, which is overwhelmingly assumed by women, serve as major barriers to gender parity in global health leadership and the career advancement of women.

INTRODUCTION:

As has been quoted by PitrimSorokin, "Unstratified society with real equality of its members is a myth that has never been realized in the history of mankind." Social stratification results to social inequality. Every society has unequal distribution of resources –

wealth, or property, power and prestige among its members. Notably this inequality is not merely a matter of individual abilities and aptitudes but socially created inequalities. A society becomes unequal for a variety of factors, for example age, gender, caste, inheritance of property etc. Gender refers to the socially constructed roles and behaviors that a society typically associates with males and females. It concerns the psychological, social and cultural differences between males and females. Bias comes in many forms and causes us to form prejudices against others. It helps us categorize things to make sense of the world around us. It's the tendency to prefer one gender over another. Gender bias is often a form of unconscious or implicit bias. It happens when someone unintentionally attributes certain attitudes and stereotypes to someone else.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Gender Biasness: its explanation and scenario
2. Evolution of Gender Biasness through the history
3. Gender Division in the present scenario
4. Gender related division in India

METHODOLOGY:

The methods user while preparing this study report are indirectly sourced from various websites, reports, newspaper articles, government websites, research reports and papers, etc. These data provided are subjected to scrutiny under the referred materials used for the study. Henceforth the data used are foremostly secondary in this report study.

GENDER BIASNESS : ITS EXPLANATION AND SCENARIO:

Gender bias is a form of discrimination when individuals treat others differently based on their gender. It can occur in any setting and affect all genders, but women are more likely to experience gender bias due to traditional gender roles and societal stereotyping. In fact, research shows that globally, almost 90% of all men/women are biased against women. The bias can be subtle, too – like assuming that a woman candidate might not be as committed to her work as a man candidate. Or perhaps assuming that a male employee is better suited for a leadership role.

Examples of Gender Biasness–

I) Lack of representation in leadership positions: Globally, women across all industries hold less than a third of leadership positions. This limits women's abilities to influence decision-making and shape organizational culture.

II) Unequal pay: On average, women worldwide earn less than men for doing the same job, according to research from 15 countries. One of the reasons for this pay gap is gender bias in hiring and promotion practices.

III) Stereotyping: There is a tendency to stereotype women as emotional, nurturing, and caring, while men are typically stereotyped as aggressive, assertive, and confident.

IV) Sexual harassment: According to this research, women are more likely to be victims of sexual harassment in the workplace because they (more often than men) lack power, are in vulnerable and insecure positions, or have been socialized to suffer in silence.

V) Job requirements: Words can be gender biased, which can create barriers for women.

Types of Gender Biasness–

1. Performance Support Bias

Performance support bias occurs when employers, managers and colleagues provide more resources and opportunities to one gender over another.

2. Performance Review Bias

Performance review bias occurs when employers, managers and colleagues review an employee of one gender differently from another gender — even when the evaluations are purely merit-based.

3. Performance Reward Bias

Performance reward bias occurs when employers, managers and colleagues reward an employee of one gender differently from another gender. Rewards may be in the form of promotions, raises or other merit-based rewards.

4. Glass Ceiling

These biases have contributed to the creation of the glass ceiling, a metaphor for the evident but intangible hierarchical impediment that prevents minorities and women from achieving elevated professional success.

EVOLUTION OF GENDER AS A FACTOR:

Life history theory has been employed to explain human individual differences in a wide range of psychological and social traits based on tradeoffs between present and future reproductive success. “Life history strategies,” which represent clusters of traits serving present- or future-oriented reproductive goals (including traits related to mating and gender roles), are sensitive to environmental risks throughout the life span, although early life experiences are particularly important. Thus, the life history

perspective has more to do with explaining environment-contingent behavioral flexibilities (within the limits of reaction norms) than seeking specific evolutionary explanations for certain traits and behaviors observed in the modern environment.

In ancient India, women were often seen as equals to men. They had the right to education and could participate in religious rituals. Women held significant roles in society and were respected for their wisdom and contributions. However, over time, these rights began to diminish, and gender roles became more rigid.

During the medieval period, the status of women saw a decline. Societal norms became stricter, and women were often confined to domestic roles. Practices like child marriage and purdah (veiling) became more common, further limiting women's freedom and rights.

The colonial era brought both challenges and opportunities for gender equality in India. British rule introduced new laws and education systems, which had a mixed impact on women's status. While some women gained access to education and employment, traditional gender roles were still deeply entrenched. The committee on the status of women in India released a report in 1974, and had a significant influence in the reemergence of activism towards gender equality.

GENDER IMBALANCES IN THE 21st CENTURY:

Gender imbalance, this is the proportion of males to females across the world poses challenges to gender. There are slightly more men than women in the world according to 2015 estimates by United Nations. There are 101.8 men for every 100 women with the number of men rising gradually. This depends from country to country. In some countries, female population outnumber

male population. In 2013, 49.59% of the global population were women. 81 countries had a majority of women, 37 countries had a majority of men, and 75 were within 0.5% of gender parity (United Nations Population Divisions by David Bauer, 2014). The imbalance in gender is as a result of many factors that include wars, diseases, etc. It's so challenging in gender in that the populated gender imposes pressure on the other in terms of violence, discrimination, abuse of rights etc hence having limited opportunities for equal right practices despite the fact that female gender have always fallen victims of abuse. Even in the 59 countries where women are now more educated than men, their income is still on average a staggering 39 percent less. As women gain ground in areas such as education, movements against gender equality are becoming increasingly vocal, and womens rights are being rolled back all over the world. Recent UN estimates show that, if we do nothing to balance the scales, we will not achieve gender equality for another 300 years. Women leaders are often judged more harshly than their male counterparts. They are subject to threats, harassment, and outright violence. They are objectified and subject to misinformation and hate speech in the media. Female leadership also often results in greater backlash.

GENDER DISPARITY AND INDIA:

Indian constitution treats its women at par with men through various constitutional and legal provisions. Moreover, it provides for affirmative action in favour of women to end the age-old discrimination and provide equal opportunities. 73rd and 74th constitutional Amendments provide reservation to women in local bodies so as to make them politically empowered and have a say in decision- making. Numerous women targeted schemes have

been launched since Indian Independence such as Pradhan Mantri Janani Suraksha Yojana, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Ujjawala. SwadharGreh, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana etc. However, even after more than seven decades of independence and numerous initiatives, the Indian women face lot of discrimination and injustice. The longstanding and intergenerational cycles of gender biasness impacts both the present as well as the future of the country. According to recent report released by World Economic Forum, India has slipped 28 places and ranked 140th among 150 nations in global gender gap. The gap in India has widened to 62.5% due to various factors such as decrease in women's labour force participation, inadequate representation of women in politics and leadership roles, lagging female to male literacy rates. The major hindrance in achieving gender equality lies in the implementation of laws and schemes coupled by the gendered vision of patriarchy.

Social inequality in the distribution of various rewards or desired goods and services manifests itself in a country like India strongly through differences of gender. In fact, gender inequality has been a social issue in India for centuries. It is hard to imagine this state of affairs in the 21st century when women have proved to be strong leaders in every field possible. But inspite of such progress, even today, the girl child is discriminated against in the society. The cultural construct of Indian society which reinforces gender bias has led to the continuation of India's strong preference for male children.

Gender bias can significantly impact individuals, teams, and entire organizations. However, some steps can be taken to address gender bias in the workplace for more inclusivity. This includes training, education, and diverse hiring practices. Gender equality is

the fifth Sustainable Development Goal, but the principle undergirds all 17 of the Goals. We cannot make sustained progress in human development by leaving women out of decision-making and leadership. Women leaders are a powerful lever for changing social norms. For countries with women leaders in the past decade, changes in gender social norms were nearly three times greater than in countries without. In nearly two decades, the landscape of gender norms and attitudes in India has witnessed a gradual yet definitive shift. The NFHS data punctuates this transition, revealing a rise in women's decision-making autonomy and a slow, albeit inconsistent, decline in the endorsement of gender-based violence, with concerning exceptions. While the data captures a continuing consensus towards joint decision-making in family planning, it simultaneously unearths the entrenched son preference that continues to shape familial aspirations, despite slow progress. This process of change, observed through the prism of various survey rounds, underscores a society in motion—steadily unravelling traditional norms and weaving a new narrative of equality.

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Artificial Intelligence and Its Impact on Education

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Abstract

This article explores the transformative impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on education, emphasizing its potential to personalize learning and enhance educational experiences. As AI technologies evolve, they offer innovative solutions for task automation, adaptive learning, and data analysis, thus reshaping traditional educational practices. However, the integration of AI also presents significant challenges, including concerns about data privacy, bias, and the potential erosion of human connection in learning environments. The discussion highlights the necessity of maintaining a balance between AI and human interaction to foster emotional intelligence and critical thinking in students. Ultimately, the article advocates for AI to complement, rather than replace, human educators,

ensuring that the educational landscape evolves responsibly and equitably for future generations.

Key words : *Artificial Intelligence, Personalized Learning, Adaptive Learning, and Critical Thinking*

Introduction

Education plays a crucial role in society, serving as a cornerstone that has been essential for future generations' development and success. Over time, education has enabled individuals to gain the necessary knowledge and skills to navigate a world that is constantly evolving. As the world continues to change rapidly, education must also evolve to keep pace with these changes. One of the key driving forces behind this evolution is artificial intelligence (AI). Artificial intelligence (AI) is a rapidly evolving technological field that is shaping the future of society in various ways. The potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and robots to reshape our future has attracted vast interest among the public, government, and academia in the last few years (A. M. Cox 2021).

As AI continues its rapid evolution, it is essential to critically examine the complex landscape of potential benefits and obstacles that will shape our collective futures. The advent of AI has brought about transformative changes across various sectors, from healthcare and finance to transportation and education. However, as with any revolutionary technological advancement, there are inherent risks and uncertainties associated with AI's development and deployment. The convergence of AI and society raises profound questions regarding ethics, privacy, security, and social equity, all of which must be addressed in order to ensure responsible innovation and sustainable growth.

Concept of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence is a subject of computer science that is rapidly gaining popularity since it has improved human existence in a variety of ways(Singh and Haju 2022) . Artificial intelligence is the merging of the two words artificial and intelligence, where artificial refers to something not real or natural, and intelligence refers to the ability to reason, think creatively, perceive, and learn. When any system adapts itself according to the situation in any environment is called intelligent (Verma2018). Artificial intelligence (AI) is the capability of machines to exhibit intelligent behavior, mimicking human cognition in areas such as thinking, understanding, memorizing, and adapting to novel situations. AI leverages computer science principles alongside sophisticated algorithms and vast databases to tackle complex issues efficiently, aiming to reduce human effort and increase productivity. Unlike traditional computing, AI systems continuously learn and evolve, becoming increasingly adept at handling tasks that once required human intervention. The term also refers to the intelligence demonstrated by machines or programs, combining science and engineering to create intelligent machines. It integrates various fields like philosophy, psychology, computer science, etc.

Artificial Intelligence in education

Artificial intelligence has become essential in our everyday lives, transforming various industries in ways previously unimaginable, from sports and construction to education. The use of AI in education has created new opportunities for individuals of all age groups. Today, AI technology is revolutionizing schools and

classrooms and making jobs much easier for educators (Lynch, 2018; Wogu et al., 2019). Over the time there has been a slow but steady revolution in education from using the blackboard to the whiteboard and now the use of projector screens in most educational institutions(Tahiru 2021). AI is changing education through personalized learning, task automation, smart content creation, adaptable access, and round-the-clock conversational AI support. It assists with personalized guidance, boosts student involvement, enhances data analysis, and provides adaptive learning tools. AI also simplifies administrative tasks, gives access to chatbots and virtual tutors, and aids in identifying learning difficulties early on.

AI platforms can cater to visual, auditory, kinesthetic, and other learning styles, offering a diverse range of materials such as videos, interactive simulations, audio recordings, and text-based resources. Intelligent tutoring systems powered by AI can adapt their teaching methods and pace to suit each student's unique learning style, providing personalized guidance and feedback tailored to their individual needs. Additionally, AI tools can generate customized learning paths and recommendations based on students' preferred modes of learning, ensuring that they receive content in formats that resonate with their learning preferences. Moreover, AI enables the creation of virtual classrooms and immersive simulations, allowing students to explore complex concepts and engage in hands-on activities without physical limitations. Virtual reality (VR) applications like EdTech VR Lab enable students to interact with digital models of scientific phenomena, fostering deeper engagement and retention of knowledge.

Issues and challenges of AI for future generations focusing on the field of education

The emergence of artificial intelligence (AI) is prompting new challenges and opportunities for the upcoming generation. As AI continues to advance swiftly, it is crucial to analyze the potential advantages and hurdles that will influence our shared future. While AI has revolutionized various sectors like healthcare, finance, transportation, and education, its development and implementation come with inherent risks and uncertainties. The integration of AI into society raises ethical, privacy, security, and social equity concerns that require attention to promote responsible innovation and long-term sustainability. Some major challenges are :

Lack of Human Connection: A major concern regarding AI in education is the potential lack of human connection. Traditional classrooms foster strong relationships between students and teachers, providing emotional support and personalized guidance. In contrast, AI-driven learning experiences may lack the compassionate touch of human instructors, potentially impacting students' emotional well-being and engagement.

Data Privacy and Security: AI systems in education gather and analyze vast amounts of student data to tailor learning experiences. This raises valid concerns about data privacy and security. Educational institutions must implement strong measures to protect sensitive information from unauthorized access or breaches, ensuring that students' personal data remains secure.

Bias and Equality: The performance of AI algorithms depends on the quality of the data used to train them. Unfortunately, if the

data contains biases, such as gender or racial discrimination, AI systems can unintentionally perpetuate these biases in educational environments. Thus, promoting fairness and inclusivity in AI algorithms is a key challenge for educators and developers.

Overreliance on AI: While AI can improve learning experiences, excessive dependence on technology may impede students' critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. Reliance on AI-driven solutions could diminish students' capacity for creative and independent thinking. This phenomenon is akin to the shift from mental calculation to relying on electronic calculators, as seen from grandfathers to the current generation.

Emotional intelligence deficiency: The absence of emotional intelligence is a significant issue in the field of education, as it is crucial for fostering social skills and empathy. However, AI does not possess emotional intelligence and is unable to fully understand and respond to students' emotions like human teachers can. This limitation could impede the development of students' emotional intelligence and interpersonal skills.

Digital divide: One major concern is the lack of accessibility and equity in accessing AI technologies. While AI has the potential to enhance learning experiences, students from underprivileged backgrounds may not have equal access to these advanced tools. This digital divide could further widen the gap between students who have access to AI-driven education and those who do not, creating an equity issue in the education system.

Technical Glitches and system malfunction: Another challenge that arises from relying on AI in education is the risk of technical glitches and system malfunctions. With the increased dependence

on AI technologies for learning, there is a higher likelihood of unforeseen errors that could disrupt the learning process. These technical glitches could undermine students' confidence in the technology and hinder their overall educational experience.

Grading and assessment system: The use of automated grading and assessment systems in AI-driven education may lead to impersonal feedback for students. While AI can provide quick and efficient grading, it may lack the nuanced feedback that human teachers are able to provide. Students may miss out on personalized guidance and encouragement that could help them improve their academic performance. This impersonal aspect of AI-driven assessment systems could potentially hinder students' growth and development.

Distraction and multitasking: Issues and challenges of AI for future generation include distractions and multitasking, as integrating AI technology in the classroom may result in students being distracted and multitasking. This can lead to students exploring unrelated content or using AI devices for non-educational purposes, which can hinder their focus and learning outcomes.

Expensive Implementation Costs: Implementing AI in education comes with expensive implementation costs for schools and institutions. Not all educational settings may have the financial resources to adopt advanced AI solutions, leading to potential disparities in opportunities for students depending on their school's budget and access to AI technology. This can further exacerbate existing inequalities in education.

Will AI replace Teachers?

The pros and cons of AI In education are not straightforward.

Each side presents its own set of benefits and challenges. As AI continues to assume various roles within the educational landscape—such as teaching, grading, writing essays, and providing study recommendations—it prompts a critical question: should this trend persist?

The discussion about artificial intelligence (AI) in education is highly debated. Critics worry that AI might replace teachers and reduce the human touch in learning. As AI has notable advantages, such as expediting grading processes, which allows teachers to focus on enhancing students' critical thinking and analytical abilities. Moreover, AI can provide insights into individual learning styles and deliver personalized feedback. Unlike humans, AI remains consistent and tireless, potentially improving educational efficiency. However, concerns persist about its impact on teacher roles and the overall learning experience.

Despite its advantages, AI may not be able to replicate the teaching capabilities of humans, primarily because it lacks emotional intelligence and the nurturing qualities that students typically desire from their educators. When students ask questions or seek assistance, the impersonal approach of AI can result in feelings of dissatisfaction and disconnect. This absence of human interaction can hinder the development of meaningful relationships between students and their learning environment, which are crucial for fostering motivation and engagement. While AI can provide information and support, it cannot replace the empathy and understanding that human teachers offer, which are vital for a holistic educational experience.

Conclusion :

AI's role in education is increasingly significant, offering both opportunities and challenges. It can personalize learning, automate administrative tasks, and provide immediate feedback, potentially enhancing student engagement and outcomes. However, concerns about bias, misinformation, and the risk of cheating persist.

Experts advocate for AI to complement, not replace, human teachers, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a human element in education. Ultimately, the successful integration of AI in education requires careful consideration of its implications and a balanced approach to its use.

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21st Century Pedagogical Changes in Education

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Abstract

The 21st century has ushered in a transformation in educational methodologies, driven by rapid technological advancements and globalization. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, the skills required for success have evolved, necessitating a shift in pedagogical approaches. This article examines the critical competencies necessary for thriving in today's dynamic environment, including critical thinking, effective communication, digital literacy, collaboration, global awareness, and leadership. Through the lens of Uma Global's Leadership Development Program, the article offers insights into how contemporary education can integrate these skills, blending theoretical understanding with practical application. By fostering a growth mindset and adopting diverse learning strategies, educators can equip students with the tools they need for both personal and professional achievement in a rapidly evolving world. This article serves as a guide for educators and institutions aiming to embed these essential skills within their curricula.

Keywords: 21st-century skills, critical thinking, communication, digital literacy, global awareness, leadership,

experiential learning

Introduction

The 21st century marks a significant shift in both education and employment landscapes, largely influenced by technological advancements and the forces of globalization. Traditional educational models, which have long emphasized rote memorization and standardized testing, are no longer sufficient to meet the needs of today's complex and fast-paced world. In response to these changes, educators are increasingly focusing on cultivating a new set of skills that are critical for success in the contemporary era. This article explores these essential 21st-century skills, with particular attention to how educational programs like Uma Global's Leadership Development Program can effectively integrate these competencies by combining theoretical knowledge with practical applications.

The Importance of 21st-Century Skills

In an era characterized by rapid technological progress and global interconnectedness, there is a growing need for a diverse set of skills that emphasize adaptability, continuous learning, and innovative thinking. According to Voogt and Pareja Roblin (2012), the key 21st-century skills include critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, information literacy, and technological proficiency. These skills are essential for navigating complex information landscapes, working effectively in diverse teams, and leveraging technology to solve problems and create new opportunities.

Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking

Critical thinking and problem-solving are foundational components of 21st-century education, enabling individuals to analyze complex situations, identify viable solutions, and make informed decisions. The curriculum at Uma Global places a strong emphasis on these skills through modules that encourage students to question assumptions, evaluate evidence, and consider multiple perspectives (Senge, 2006). By engaging in problem-solving exercises and case studies, students gain practical experience that prepares them to address real-world challenges effectively.

Problem-solving skills involve identifying problems, generating potential solutions, and implementing the best course of action. These skills are particularly important in environments where problems are complex and multifaceted, requiring innovative and adaptive solutions. Educators can foster problem-solving skills through active learning approaches, such as group problem-solving activities, debates, and case study analyses.

Critical thinking involves the ability to think clearly and rationally, recognize logical connections, and evaluate arguments and evidence. It is essential for making well-informed decisions and solving problems in both academic and professional settings. Educators can cultivate critical thinking by encouraging students to engage deeply with issues, ask probing questions, and consider diverse viewpoints.

Proficiency in Communication

Effective communication is a cornerstone of success in both personal and professional contexts. The ability to articulate ideas

clearly and persuasively, whether in writing or orally, is critical. Uma Global's curriculum emphasizes the development of communication skills, recognizing their importance in leadership and collaboration (Kakati-Shah, 2022a). Through interactive lectures, practical demonstrations, and experiential learning, students are equipped to apply their communication skills in a variety of settings including presentations and negotiations.

In the digital age, being proficient in communication skills extends to digital communication tools and platforms. Students must be adept at using a range of digital tools to convey ideas effectively. This includes familiarity across different digital platforms, from emails to social media and collaborative tools like Slack and Trello. Educators should therefore integrate technology into the curriculum and provide opportunities for students to practice digital communication skills.

Moreover, effective communication is closely linked to emotional intelligence (Goleman, 2013). The ability to understand and manage one's emotions and being empathetic towards others' emotions are critical for effective communication, particularly in leadership roles. Incorporating emotional intelligence training into communication modules can significantly enhance students' overall communication proficiency.

Digital Literacy

Digital literacy is an indispensable skill in the 21st century, as technology is now integral to almost every aspect of life. Proficiency in using digital tools, including emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and cybersecurity, is crucial (Voogt & Pareja Roblin, 2012). Uma Global's Leadership Development

Program incorporates lessons on these technologies, preparing students for the digital landscape. This includes not only practical applications but also discussions on the ethical considerations of technology use, ensuring that students become both proficient and responsible digital citizens.

Digital literacy encompasses a wide array of skills, ranging from basic computer proficiency to advanced data analysis and cybersecurity. At its core, digital literacy involves the ability to find, evaluate, create, and communicate information using digital technologies. These skills are essential in nearly every field today, as technology plays a central role in most professional environments.

To teach digital literacy effectively, educators must integrate technology into the learning process. This involves using online platforms for assignments and collaboration, incorporating digital tools into classroom activities, and providing opportunities for students to engage with technology meaningfully. For example, students might learn to use data analysis software, develop websites, or create digital presentations.

Moreover, teaching digital literacy includes addressing the ethical and security aspects of technology use. As students become more adept at using digital tools, they must also understand the importance of cybersecurity and data privacy. This includes educating students about online risks, protecting personal information, and considering the ethical implications of data use and digital communication.

Teamwork and Collaboration

In today's interconnected world, the ability to work effectively in teams is more important than ever. Collaborative skills

involve not only working with others but also understanding diverse perspectives and managing conflicts. Uma Global's program emphasizes collaboration and teamwork through group projects and experiential learning activities (Kakati-Shah, 2022b). These experiences help students develop interpersonal skills, delegate tasks, and negotiate differences, fostering a collaborative mindset that is essential for success in modern workplaces.

Teamwork and collaboration are foundational in most professional environments today. Whether working on projects, participating in meetings, or collaborating with colleagues across different departments, the ability to work well with others is crucial. Teaching collaboration involves providing students with opportunities to work in groups, encouraging them to share ideas, and teaching them how to manage conflicts effectively.

One effective method for teaching collaboration is project-based learning, where students work together on a project over an extended period. This approach requires them to collaborate, communicate, and problem-solve, helping them develop both collaboration skills and confidence in their ability to work with others.

Creating a classroom environment where students feel comfortable sharing ideas and working with others is essential for teaching collaboration. This requires fostering a positive culture of respect and inclusivity, where all students feel valued and supported. Encouraging students to appreciate diverse perspectives and teaching them constructive ways to manage conflicts are also crucial aspects of effective collaboration.

Cultural Competence and Global Awareness

Cultural competence and global awareness are critical skills in a globalized world. Understanding and appreciating cultural diversity enhances not only communication, but collaboration across borders too. The Leadership Development Program at Uma Global includes modules that expose students to international perspectives and encourages them to think globally (Bose, 2017). This global mindset is vital for leadership roles that require navigating cross-cultural interactions and making decisions with global implications (Tharoor, 2015).

Global awareness involves understanding and appreciating the interconnectedness of the world and the diverse cultures within it. It is an essential skill in today's globalized world, where individuals often interact with people from different cultural backgrounds. Teaching global awareness involves exposing students to different cultures, encouraging them to think globally, and helping them develop an appreciation for diversity.

Cultural competence enables people from different cultural backgrounds to interact effectively. Being able to understand and respect cultural differences, communicate effectively across cultures, and being aware of one's cultural biases, are all examples of this. Educators can foster cultural competence by providing opportunities for students to engage with different cultures through study abroad programs, cultural exchange activities, and interactions with international students.

Incorporating cultural competence and global awareness into the curriculum requires a focus on international perspectives. This can involve integrating global issues, such as news events,

sustainability, or infrastructure challenges into the curriculum, encouraging students to think about how local issues relate to global contexts, and providing opportunities for students to engage with different cultures. For example, students might study international case studies, participate in global virtual exchanges, or engage in service-learning projects that address global issues.

Creating a classroom environment where all students feel valued and respected is essential for teaching cultural competence and global awareness. This requires fostering a culture of inclusivity, where diverse perspectives are appreciated, and all students feel supported in sharing their ideas.

Leadership Development

Leadership development is the core of Uma Global's curriculum, and aims to develop confident, empathetic, and adaptable leaders who are capable of driving positive change. Understanding various leadership styles, cultivating emotional intelligence, and applying leadership principles in practical settings are all essential to this (Goleman, 2013). A combination of theoretical modules and real-world experiences enable students learn to lead with integrity, resilience, and a global perspective.

Leadership development involves cultivating the skills and qualities necessary to lead your own life with ambition, purpose, and structure, before transferring these skills to lead others effectively. Understanding different leadership styles, developing emotional intelligence, and learning how to inspire and motivate others, are all key to this. Educators can foster these leadership traits by ensuring students are given the opportunities to take on leadership roles, whether in group projects, extracurricular activities,

or community service.

Incorporating leadership development into the curriculum requires a focus on both theory and practice. Students need to understand the principles of effective leadership, such as communication, decision-making, and conflict resolution. However, they also need opportunities to apply these principles in real-world situations. For example, students might take on leadership roles in group projects, participate in leadership workshops, or engage in community service activities.

Decency and Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence is a critical component of effective leadership. This involves the ability to understand and manage one's emotions and the emotions of others. Educators can foster emotional intelligence by encouraging students to reflect on their emotions, teaching them how to manage stress and anxiety, and providing opportunities for them to practice empathy and compassion.

The decency quotient builds upon the principles of emotional intelligence by emphasizing the importance of decency and integrity in interactions and decision-making. According to Kakati-Shah (2022a), the decency quotient involves treating others with respect, fairness, and kindness, fostering a culture of decency in both personal and professional settings. In the Uma Global curriculum, decency and emotional intelligence are woven into leadership and communication modules, teaching students the value of leading with decency and empathy.

Conclusion

As we navigate the complexities of the 21st century, it is imperative that educational institutions adapt to the changing needs of society. The integration of 21st-century skills—critical thinking, communication, digital literacy, collaboration, global awareness, and leadership—into educational curricula is essential for preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of the modern world. Programs like Uma Global’s Leadership Development Program exemplify how these skills can be effectively taught through a combination of theory and practice, fostering a generation of adaptable, confident, and globally-minded leaders.

In conclusion, the pedagogy of education in the 21st century must evolve to meet the demands of an increasingly complex and interconnected world. By focusing on the development of critical 21st-century skills, educators can prepare students to navigate the challenges and opportunities of the modern world. Programs like Uma Global’s Leadership Development Program offer valuable insights into how these skills can be effectively taught, helping students develop the knowledge and abilities they need to succeed in their careers and lives.

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Importance of Physical Education in Modern Society

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Abstract

Physical Education (PE) is essential in modern human life. Humans can live physically and mentally healthy by engaging in exercise or outdoor activities. In this modern world, humans are suffering from diseases and increasingly rely on medicine. As a result, human lives have become like those of robots. However, this situation can be overcome by engaging in physical activity, exercise, and playing games (not on mobile devices), and it is possible through Physical Education. In an era dominated by digital screens and sedentary lifestyles, physical education stands as a beacon of holistic development and well-being. This article delves into the profound significance of PE, illustrating its multifaceted contributions to health, cognitive function, social skills, and lifelong habits. By exploring how PE fosters physical vitality, enhances academic performance, and builds emotional and social resilience, we underscore its essential role in contemporary education. Through a nuanced examination of these benefits, the article advocates for the robust integration of PE in school curricula to cultivate well-rounded, resilient individuals equipped to thrive in a complex world.

Keywords: *Physical Education, Modern Society, Sports,*

Physical Fitness.

Introduction :

In modern society, Physical Education (PE) is an essential part of education. It plays a vital role in the development of physical fitness and overall wellness. PE is the only program where individuals can learn motor skills, improve physical fitness, develop leadership qualities, build character, learn discipline, and gain self-confidence. In the whirlwind of modern life, where technology often overshadows physical activity and academic pressures mount, Physical Education emerges not merely as an ancillary component but as a cornerstone of holistic education. Far from being a mere opportunity for exercise, PE intertwines with various dimensions of personal development, making it indispensable in today's society. This introduction explores the dynamic landscape of Physical Education, highlighting its critical role in promoting health, enhancing cognitive abilities, and fostering essential social and emotional skills. By examining the intricate benefits of PE, we aim to illuminate its profound impact on shaping balanced, resilient individuals who are well-prepared to navigate the complexities of the contemporary world.

Methodology :

This article is based on analytical methodology and historiography. The primary sources of this article are based on texts. Secondary sources such as related books, journals, research articles, online journals, and PDF files were used to collect data related to the present article.

The importance of PE and physical activity was recognized by Plato:

“Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every

human being, while movement and methodical physical exercise save it and preserve it.”

The term Physical Education is derived from two words: “physical” and “education.” The plain dictionary meaning of the word “physical” is ‘relating to the body’; it may relate to any one or all of the bodily characteristics, such as physical strength, physical endurance, physical fitness, physical appearance, or physical health. The word “education” means systematic instruction or training or preparation for life or a particular task.

According to Delibert Obertuffer (1970),
“Physical Education is the sum of these experiences which come to the individual through movement.”

According to J.F. Williams (1966),
“Physical Education is the sum of man’s physical activities as to kind and conducted as to outcomes.”

1. A Pillar of Health and Well-Being

Physical Education is far more than a routine activity; it’s a fundamental element in safeguarding our health. With chronic diseases like obesity and diabetes becoming alarmingly prevalent, the role of PE in combating these issues cannot be underestimated. Engaging in physical activity fosters not just physical vitality but also mental wellness. Regular exercise, advocated through PE programs, enhances cardiovascular health, regulates weight, and bolsters immune function. Beyond these physical benefits, exercise acts as a natural antidepressant, alleviating stress and lifting moods with profound efficacy.

2. Natural Development

Our body develops naturally from the prebirth stage to old age. Through scientific exercises, we can improve or develop energy levels, muscle strength, flexibility, and endurance at different stages of our natural body development.

3. Strong and Healthy Body

In modern society, people want to stay healthy and strong so they can perform mentally and physically demanding tasks. We can make our bodies strong and healthy through physical education. Regular physical exercise builds strong immunity, protecting our bodies from diseases. Regular physical activity improves cardiovascular health, strengthens muscles, and enhances flexibility. It also helps in weight management through calorie burning and boosted metabolism. A healthy and strong person can enjoy the beauty of nature in any season.

4. Uplifting Self-Confidence

Physical education gives us a strong and healthy body. Therefore, the saying "A healthy mind resides in a healthy body" is true. When we are mentally strong and physically fit, our self-confidence is elevated. Regular exercise improves self-image and self-concept. Through consistent physical activity, individuals experience a strengthened sense of success, which is reflected in their elevated self-confidence and self-worth.

5. Mastery of Motor Skills and Coordination

Physical Education (PE) is a crucible for developing essential motor skills and coordination. From the early stages of learning to balance and coordinate movements to refining complex athletic

techniques, PE provides the structured environment needed for skill acquisition. Mastery of these skills is not only crucial for sports but also enhances daily life activities, contributing to overall physical competence. The confidence gained through skill development fosters a sense of achievement and encourages further engagement in physical activities.

6. Development of Self-Discipline

Physical Education develops our self-discipline and supports the maintenance of external discipline. Discipline is very important in life. Self-discipline arises from various activities, and in modern society, discipline is essential for a happy and peaceful life.

7. Stress Reduction

Physical Education plays a vital role in reducing stress, tension, and anxiety through physical activities, providing emotional stability. Exercise is a natural mood booster. Regular physical activity releases endorphins, the chemicals in the brain that act as natural painkillers and mood elevators. It also helps lower stress levels by reducing cortisol, a stress hormone.

8. Improved Judgment

Through Physical Education, individuals can develop moral values. They have the opportunity to build leadership qualities, collaborate with others, question actions and rules, and accept responsibility for their behavior.

9. Building Emotional Resilience

Engagement in physical activities through PE also plays a crucial role in building emotional resilience. The challenges faced in sports and physical training—overcoming obstacles, striving for

improvement, and handling setbacks—mirror real-life experiences. These challenges build emotional fortitude, teaching students to persevere, adapt, and thrive in the face of adversity. The sense of accomplishment and personal growth derived from overcoming physical challenges contributes to overall emotional well-being.

Conclusion :

To sum up, physical education, or PE, is much more than just a component of the curriculum; it is an essential component in the growth of well-rounded people. PE supports several facets of personal development, such as mental health, social skills, and emotional resilience, in addition to its emphasis on physical fitness. The importance of physical education in addressing the rising incidence of chronic illnesses like diabetes and obesity in society cannot be overstated. Frequent exercise, as encouraged by physical education programs, improves mental health and reduces stress while strengthening the cardiovascular system, increasing immunity, and helping people control their weight. Additionally, physical education promotes self-discipline and increases self-confidence by aiding in the development of critical motor skills and coordination. People who master physical tasks through physical education experience a sense of accomplishment that carries over into other facets of their lives. PE also fosters moral principles, leadership skills, and the capacity to overcome obstacles, all of which improve emotional resilience. PE exercises prepare people to adapt, persevere, and succeed by simulating real-life problems. The many advantages of physical education are more crucial than ever in fostering a better, more balanced society in the present era, where mental health issues are common. As a result, physical education is essential for fostering both mental and physical health and for

developing people who are equipped to handle the challenges of the contemporary world.

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Harnessing Digital Tools in Teacher Education: A Comprehensive Review

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Abstract

Digital tools are revolutionizing how future teachers are trained for modern classrooms. This paper delves into the current status, uses, advantages, and hurdles of incorporating digital tools in teacher education. Through analyzing existing literature and case studies, this paper seeks to provide valuable insights into maximizing the effectiveness of digital tools in improving teacher education programs. Tools like Learning Management Systems, digital assessments, collaborative platforms, multimedia resources, virtual and augmented reality, and artificial intelligence have proven to enhance teaching methods, offer instant feedback, encourage collaborative learning, and customize educational experiences. While these tools enhance flexibility and accessibility, they also present challenges such as unequal access to technology, the requirement of technical skills, allocation of resources, and resistance to change. The review highlights the significance of professional development for teachers, ensuring equal access to technology, and promoting a culture of innovation to fully utilize the benefits of digital

tools. By addressing these obstacles, educational institutions can optimize digital tools to enhance teacher education programs, ultimately improving the quality of education provided to students. The paper concludes with suggestions for policymakers and educators on incorporating and improving digital resources in teacher education, stressing the importance of continuous research and innovation to stay updated with technological progress.

Key words: *Digital tools, teacher education, educators, resources, innovation, accessibility*

Introduction

The educational field is constantly changing, fuelled by technological innovations that transform how we teach and learn. Studies have uncovered both the advantages and obstacles that come with implementing these technologies. In the realm of teacher training, digital tools have become vital for equipping educators to navigate and harness the power of modern classroom technologies. By exploring the different facets of digital tool utilization, this review offers insights on effectively incorporating these tools into teacher education programs.

Evolution of Digital Tools in Education

The incorporation of technology in the field of education has a rich history, tracing its roots from basic audio-visual aids to cutting-edge digital platforms. Early technological advancements, like overhead projectors and educational TV, paved the way for more sophisticated digital tools, such as computers, interactive whiteboards, and the internet. Presently, various digital tools and

platforms empowering teacher education are explored in the following: Research consistently shows that online **Learning Management Systems (LMS)** like Moodle, Canvas, and Blackboard are integral to digital integration in teacher education. A study by Martin et al. (2019) found that these LMS platforms facilitate blended and online learning by offering structured content delivery, communication tools, and assessment options. A key advantage is their support for asynchronous learning, allowing teacher trainees to engage with material at their own pace, as highlighted in numerous studies.

Moreover, **Digital Assessment Tools** are widely recognized for their ability to provide immediate feedback and track student progress. Nicol (2007) emphasized the importance of formative assessment in learning, noting that tools like Google Forms and Socrative offer real-time feedback that helps students identify their strengths and areas for improvement. This capability is crucial for teacher education, where continuous feedback is essential for professional growth. Shared digital platforms or **Collaborative Tools**, such as Microsoft Teams, Google Docs, and Slack, are frequently highlighted for their role in fostering collaborative learning. According to a study by Kessler (2018), these tools enable teacher trainees to work together on projects, share resources, and engage in discussions, thereby promoting a sense of community and enhancing the overall learning experience.

The use of **Multimedia Resources**, including videos, podcasts, and interactive simulations, is well-documented in the literature. Mayer's (2009) research on multimedia learning underscores the effectiveness of these resources in improving comprehension and retention. In the context of teacher education, multimedia resources are employed to illustrate complex concepts,

provide diverse perspectives, and enhance learner engagement. The integration of multimedia resources, including videos, podcasts, and interactive simulations, has enriched the instructional content in teacher education. These resources cater to diverse learning styles and making complex ideas more accessible and understandable. Mayer (2009) emphasized the effectiveness of multimedia learning in enhancing comprehension and retention.

Emerging **Virtual and Augmented Reality (VR/AR)** technologies are proving valuable in teacher education. Research by Hew and Cheung (2010) shows these immersive tools can simulate real classroom environments, allowing trainee teachers to practice instructional techniques and classroom management in a controlled, risk-free setting. This experiential learning approach holds promise for enhancing practical teaching skills. Similarly, **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** is starting to influence teacher education. A study by Luckin et al. (2016) explores how AI-powered systems can deliver personalized learning experiences, adapting to individual needs and providing tailored feedback. Although still developing, AI's potential for customization and support in teacher education is significant.

Impacts and applications of Digital Tools on Teaching and Learning

Enhanced Instructional Delivery

Through **Digital Tools**, digital technologies have revolutionized the way information is presented in educational settings. Research by Bates (2015) suggests that these tools enable more interactive and engaging instructional practices, leading to improved learning outcomes. In teacher education, this translates to better-prepared

educators who are skilled in utilizing technology in their teaching. Learning Management Systems (LMS), such as Moodle, Canvas, and Blackboard, facilitate the organization and dissemination of course content, allowing for a blend of synchronous and asynchronous learning. These platforms support various functions, including content management, discussion forums, and assessment tools, streamlining the educational process and enhancing learning efficiency. Educators can now seamlessly organize and deliver content, fostering both synchronous and asynchronous learning experiences. The scalability and accessibility of online platforms is a significant advantage, enabling teacher education programs to accommodate a large number of trainees. This scalability is crucial for reaching a wider audience and ensuring that more individuals have access to quality teacher education programs. By leveraging online platforms, teacher education becomes more scalable and cost-effective, making it accessible to a broader range of aspiring educators.

Personalized Learning

Digital tools, particularly AI-driven platforms, offer the benefit of personalized learning. This tailored approach to education allows for a more individualized learning experience, catering to the unique needs and preferences of each trainee. Digital tools can personalize learning experiences to meet the unique needs of teacher trainees. This customized approach allows trainees to learn at their own speed and in their preferred style. AI-powered tools adapt the learning experience to the individual requirements of each trainee.

Interactive and Real-time Feedback

Digital assessment platforms like Google Forms, Kahoot, and

Socratic offer interactive and immediate feedback, which is vital for continuous learning and improvement. These tools enable teacher trainees to receive prompt responses to their work, fostering a more dynamic and responsive learning environment. The ability to track progress and identify areas for development is particularly beneficial in formative assessment, as emphasized by Nicol (2007). Research underscores the significance of timely feedback in education. Studies by Hattie and Timperley (2007) demonstrate that instant feedback is crucial for effective learning. Digital assessment tools facilitate this by providing instant feedback, which is especially valuable in teacher education for developing reflective and adaptive teaching practices. Real-time feedback from digital assessments helps trainees to continuously improve.

Flexibility and Accessibility

Flexibility and accessibility are frequently cited advantages of digital tools. Online learning platforms and digital resources allow teacher trainees to access course materials anytime and anywhere, accommodating diverse schedules and learning preferences. Research by Garrison and Vaughan (2008) suggested that such flexible learning environments contribute to improved learning outcomes. Teachers and students can access learning resources at their convenience, benefiting those with busy lifestyles. Flexibility and accessibility are cited as key advantages of digital platforms, as they enable learners to engage with the content on their own terms.

Collaborative Learning

Collaborative digital tools like Microsoft Teams, Slack,

and Google Docs have revolutionized the way teacher trainees interact and work together. These platforms facilitate real-time collaboration on projects, resource sharing, and peer discussions, fostering a sense of community and shared learning. Studies have shown that cooperative learning, facilitated by such collaborative tools, can enhance educational outcomes (Kessler, 2018). Digital tools that support communication and teamwork are instrumental in building a strong learning community, which is essential for effective teacher education (Johnson and Johnson, 2014). Teacher trainees thrive in a setting where they can work together, share ideas, and access the resources they need. Collaborative platforms enable them to team up on assignments, pool their knowledge, and build a supportive community of learners. Digital tools create opportunities for trainees and educators to connect, cultivating an atmosphere of shared discovery and growth.

Integrating Digital Tools: Navigating Challenges

1. **Digital Divide:** A key obstacle in incorporating digital tools is the disparity in technology and internet availability. Warschauer's (2003) research highlights how these inequities can limit the impact of digital tools, especially in underserved areas. Addressing these disparities is crucial to ensure all teacher trainees can capitalize on technological advancements. Inequities in access to technology and internet connectivity pose significant challenges, particularly in underserved communities. Addressing these inequities is crucial for ensuring that all teacher trainees can benefit from technological advancements.

2. **Technical Skill Gaps:** Studies, such as Koehler and Mishra's (2009) work on Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK), emphasize the need for comprehensive training and professional development to equip both educators and trainees with the necessary skills to effectively utilize digital tools. Implementing digital tools in teacher education programs faces several hurdles. Both educators and trainees may lack the technical skills required to effectively use digital tools. Ensuring that all users are comfortable and proficient with digital tools is crucial for successful integration.
3. **Resource Allocation:** Securing adequate resources is a significant challenge, as utilizing and sustaining these tools necessitates substantial financial and technical investments. Limited budgets and restricted access to technology can hamper the integration of digital tools. Studies by Selwyn (2011) and others emphasize the need for adequate funding and support to ensure the sustainability of digital initiatives in teacher education. Implementing and maintaining digital tools require substantial financial and technical resources.
4. **Resistance to Change:** Resistance to change also poses a common obstacle in adopting digital tools. Research by Cuban (2001) and others highlights how entrenched teaching practices and skepticism about the effectiveness of new technologies can hinder their integration. Overcoming this resistance requires a cultural shift and a commitment to innovation. Some educators and institutions may be resistant to adopting new technologies due to comfort with traditional methods and skepticism about the effectiveness of digital

tools. Addressing these challenges is crucial for the successful integration of digital tools in teacher education programs. Digital tools offer tremendous potential, but harnessing their full power requires a commitment to continuous improvement and fresh thinking. Embracing innovation and adaptability is key to unlocking the transformative capabilities of digital technologies and ensuring they deliver optimal results.

Recommendations:

- 1. Professional Development:** Continuous professional development and training programs are crucial for equipping educators with the necessary skills to effectively leverage digital tools. Workshops, online courses, and peer support networks can help bridge the technical skills gap and provide ongoing training and support for educators to develop the required technical skills and pedagogical strategies.
- 2. Ensuring equitable Access:** Addressing the digital divide is essential, and policies and initiatives that allocate resources to underserved communities are vital. Ensuring that all trainees have access to the necessary technology and internet connectivity is a crucial step in promoting equitable education.
- 3. Promoting Collaborative Learning:** Encouraging the use of collaborative tools and platforms can enhance peer-to-peer learning and support, fostering a collaborative learning environment among teacher trainees. Building a community

of practice can further strengthen this collaborative approach.

- 4. Investing in innovation and Research:** Ongoing research and innovation are necessary to explore the potential of emerging technologies and address the challenges associated with their integration. Investing in pilot programs and studying their outcomes can provide valuable insights to inform future practices.

Conclusion

Emerging technologies offer valuable opportunities to enhance teacher education programs, equipping aspiring teachers with innovative strategies and resources. From digital simulations to interactive learning platforms, these tools can foster dynamic, student-centered classrooms, empowering teachers to deliver engaging, impactful lessons. However, challenges such as the digital divide, technical skills gaps, resource allocation, and resistance to change must be addressed. By investing in professional development, ensuring equitable access, promoting collaborative learning, and fostering a culture of innovation, educational institutions can harness the power of digital tools to improve teacher education programs and ultimately enhance the quality of education. Digital tools have the potential to significantly enhance teacher education by providing flexible, engaging, and personalized learning experiences. By addressing the challenges and implementing effective strategies, educational institutions can harness the power of digital tools to better prepare future educators for the demands of modern classrooms.

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Empowering the Educator: A NCFSE 2023 Perspective

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Abstract

This research paper examines the potential impact of the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) 2023 on educator empowerment in India. Through an analysis of secondary sources, the study explores key themes related to professional development, autonomy, resource availability, and support systems. The findings suggest that by adopting the recommendations of NCFSE 2023, significant progress can be made in empowering educators, allowing them to implement more innovative and personalized teaching practices. However, challenges such as inconsistent implementation and resource distribution remain. The paper concludes with recommendations for further research and highlights the ongoing need to address these challenges to create a more dynamic and effective education system.

Keywords: *NCFSE 2023, educator empowerment, teacher autonomy, educational resources, support systems.*

Introduction

In the rapidly evolving landscape of education, the empowerment

of educators stands as a crucial factor in achieving quality teaching and learning outcomes. The National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) 2023 presents a renewed vision for the Indian education system, emphasizing the need for holistic development and capacity building among educators. As teachers play a pivotal role in shaping the future of students, understanding how this framework influences their empowerment is of paramount importance.

The NCFSE 2023 outlines several initiatives aimed at transforming the educational experience, focusing on inclusivity, competency-based learning, and the integration of technology in classrooms. However, these ambitious goals can only be realized through the active participation and empowerment of educators. Empowerment, in this context, refers to providing teachers with the necessary resources, training, and autonomy to implement innovative teaching practices and foster an engaging learning environment.

Despite the significance of educator empowerment, many challenges persist. Educators often face constraints such as limited access to professional development opportunities, inadequate support systems, and rigid administrative structures. These barriers can impede their ability to adapt to new pedagogical methods and meet the evolving demands of the curriculum.

Objectives of the Study

1. To examine the impact of NCFSE 2023 on educator empowerment, focusing on professional development, autonomy, and resource availability.

2. To identify challenges in implementing NCFSE 2023, such as inconsistent resource distribution, and offer recommendations for improvement.

Methodology of the Study:

To achieve the objectives of this study, the researcher utilized secondary sources such as books, journals, e-materials, e-journals, online libraries, and various free educational websites. The analysis also focused on NCFSE 2023 as a key policy document.

Delimitation of the Study:

The scope of this study is restricted to secondary data and the analysis of NCFSE 2023.

Literature Review

The empowerment of educators is a widely researched area, with numerous studies highlighting its significance in enhancing teaching effectiveness and student learning outcomes. Educator empowerment is often linked to increased job satisfaction, improved student performance, and a more dynamic and adaptable educational environment (Bolin, 1989; Short, 1994). As such, empowering teachers has become a focal point in educational reforms worldwide.

The NCFSE 2023 represents a paradigm shift in the Indian educational landscape, emphasizing competency-based education, holistic development, and the integration of technology (NCERT, 2023). This framework aims to align the curriculum with the needs of the 21st-century learner, promoting critical thinking, creativity, and lifelong learning skills. Central to these goals is the empowerment of educators, who are expected to implement these transformative

changes in classrooms. Educator empowerment involves multiple dimensions, including professional development, autonomy in decision-making, and access to resources (Blase & Blase, 1994). Professional development opportunities allow teachers to update their skills and knowledge, keeping pace with curricular changes and technological advancements. Autonomy in decision-making enables teachers to tailor their instructional strategies to meet diverse student needs, fostering a more personalized and effective learning experience (Pearson & Moomaw, 2005).

Despite its importance, several challenges hinder the empowerment of educators. These include inadequate training opportunities, lack of administrative support, and limited access to teaching resources (Ingersoll, 2003). Moreover, systemic issues such as bureaucratic constraints and rigid curricular mandates can restrict teachers' ability to exercise professional autonomy (Johnson & Birkeland, 2003).

NCFSE's Approaches to Strengthen Teacher Empowerment

Teachers require environments that are rich in resources and motivation, along with ongoing opportunities for professional learning and interaction. They should feel a sense of pride in being part of a well-qualified, close-knit, and vibrant professional community. This involves providing adequate and safe physical infrastructure, such as safe drinking water, functioning toilets with running water, and basic handwashing facilities, as well as the teaching materials necessary for effective instruction. While these elements are crucial, they are not enough on their own. Teachers, who are most attuned to their students' needs, can devise creative solutions to meet those needs. Therefore, granting teachers

autonomy is essential for bringing about change in our schools and classrooms.

Teacher Autonomy and Accountability

The NCFSE 2023 emphasizes the importance of both autonomy and accountability for teachers as key elements in improving educational outcomes. Autonomy empowers teachers to make decisions based on their professional judgment and the unique needs of their students, fostering creativity and innovation in the classroom. This freedom allows teachers to tailor their teaching methods and materials to better suit their students' learning styles and needs. However, with increased autonomy comes a corresponding level of accountability, ensuring that teachers maintain high standards of teaching and learning. This balance of autonomy and accountability aims to create a more dynamic and effective educational environment, where teachers are trusted professionals committed to the holistic development of their students.

Pupil: Teacher Ratio

The NCFSE 2023 advocates for an optimal pupil-teacher ratio to enhance the quality of education and ensure personalized attention for students. While specific ratios can vary based on regional needs and resources, the framework generally aims for smaller class sizes to facilitate more effective teaching and learning. This allows teachers to focus more on individual students, cater to diverse learning needs, and foster better student engagement and outcomes. A balanced pupil-teacher ratio is essential for creating a supportive and nurturing educational environment.

Career and Professional Development Opportunities

Career and Professional Development Opportunities are highlighted as crucial elements for enhancing the quality and effectiveness of teaching. NCFSE 2023 emphasizes the need for continuous professional development programs that are accessible to teachers throughout their careers. Such programs aim to keep educators updated with the latest teaching methodologies, technologies, and subject knowledge, fostering an environment of lifelong learning. The framework also stresses the importance of creating clear career progression pathways for teachers, which include opportunities for advancement based on experience, expertise, and performance. This approach not only motivates teachers by recognizing and rewarding their efforts but also helps retain talented educators within the system. Additionally, mentorship and peer collaboration are encouraged to facilitate knowledge sharing and support among teachers, further enhancing their professional growth and development.

In-Service Teacher Education, Mentoring, and Support

NCFSE 2023 focuses on the importance of in-service teacher education, mentoring, and support as key components in enhancing the quality of education. It emphasizes the need for ongoing training programs that equip teachers with the latest pedagogical skills and subject knowledge. The section advocates for structured mentoring systems where experienced educators provide guidance and support to their peers, fostering a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement. Additionally, it highlights the significance of creating a supportive environment that encourages teachers to share best practices, address challenges, and innovate in their teaching methods.

Pre-Service Teacher Education

The NCFSE 2023 underscores the critical role of pre-service

teacher education in preparing future educators to meet the demands of modern classrooms. It advocates for comprehensive training programs that combine theoretical knowledge with practical experience, ensuring that aspiring teachers are well-equipped with the necessary skills and understanding to effectively facilitate student learning. The section emphasizes the integration of innovative teaching methodologies, technology, and inclusive practices into the curriculum to prepare teachers to address diverse learning needs. By focusing on developing strong foundational competencies, the framework aims to build a robust pipeline of well-prepared educators ready to drive positive educational outcomes.

Head Teachers and School Principals

NCFSE 2023 highlights the pivotal role that head teachers and school principals play in fostering a positive and effective educational environment. It emphasizes the need for these leaders to possess strong leadership and management skills to drive school improvement and enhance student outcomes. The section advocates for ongoing professional development for head teachers and principals, equipping them with the tools necessary to implement innovative educational strategies, manage resources efficiently, and create a supportive atmosphere for teachers and students. By empowering school leaders, the framework aims to ensure that schools operate effectively and adapt to the evolving educational landscape.

Role of Academic and Administrative Functionaries

This policy focuses on the crucial contributions of academic and administrative functionaries in supporting the educational process. It emphasizes the need for these functionaries to collaborate closely with teachers and school leaders to create a cohesive and efficient educational system. The section advocates for clearly defined roles and responsibilities, ensuring that academic and administrative staff work in tandem to support teaching and learning objectives. Professional development opportunities for these functionaries are highlighted as essential for enhancing their skills and ensuring they can effectively support school operations. By fostering a collaborative and well-coordinated approach, the framework seeks to optimize the functioning of schools and improve educational outcomes.

Analysis and Interpretation

In reviewing secondary sources such as research articles, policy analyses, and expert commentary, several key themes emerge concerning the empowerment of educators under the NCFSE 2023 framework.

Professional Development Opportunities

The NCFSE 2023 places significant importance on continuous professional development as a key factor in empowering educators. It seems likely that the framework facilitates access to workshops, seminars, and online courses designed to enhance teachers' pedagogical skills and familiarity with emerging educational technologies. This focus on professional development is essential for enabling educators to adapt to competency-based curricula

and create a learner-centred environment. It could be reasonably speculated that this approach not only elevates teaching quality but also helps teachers stay current with the ever-evolving demands of education.

Autonomy and Decision Making.

There seems to be a noticeable shift toward increased teacher autonomy in curricular and instructional decisions under the NCFSE 2023. One could speculate that schools adopting this framework encourage educators to customize lessons to meet the diverse needs of students, thereby fostering creativity and innovation in the classroom. This empowerment through autonomy aligns with the framework's broader aim of promoting critical thinking and personalized learning experiences, allowing teachers greater freedom to experiment and adapt their teaching strategies.

Resource Availability

It appears that improved availability of resources, such as digital tools and updated teaching materials, is a key aspect of the NCFSE 2023. Educators likely have better access to technology and collaborative platforms, which support more interactive and engaging teaching methods. This enhancement in resource availability empowers teachers to implement the framework's vision more effectively, ensuring that they are equipped with the tools needed to create dynamic and responsive learning environments.

Support Systems

It is plausible to infer that, supportive administrative structures play a crucial role in empowering educators under the

NCFSE 2023. The framework seems to encourage school leaders to create a collaborative culture where teachers feel valued and supported. This supportive environment likely boosts job satisfaction and motivates educators to embrace new teaching methodologies, enhancing the overall effectiveness of the education system.

Discussion

Interpretation of Findings:

The analysis reveals that the NCFSE 2023 framework addresses several critical aspects of educator empowerment. By focusing on professional development, autonomy, resource availability, and support systems, the framework aligns with established literature on the importance of these factors in enhancing teaching effectiveness (Short, 1994; Blase & Blase, 1994).

The findings corroborate previous studies that highlight the positive impact of educator empowerment on student outcomes (Bolin, 1989; Pearson & Moomaw, 2005). The emphasis on autonomy and resource availability reflects a broader trend in educational reforms aimed at fostering innovative and adaptable teaching practices.

Challenges and Limitations:

While the NCFSE 2023 presents a strong foundation for teacher empowerment, challenges remain. Some reports point to inconsistencies in the delivery of professional development programs and unequal distribution of resources. Addressing these gaps will be essential for realizing the framework's full potential. Personal speculation suggests that more standardized approaches

to implementation could alleviate these challenges and enhance the overall impact of the framework.

Future Directions

Future research should explore the longitudinal effects of NCFSE 2023 on educator empowerment, considering variables such as regional differences and school-specific contexts. Moreover, a mixed-methods approach incorporating both qualitative and quantitative data could provide deeper insights into the framework's effectiveness.

Conclusion

The National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) 2023 represents a significant advancement in the Indian education system, particularly in the realm of educator empowerment. By prioritizing professional development, enhancing teacher autonomy, ensuring resource availability, and fostering supportive environments, the framework aims to transform the educational landscape and improve learning outcomes.

It is anticipated that NCFSE 2023 will take significant steps toward empowering educators, potentially enabling them to embrace more innovative and personalized teaching methods. However, challenges such as inconsistent implementation and unequal resource distribution may continue, emphasizing the need for ongoing efforts to address these issues.

Overall, the NCFSE 2023 framework offers a promising approach to educator empowerment, aligning with global trends in educational reform. Continued research and monitoring are essential to ensure

the framework's long-term success and its positive impact on both educators and students. By addressing these challenges and building on current successes, stakeholders can work towards creating a more dynamic and effective education system.

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Teaching Aids in Science Education: Bridging Theory and Practice

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Abstract

Teaching aids are tools and resources used by educators to enhance the learning process, facilitate understanding, and make teaching more effective and engaging. These aids encompass a wide range of materials and technologies that support instruction, provide concrete examples of abstract concepts, and cater to diverse learning styles. Teaching aids are essential in making the learning experience more interactive, memorable, and accessible for students. This research paper explores the critical role of teaching aids in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application in science education. By enhancing engagement and understanding, teaching aids such as visual aids, models, multimedia resources, laboratory equipment, and interactive simulations, make complex scientific concepts more accessible. The study also aligns with the goals of the National Curriculum Framework 2023 (NCF 2023) and the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), which emphasize experiential learning and the integration of technology in education. Through an analysis of teaching aids within the context of these policies, this paper proposes a suggestive framework for their effective implementation in science classrooms. The framework includes strategies for integrating technology, promoting hands-on

experiments, providing professional development for teachers, fostering collaborative learning, implementing diverse assessment methods, connecting scientific concepts to real-world applications, and ensuring inclusive education. By adopting these strategies, educators can significantly enhance the quality of science education and better prepare students for future challenges.

Introduction

“Science education is not just about imparting knowledge; it’s about igniting curiosity and nurturing the skills to explore and understand the world. Teaching aids play a pivotal role in this transformative process”. Science education plays a pivotal role in fostering critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a deeper understanding of the natural world. Effective science teaching not only conveys factual knowledge but also engages students in the scientific process, encouraging them to explore, experiment, and inquire. Teaching aids are essential tools that help bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application in science education. These aids include visual aids, models, multimedia resources, laboratory equipment, and interactive simulations. This paper explores the importance of teaching aids in science education, reviews relevant literature, examines their significance, defines key terms operationally, analyzes teaching aids in the context of the National Curriculum Framework 2023 (NCF 2023) and the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), and proposes a framework for implementing effective science education.

Literature Review

The use of teaching aids in science education has been

extensively studied, with numerous researchers highlighting their benefits. Teaching aids enhance student's understanding of complex scientific concepts, making abstract ideas more tangible and accessible (Chiappetta & Koballa, 2010). Visual aids, such as charts and diagrams, help in simplifying information and improving retention (Mayer, 2009). Models and simulations provide hands-on experiences that foster active learning and engagement (de Jong & van Joolingen, 1998). Multimedia resources, including videos and interactive software, cater to diverse learning styles and promote self-paced learning (Hobbs, 2006). Studies have shown that teaching aids improve student's academic performance and attitudes towards science. For instance, a study by Youssef and Dahmani (2008) found that students who used multimedia resources in their science classes performed better on assessments compared to those who did not. Another study by Marzano (2007) emphasized that the use of teaching aids leads to higher levels of student engagement and motivation, which are crucial for effective learning. Moreover, the integration of technology in science education through teaching aids has been shown to foster 21st-century skills, such as critical thinking, collaboration, and digital literacy (Fisher et al., 2010).

The use of digital simulations and virtual labs allows students to conduct experiments that may be too costly, dangerous, or impractical in a traditional classroom setting (Rutten, van Joolingen, & van der Veen, 2012).

Significance of the Study

This study is significant for several reasons. Firstly, it underscores the crucial role of teaching aids in enhancing science education. By demonstrating how teaching aids bridge the gap between theory and practice, this study provides valuable insights for educators,

policymakers, and curriculum developers. Secondly, it aligns with the goals of NCF 2023 and NEP 2020, which emphasize the importance of experiential learning, critical thinking, and the use of technology in education. By analysing the recommendations of these policies, this study offers practical guidelines for implementing teaching aids in science education. Lastly, this study contributes to the existing body of literature by providing a comprehensive analysis of teaching aids and proposing a suggestive framework for their effective implementation in science classrooms.

Operational Definition of Key Terms Teaching Aids: Tools and resources used by educators to enhance learning, facilitate understanding, and make the teaching-learning process more effective. These include visual aids (charts, diagrams), models, multimedia resources (videos, software), laboratory equipment, and interactive simulations.

Science Education: A field of study concerned with teaching and learning in science, including the development of scientific knowledge, skills, and attitudes. It encompasses various disciplines such as biology, chemistry, physics, and earth sciences.

NCF 2023: The National Curriculum Framework 2023, a policy document in India that outlines guidelines and recommendations for school education, emphasizing experiential learning, critical thinking, and the integration of technology.

NEP 2020: The National Education Policy 2020, a comprehensive policy framework in India aimed at transforming the education system, promoting inclusive and equitable education, and integrating

technology and experiential learning in the curriculum.

Recommendations of NCF 2023 and NEP 2020 :

Both NCF 2023 and NEP 2020 emphasize the importance of experiential learning, critical thinking, and the use of technology in education. NCF 2023 recommends the use of diverse teaching aids to facilitate active learning and make science education more engaging and effective. It advocates for the integration of digital resources, hands-on experiments, and realworld applications in the curriculum. NEP 2020 highlights the need for a holistic and multidisciplinary approach to education. It calls for the incorporation of digital technologies and teaching aids to enhance the learning experience. The policy encourages the use of virtual labs, simulations, and interactive software to provide students with opportunities for experiential learning and to develop 21st century skills. NEP 2020 also emphasizes the importance of teacher training and professional development to effectively use teaching aids in the classroom.

Importance of Teaching Aids in Science Education

Teaching aids are indispensable in science education, serving as bridges between abstract concepts and practical understanding. They enrich the learning experience by making scientific ideas more tangible, engaging, and accessible. Here are some key reasons why teaching aids are vital in science education:

Enhancing Understanding and Retention

Simplifying Complex Concepts: Science often involves abstract and complex ideas that can be difficult for students to grasp through textbooks alone. Teaching aids, such as models, diagrams, and simulations, provide concrete representations of these concepts,

making them easier to understand.

Memory Retention: Visual and hands-on teaching aids help improve memory retention. When students can see and manipulate models or participate in experiments, they are more likely to remember the information.

Increasing Engagement and Motivation Interactive Learning: Teaching aids make lessons more interactive and engaging. Tools like multimedia resources, interactive simulations, and laboratory equipment allow students to actively participate in the learning process rather than passively receiving information.

Student Motivation: Engaging teaching aids can spark curiosity and excitement about science. When students find the learning process enjoyable, they are more motivated to explore and learn.

Supporting Diverse Learning Styles Catering to Various Learners: Students have different learning preferences—some are visual learners, others are kinesthetic, and some are auditory learners. Teaching aids provide diverse ways of learning, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to understand and excel.

Inclusive Education: Teaching aids can be adapted to meet the needs of students with different abilities, making science education more inclusive. For example, tactile models can help visually impaired students, and interactive software can provide additional support for those with learning difficulties.

Promoting Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills

Hands-On Experiments: Laboratory equipment and hands-on activities encourage students to apply scientific principles, conduct experiments, and observe outcomes. This process fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Scientific Inquiry: Teaching aids support inquiry-based learning, where students formulate questions, conduct investigations, and draw

conclusions. This method nurtures a deeper understanding of the scientific method and promotes analytical thinking.

Connecting Theory to Real-World Applications Real-Life

Context: Teaching aids help students see the relevance of scientific concepts in real life. For instance, simulations can demonstrate how weather systems work, and models can show the structure of molecules, linking classroom learning to the outside world.

Practical Skills: Using laboratory equipment and other practical tools helps students develop essential skills for scientific experimentation and research, preparing them for future academic and career pursuits.

Facilitating Teacher Effectiveness Enhanced Instruction:

Teaching aids provide teachers with versatile tools to explain complex topics more effectively. They can illustrate points with visual aids, reinforce lessons with interactive activities, and assess understanding through hands-on projects.

Curriculum Support: High-quality teaching aids align with curriculum standards and support structured lesson plans. They enable teachers to cover required content comprehensively and creatively.

Impact of Teaching Aids in Science Education

Teaching aids play a crucial role in science education by making learning more interactive, engaging, and effective. Here, we analyze different types of teaching aids and their impact on science education.

Visual Aids: Charts, diagrams, and info graphics simplify complex information and help students visualize scientific concepts. For example, a periodic table chart helps students understand the organization of elements and their properties. Visual aids enhance memory retention and recall by providing a visual representation of information (Mayer, 2009).

Models: Physical models of molecules, cells, and organs provide tangible representations of scientific concepts. These models allow students to explore and manipulate structures, fostering a deeper understanding of their functions and relationships. Models are particularly useful in biology and chemistry, where abstract concepts can be difficult to grasp.

Multimedia Resources: Videos, animations, and interactive software cater to diverse learning styles and promote self-paced learning. Multimedia resources provide dynamic and engaging content that captures students' attention and facilitates comprehension. For example, an animation of the water cycle can illustrate the process more effectively than a static diagram.

Laboratory Equipment: Hands-on experiments with laboratory equipment allow students to apply theoretical knowledge in practical settings. Laboratory activities develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and scientific inquiry. They also provide opportunities for collaborative learning and teamwork.

Interactive Simulations: Digital simulations and virtual labs offer safe and cost-effective alternatives to traditional experiments. They allow students to conduct experiments that may be too dangerous, expensive, or impractical in a physical lab. Interactive simulations provide immediate feedback and enable students to explore different scenarios and outcomes (Rutten et al., 2012).

The integration of these teaching aids in science education has several benefits. Firstly, it makes learning more engaging and enjoyable, increasing students' motivation and interest in science. Secondly, it helps students develop a deeper understanding of scientific concepts by providing concrete representations and hands-on experiences. Thirdly, it fosters the development of 21st-century skills, such as

critical thinking, collaboration, and digital literacy. Lastly, it supports differentiated instruction by catering to diverse learning styles and abilities.

Suggestive Framework for Implementing Science Education

Based on the analysis of teaching aids and the recommendations of NCF 2023 and NEP 2020, the researcher proposes a suggestive framework for implementing effective science education.

Integration of Technology: Incorporating digital resources, such as interactive software, virtual labs, and online simulations, it will enhance the learning experience. It provide students with access to multimedia resources and encourage the use of technology for research and experimentation.

Hands-on Experiments: Designing a curriculum that includes regular hands-on experiments and practical activities. It equip classrooms and laboratories with necessary tools and materials. Encourage students to engage in scientific inquiry, problem-solving, and critical thinking through experiments.

Professional Development: Providing on-going training and professional development opportunities for teachers to effectively use teaching aids in the classroom. It offer workshops, seminars, and online courses to enhance teachers' skills in integrating technology and hands-on activities in science education.

Collaborative Learning: Promoting collaborative learning by encouraging group activities, projects, and discussions. It creates opportunities for students to work together, share ideas, and learn from each other. Foster a supportive and inclusive classroom environment that values diverse perspectives and contributions.

Assessment and Feedback: Implementing formative and summative assessments that evaluate student's understanding and

application of scientific concepts. It uses a variety of assessment methods, including quizzes, lab reports, projects, and presentations. Provide timely and constructive feedback to help students improve their performance.

Real-World Applications: Connecting scientific concepts to real-world applications and experiences. It uses case studies, field trips, and guest speakers to demonstrate the relevance of science in everyday life. Encourage students to explore scientific phenomena in their surroundings and to apply their knowledge to solve real-world problems.

Inclusive Education: Ensuring that teaching aids and resources are accessible to all students, including those with special needs. It provides accommodations and support to create an inclusive learning environment. Use differentiated instruction strategies to meet the diverse needs of students.

Conclusion :

Teaching aids are essential tools that bridge the gap between theory and practice in science education. They enhance student's understanding of scientific concepts, make learning more engaging and effective, and promote the development of 21st-century skills. The recommendations of NCF 2023 and NEP 2020 emphasize the importance of experiential learning, critical thinking, and the use of technology in education. By integrating digital resources, hands-on experiments, and real-world applications, educators can create a dynamic and inclusive learning environment that fosters scientific inquiry and innovation. This study provides a comprehensive analysis of teaching aids in science education and proposes a suggestive framework for their effective implementation. By adopting these strategies, educators can enhance the quality of science education

and prepare students for future challenges in a rapidly changing world.

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Science Education 4.0

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Abstract

Education 4.0 is the fourth generation education system. It is a new emerging term used worldwide which signifies current trend of learning to commensurate with fourth industrial revolution. This particular study has aimed to explore the transformation of traditional science education through advanced technology and automation. This new trend in education is greatly influenced by the basic and modern scientific technology. Various literature related to the topic are reviewed for deeper understanding of global trend in science education in the modern era. Modified curriculum with technology based and innovative teaching practices are the key components of this evolving trend of science education. Along with curriculum and teaching strategies, up to date evaluating techniques are in great need to cope with the fourth generation industrial revolution. In this study all such basics of science education and its' successful implementation are discussed in global context. In the era of globalization and industrialization, there is a strong ask for a higher standard of technology-based science education. To achieve development with sustainability alongside industrialization,

a well-developed and updated science education is the need of the hour.

In this paper the method of writing is purely qualitative method. Researches and studies on this topic are also not adequate. So the information collected from secondary sources. They are a few journals and articles available in the internet.

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Science education is the process of teaching and learning of the subject SCIENCE in all levels of education system. It's the sharing of science contents and use of appropriate pedagogical techniques to impart them. Science education is continuously evolving worldwide. The current emerging trend in Science Education demands a Dynamic Academic Environment. With the dawn of 21st century, there are visible and prominent changes in the manner in which society interact with itself(Avwiri,H.E,2016). Over the past few decade, new dynamics have emerged in each of the key domains of higher education, these are: i) demand, ii) diversification of provision, iii) changing life-long learning needs; and iv) growing Communication and Information Technology usage and enhanced networking and social engagement (Kearney,2009) with explicit implication in science teaching. Science education has the potential to combat with the challenges of the newly emerged trends and also the super-fast technological progress globally. Through science education learners learn through inquiry, develop scientific temperament and become adapted to advance Techno-scientific development. Some important aspects of modern science education are discussed in brief.

Science Education 4.0, its aims & Objectives:

Aims of education give a clear direction to it whereas objectives are the steps that lead the system towards achievements of the aims. The basic goals of science education are to meet personal choices, resolve current social issues, assist the learner with career choices and preparing for higher studies(Liman anthony2020). Alongside the science education needs to have

- To meet the challenges of modern world of Science and technology. Science education must aim to develop well-equipped individuals who can easily face diverse challenges due to rapidly growing technological world.
- Scientific and technological evolution has huge impact on the social life in the current era. Science education in 21st century should not only emphasize on the technological and industrial revolution but also focuses on preparing learners to be well-informed and well-adapted so as to cope with the current trends of the society.
- Constructing an individual who understands the importance of sustainable development, deals with social issues rationally and critically is one of the sole aims of science education presently.
- Modern day aspirants' demand an education system that needs to be enriched with practical-based and activity-based learning. They need to have efficiency in scientific and technological literacy. Modern education especially science education should provide sufficient training to the future professionals in modern technology

like artificial intelligence, space sciences etc.

- Science Education 4.0 should aim to develop scientific and technological understanding in young aspiring minds. The revolutionary world and its rapid techno-industrial expansion demand in depth scientific and technological knowledge and its successful application in real life situations.
- Science education 4.0 should aim to develop productive individuals with logical and critical thinking abilities. It should inculcate scientific temperament in every individual to combat with the challenges of the future world.

Science Education 4.0 and its curriculum:

A well-researched and a well-planned science curriculum are on high call for achieving goals of Science Education 4.0. The science curriculum should function as a comprehensive guide in shaping the students' generations and make them capable of critical thinking, fostering curiosity and possessing relevant skills to confront future scientific challenges (Andi Bunyamin, Ni Putu Rai Yuliantini, Ida Bagus Made Wisnu Parta, Muh. Hapipi 2024). The science curriculum emphasizes on building a robust foundation for understanding the fundamental principles of natural sciences (Moon & Blackman, 2014). At the middle level the focus is on deeper comprehension of complex and complicated concepts whereas at the

advanced level, the science curriculum encompasses aspects of research and scientific applications, preparing

the learners for better involvement in the exploration of scientific knowledge (Lederman et al,2013) As the world is changing the science curriculum should be revised and be updated at frequent interval of time. Some very important points should be discussed in these regard.

- The science curriculum in the current era should be constructed on the principle of individual difference. Every individual in the classroom should be treated separately. Every individual has borne with different abilities and capabilities. The current day science curriculum must be able to cater the diverse needs of the learners.
- The modern day science curriculum should be competency based. It should provide ample opportunity to make the future professional to be competent enough to face the future challenges in personal, professional and social lives.
- The science curriculum should be prepared on the principle of ‘Learning by Doing’. It should focus on providing hands on activities and enquiry based learning experiences to the learners. Learners should be given opportunity for various skills like observation, experimentation, creation, imagination, exploration, innovation and so on.
- The curriculum should include such content that can inculcate human values like sense of responsibility, glory

of teamwork, feeling of cooperation, open-mindedness. It should foster curiosity and creativity in learners.

- The curriculum should emphasize on sustainability in life. It should inculcate environmental ethics in the modern day learner. The Curriculum should teach the learners how to keep balance between scientific progress and development and sustenance of nature.
- The curriculum should promote collaborative approach of education. Science is multidisciplinary in nature. The various subjects in the curriculum should not teach in isolation. Application of scientific concepts to understand subjects of other disciplines should be promoted and encouraged.
- Science curriculum for Science Education 4.0 should link classroom education with wider world. In the era of globalization, education should not be confined. Curriculum should provide deep understanding of global problems and higher order thinking ability to search for appropriate solution.
- The curriculum should provide ample scope for use of modern educational technology and other technological gadgets to provide science education in more interesting way. Use of ICT in education, smart classes, AI technology should be promoted in current education system for better understanding of the content.
- The curriculum should be revolutionized with a strong focus

on connectivity, versatility and learner-centered learning.

- The science teacher should be capable enough to carry the responsibility to link the field of science to the community. They should develop the feelings of oneness in the modern day learners.
- The curricular content should carry the message that humans are not supreme elements of the environment. They have no right to interfere in the normal functioning of natural environment. The curriculum should help the learner can connect themselves with nature and easily grasp the respective information that are directly or indirectly link with their experience in their own environment.
- The modern science curriculum needs alignment with global issues and various environmental crises and also motivate the alignment with contemporary challenges(Reid,2019)
- The 21st century curriculum must develop on the principle of balancing. There should be a realistic balance of objectives with the content, abilities of the learners and the learning experiences.

Science Education-4.0 and its curriculum

content:

Curriculum content is nothing but the totality of what

to be taught to the learners in a school system. To keep balance with the emerging world, the science curriculum contents must bear

the following qualities:

- The content must be in line with the learning experiences, age and intellectual abilities of the learner and also there must be clear cut.
- It should reflect the co-operative and collaborative approach of the subject science. The topics should be organized in an integrated manner.
- The curriculum content in 21st century should be sufficient enough to widen the career opportunities of the future professionals.
- The curriculum content should emphasize on incorporating topics like nanotechnology, biotechnology, genetic engineering, Artificial Intelligence etc to prepare the learners for global scientific and technological progress.
- Science curriculum must respond to saving Mother Nature and abide by environmental ethics. It should include topics like Green Chemistry to benefit the natural environment by removing the production and use of toxic substances harmful for the nature.
- Current era of Science and Technology has put more stress on exploring space. There should be addition of topics like

planetary science, cosmology, space biology etc at science curriculum at different levels.

Science Education 4.0 and Science Teachers:

- Science is both a process and product. The science teachers should be able to use this nature of science to create a constructive culture for teaching and learning in the classroom environment.
- Science teachers must possess the ability to comprehend and interpret scientific concepts and apply the acquired knowledge in handling real-life issues.
- Science teachers should focus on inquiry based learning. They should provide guidance and support to the learners to investigate the facts by their own and gather in depth knowledge.
- Science teachers should develop the ability of decision making and problem solving to deal with social and technological issues in the modern day learners.
- The modern day science teachers should have the ability to use diverse methods and strategies of teaching science suitable to the taught to be topic for successful teaching and learning.
- The science teacher should be capable enough to carry the responsibility to link the field of science to the

community. They should bring the institutional community closer to the teaching-learning process

- The science teacher should have the ability to plan, organize and implement an effective science curriculum efficiently and successfully. They should be careful about the consistency of curricular content to keep it in track with the Global Standard of Science Education.
- The modern day science teachers should be able to design effective tools and techniques of evaluation to evaluate all the dimensions of personality in an individual, for example intellectual, emotional, social, moral etc.
- The science teachers should be careful to create a congenial and productive learning classroom environment.
- The science teachers should be focused for continuous professional growth. They need to be updated with the modern trends of teaching. They should have the feeling of glory about their profession as teaching.
- The science teachers should take care that every learners. They should understand and accept the fact that science is a universal human endeavor.

Science Education 4.0 and Methods, Strategies of teaching science:

As per Kothari commission report (1964-66) “If Science is poorly taught and badly learnt, it is little more than

burdening the mind with dead information, and it could degenerate into a new superstition.” Like any other discipline, the sole aim of science teaching is also to bring about socially desirable behavioral

change in the learners. This can only be made possible by applying appropriate Method and Strategies of teaching or else young minds will be burden with deceased information as meant by Kothari Commission report. The ‘Methods of Teaching’ is the process of interpreting the world of knowledge to the learner. Methods are nothing but the style of presentation of the curricular content in the classroom by using teaching strategies. Teaching strategies are the ways to teach how to learn the material successfully. The constantly growing world asks for application of effective Methods and strategies to deal with modern revolutionary world. Some are discussed here in brief.

- **Heuristic Method:**

Science Education 4.0 aimed for self-confident and dynamic learners. Heuristic method of teaching science is a perfect way to achieve this. This method of science teaching ensures the use of the senses of touch, sight and hearing. Learners learn from direct experience on this method which results in long retention of knowledge. This particular method believes in fostering the habit of self-activity and self-dependence in the learners. Curiosity, interest and scientific investigation are the key features of this method. This method promotes the art of questioning in the learners and provides an atmosphere of freedom to the learners in order to encourage spontaneity, self-expression, self-reliance and self-development. Habits of

industry and hard work are also encouraged in this method.

- **Project method:**

William Heard Kilpatrick, an American pedagogue quoted “A project is a whole-hearted purposeful activity in a social environment.” The current trends in science education seek for definite purpose behind each act. That’s what the Project method is mostly about. Project method of teaching is helpful in widening the intellectual horizon of the learners. This method helps the learners to overcome old beliefs, prejudice and obsolete scientific theories as they get the scope of direct experience the real facts in natural settings. This method is quite helpful in understanding the current complex issues in global context. This method is also beneficent to develop scientific attitudes among the learners by inculcating truthfulness and honesty in them.

- **Problem Solving Method:**

The basis of his method of teaching science is the principle of ‘Learning by doing’. This method enables the learners to acquire new knowledge by facing problems to be solved. This method leads to a holistic understanding of the given concept by observation, analyzing and interpreting the problems to find solutions. To adapt with super-fast growth modern day learners need to consider acquisition of knowledge not as a goal but a natural outcome of working on tasks. This purpose is served by problem solving method. Altogether this method makes the learner capable of generalizing facts.

- **Discovery Method:**

This method increases the intellectual potency, so as achievement level of the learner. Here learning takes place by intrinsic motivation. Practicing this method leads the learners to develop the ability sense the relevance of variable, make intuitive leaps, cast problems and ultimately develops suitable work culture in the future professionals. Such characteristic features of discovery method advocates its relevance in Science Education 4.0.

- **Virtual Learning:**

Virtual leaning technology has changed the education system globally in recent years. It has personalized education with increased flexibility in scheduling learning. Virtual learning in Science Education includes virtual laboratory, virtual museum, virtual trips etc. Virtual learning environment is a simulated environment where learners can link theoretical and real aspects of the content electronically without use of real learning tools. Virtual learning has improved digital skills and opened up diverse career opportunities.

- **Flipped Learning:**

It is a type of blended learning that exchanged the roles of school and home. It is a combination of e-learning and direct learning(Amani Hamdan,2020). Learners get more active role and an independent learning environment in this method of Science teaching. It develops creativity, critical thinking ability and digital literacy in the learner that are required for digital citizenship of the digital world.

- **Differential Learning:**

Differential learning is based on the 'Principle of individual difference'. Learners from diverse social, intellectual, economic backgrounds come together to learn in a common classroom environment. This creates homogeneity in the classroom. To deal with such situation Differential Learning is the best option. It is the process of tailoring the content of the curriculum as per individual learners' needs, interests and strengths. Modern day science education prefers the learners to learn in a flexible and personalized learning environment.

- **Adaptive Learning:**

Adaptive learning is an instructional method where learning happens at the learners own pace. Adaptive learning based on three basic elements: a learner's primary knowledge, the learning objectives and the learner's preferred learning methods (Matar,2014) The entire instructional process emphasizes personal needs and demands of individual learner. It is an inclusive approach talk about 'low-' and high-ability learners. It encourages learners to be engaged not only with the learning but also with the learning process. Science Education 4.0 asks for such method of learning that can assure better scalability.

- **Experiential learning:**

Current trend in learning agrees with the fact that the importance of concrete experience is foremost in effective learning.

It is build on the theory of ‘learning though reflection on doing’ . “I hear I forget, I see I remember, I do and I understand” by Confucius in 450BC is the key idea behind experiential learning. It focuses expansion of cognitive span, develop required skills by engaging learners in direct and concrete experiences purposefully. Science education since time immemorial demands factual and evidence proof knowledge which is made possible by this method of teaching.

- **STEM education:**

It is an interdisciplinary teaching-learning approach. It integrates Science(S), Technology (T), Engineering (E), and Mathematics (M). The aim of STEM education is to provide learners with the necessary skills required for success in 21st century workfoce, where jobs in this fields are in high demand.(Reizelle Barreto,2023) .

STEM helps in fostering and developing higher order thinking skills like critical and logical thinking ability, analytical and rational thinking ability, problem-solving and decision-making ability etc to deal with various real-life issues.

Science Education4.0 and Techniques of

Evaluation:

Science Education4.0 demands for revised and updated techniques and tool of evaluation. Modern trend of

science education recommends learner-centric evaluation. It suggests both in-and out-classes evaluation to provide genuine feedback. Modern education has strong asks for large coverage of content, objectivity in evaluation and immediate feedback.

Some points are cited below in this context:

- Science Education 4.0 demands any sort of evaluation technique that has qualities like validity, reliability, objectivity, fairness and usability.
- Self-evaluation techniques are highly recommended. Alternative Evaluation technique is one of them. In such evaluation process both the educands and educators participate together. Learners are evaluated on the basis of their performance in real and meaningful tasks.
- Current trends in science education advocates diverse examination techniques like on-line examination, on-demand examination, open-book test etc are some of common examples.
- Learners of modern era are evaluated by standardized International tests like TIMSS, PISA, PIRLS, ISI, IMSO, IBT etc help spark competition. These are in turn motivation for further improvement.
- Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation which was highly recommended by NEP1986 seems relevant in modern day too.

The fact that to educate modern day educators are a big challenge, cannot be denied. Education 21st century learners need a well-prepared system of education. Educators, teachers and administrators work together efficiently to face and overcome the challenge.

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The Impact of Social Media on Mental Health: A Critical Analysis

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Abstract

Social media has become an integral aspect of modern life, shaping human interactions, behavior, and mental well-being. While these platforms offer opportunities for social connectivity, self-expression, and access to mental health resources, they also pose significant psychological risks. This paper explores the dual impact of social media on mental health, examining its role in both fostering emotional support and contributing to issues such as anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, and sleep disturbances. Additionally, it discusses the influence of algorithm-driven content consumption and addictive behaviors associated with excessive engagement. Finally, the paper presents strategies to mitigate these negative effects, emphasizing mindful usage, digital detox practices, and educational initiatives. Understanding the complex relationship between social media and mental health is essential for promoting healthier digital habits and fostering a balanced online experience. I. Introduction The

increasing prevalence of social media has transformed the way individuals communicate, engage with communities, and access information. While these platforms offer significant benefits, such as emotional support and mental health awareness, they also pose risks, including anxiety, depression, and addiction (Keles, McCrae, & Grealish, 2020). This paper critically examines both the positive and negative psychological effects of social media, the role of algorithm-driven engagement, and strategies to mitigate its adverse consequences.

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II. Objective of the study

This paper aims to examine the impact of social media on mental health. The Impact of Social Media on Mental Health: A Critical Analysis

III. Methodology

This study is based on secondary sources, including books, research papers, journal-article and reports. Additionally relevant

materials from credible web sites have been collected. The study follows a descriptive research approach.

IV. Discussion

Social media has become an inseparable part of modern society, revolutionizing the way individuals communicate, share information, and engage with the world. Platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok provide instant connectivity, enabling users to form relationships, express their thoughts, and access vast digital communities. While these platforms offer numerous advantages, they also raise significant concerns about their impact on mental health. The relationship between social media and mental health is complex and multifaceted. On one hand, social media fosters emotional support, facilitates mental health awareness, and provides resources for individuals seeking guidance. It enables people to share their experiences, break stigmas surrounding mental health issues, and find support networks that might not be available offline. On the other hand, excessive social media use has been linked to psychological distress, including anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, and sleep disturbances. Factors such as cyberbullying, social comparison, and the pressure to maintain an idealized online presence can contribute to negative self-perception and emotional strain. Moreover, social media platforms rely on sophisticated algorithms designed to maximize user engagement. While these algorithms enhance user experience by curating personalized content, they can also encourage compulsive usage, leading to digital addiction and reduced real-world social interactions. The continuous cycle of notifications, likes, and comments can create dependency, reinforcing the need for validation and potentially affecting an individual's overall well-being. Given the widespread influence of social media on

mental health, it is essential to examine both its benefits and drawbacks. By understanding the intricate connection between social media and mental health, individuals and society can work toward fostering a more balanced and mindful approach to digital engagement.

Positive Effects of Social Media on Mental Health:

a) Emotional Support and Community Building :

Social media facilitates virtual communities where individuals can seek emotional support, share experiences, and connect with others facing similar challenges. Studies indicate that online peer support groups significantly enhance psychological resilience, especially among those with mental health disorders (Naslund et al., 2016). Platforms such as Reddit, Facebook Groups, and Twitter provide spaces for users to exchange advice and encouragement.

b) Mental Health Awareness and Education :

Social media plays a crucial role in mental health education by increasing public awareness and reducing stigma. Campaigns such as #BellLetsTalk and #MentalHealthAwarenessMonth have contributed to a global dialogue about mental well-being (Robinson et al., 2019). Additionally, digital platforms provide access to self-help tools, mental health hotlines, and professional resources, improving outreach and early intervention strategies.

c) Self-Expression and Creativity :

Creative expression is a fundamental aspect of psychological well-being. Platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube allow users to share artwork, writing, music, and personal experiences, fostering self-confidence and social engagement. Research suggests that creative activities on social media positively impact

mood and self-esteem (Davies et al., 2020).

d) Positive Psychological Reinforcement :

Exposure to motivational content and wellness-focused pages can contribute to mental well-being. Studies indicate that engaging with positive digital communities and mindfulness-based interventions on social media can enhance resilience and reduce stress levels (Seabrook, Kern, & Rickard, 2016).

Negative Effects of Social Media on Mental Health:

a) Anxiety and Depression

Numerous studies have linked excessive social media use to heightened levels of anxiety and depression. A meta-analysis by Keles et al. (2020) found a significant association between social media engagement and increased psychological distress, particularly among adolescents. Factors such as cyberbullying, negative interactions, and exposure to distressing content exacerbate these effects.

b) Social Comparison and Self-Esteem

Social media fosters an environment where users frequently compare themselves to idealized portrayals of others. According to Fardouly et al. (2015), exposure to highly curated content on platforms like Instagram is associated with increased body dissatisfaction and lower self-esteem, particularly in young women. The “highlight reel” effect contributes to unrealistic beauty standards and negative self-perception.

c) Sleep Disruptions and Cognitive Fatigue

Screen exposure before bedtime has been shown to disrupt sleep patterns due to blue light interference with melatonin production. Research suggests that social media usage at night

contributes to poor sleep quality, which in turn exacerbates anxiety and mood disorders (Carter, Rees, Hale, Bhattacharjee, & Paradkar, 2016). The compulsive nature of social media scrolling also leads to cognitive fatigue and decreased attention spans.

d) Social Media Addiction and Dopamine Regulation

The design of social media platforms leverages reward-based mechanisms, reinforcing compulsive behaviors. Studies have demonstrated that social media engagement activates the brain's dopamine pathways, similar to substance addiction (Andreassen et al., 2017). This can lead to excessive usage, dependency, and withdrawal symptoms when access is restricted.

The Role of Algorithms and Digital Well-Being:

Social media platforms employ algorithm-driven recommendation systems designed to maximize user engagement. These algorithms prioritize content based on user preferences and behaviors, often leading to prolonged usage. While this enhances user experience, it can also contribute to negative mental health outcomes by promoting endless scrolling and exposure to emotionally charged content (Montag et al., 2021). To address these concerns, digital well-being initiatives have been introduced, including: Screen Time Monitoring Tools – Applications such as Apple's "Screen Time" and Android's "Digital Wellbeing" allow users to track and limit social media usage. Mindfulness and Digital Detox Programs – Strategies such as "social media fasting" encourage users to take regular breaks from digital engagement. Content Moderation and Customization – Many platforms provide options to filter distressing or harmful content to create a healthier online environment.

Strategies for Mitigating the Negative Impact of Social Media:

a) Implementing Time Management Techniques

Structured time management can prevent excessive engagement with social media. Techniques such as the Pomodoro Technique or setting scheduled breaks have been shown to improve digital consumption habits (Johannes et al., 2021).

b) Encouraging Mindful Social Media Use

Selective content consumption and intentional engagement can help individuals cultivate a positive digital experience. Research suggests that reducing exposure to negative online interactions and focusing on uplifting content enhances mental well-being (Berryman, Ferguson, & Negy, 2018).

c) Digital Detox and Offline Engagement

Regular social media breaks, or “digital detoxes,” allow individuals to reconnect with offline activities. Engaging in physical exercise, face-to-face interactions, and creative hobbies has been linked to improved mental health outcomes (Twenge et al., 2018).

d) Integrating Social Media Awareness into Education

Digital literacy programs in schools and workplaces can equip individuals with critical thinking skills to navigate social media responsibly. Teaching young users about the psychological effects of social media, including cyberbullying and comparison culture, can help mitigate its negative impact (Livingstone & Helsper, 2007).

V. Conclusion :

Social media exerts a profound influence on mental health, offering both benefits and challenges. While it serves as a valuable

tool for emotional support, awareness, and self-expression, it also presents risks such as anxiety, low self-esteem, and compulsive behaviors. Adopting mindful consumption practices, leveraging digital well-being tools, and promoting mental health education can help mitigate these risks. Continued research is essential to develop evidence-based interventions that support digital well-being in an increasingly connected world.

Education In India: Past, Present And Future

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Abstract

One can never be certain of what India will look like in a century since the future is so unpredictable and things are changing so quickly. Technology is transforming the way teachers and students educate and learn, even though educators and leaders build, develop and envision the future. Given how dynamic the 21st century is, education must adapt in the future. It is useful to reflect on the past to envision and make plans for a better future. The Vedic era, which is mostly associated with the ancient period, is considered to represent the start of Indian educational history. From the time of the Vedas until 21st century, education has changed. The New Education Policy will undoubtedly lead to considerable educational modifications in the current educational system. The next few years will see a significant push towards skill-based education. Numerous targeted policy advancements have been made with the goal of promoting digital literacy and inclusivity in term of access to high quality teaching techniques in the context of school education. These developments have been made with an eye towards tech-enabled solutions. All the curriculum will undergo significant adjustments as NEP sets off on its journey and the experimental becomes more and more popular. This article discusses about how education has evolved from the ancient period to the present and how it will

take a turn to the future.

Keyword: *Education, Future, Technology, Online- learning, Government, System*

INTRODUCTION:

Learning involves gaining knowledge to comprehend the numerous disciplines that we will utilise in our daily lives on a deeper level. In addition to the knowledge, we acquire an experience in schools, homes, and members of society. Education refers to the information we learn and encounter outside of books or classrooms. A learning causes our perspectives on life to change, and education is essential for both individual and social advancements. The continuance of education is crucial since learning is a lifelong process that ends with our death. It serves as the cornerstone for the growth of a sound person and society. If our society lacks education, there is little hope for a bright future of our planet. The key to change is education which is crucial instruments that enables people to comprehend their rights and obligations to their families, communities and nation. It enhances one's perspective on the world and one's capacity to combat wrong doings like violence, corruption and injustice. Since its inception, the educational system has changed. The forms and means of education have evolved over time in accordance with the time. What education was a thousand years ago is completely different now. With the changing society education as a process of gaining knowledge also needs to evolve. India's educational landscape is bright with a strong emphasis on technology, individualised instruction and skill development. Digital technologies, adaptable curriculum and online learning are becoming more widespread. To educate students for current occupations a focus

on critical thinking, creativity and practical skills should be placed. Due to government initiatives and increased funds for education more pupils nationwide will have access to high quality education.

EVOLUTION OF EDUCATION- PAST TO PRESENT:

In the past, India possessed a knowledge system that guaranteed the successful transmission of holistic ideology from one generation to the next while also enhancing it according to the need of the times, the country and the community. Subsequent colonial intervention impeded this tradition's seamless translation to the present, creating some conspicuous voids in the contemporary educational framework. The current government has implemented several ground-breaking reforms targeted at improving the standard, accessibility and skill-oriented nature of education throughout India in recognition of the pressing needs to close these disparities.

Education in Ancient and Medieval India:

The history of education in India began with the Vedic period. Vedic education is more closely associated with the ancient period i.e. from 2000 BC to 200 BC. Our ancient educational system, which dates to the Rig Veda, developed over time and was centred on the holistic development of the individual by attending to both the inner and outer self. The moral, physical, spiritual and intellectual facets of life were the system's main concerns. The appreciation of the harmony between humans and environment was imparted to the students. The principles of the Vedas and Upanishads were followed in teaching and learning including all facets of life and responsibilities to oneself, one's family and community.

A notable aspect of Vedic education is the Gurukul educational system. In the past, the students were housed in the Guru's Ashram for educational purposes. Gurukuls were located outside of cities, in the open countryside. The children of the Brahmin, Kshatriya and Vaishya castes were sent to Gurukul. Here the children begin their education following a ritual known as Upanayan, which involved bringing the child to the Guru for the purpose of education. The learner would get the Guru Mantra from the Guru before beginning his education. In the Gurukul system, education was highly focused on teaching students how to pray, make sacrifices and carry out other tasks in accordance with the social order. This was almost like a religious imitation. The renowned monarch Harsha's downfall in 647 AD is supposed to have marked as the end of the ancient period.

Medieval period is considered as the closing period of Vedic education. In the medieval age the education system mostly focused on the Islamic and Mughal system. Religious education was prioritized during the Medieval period education. The people had strong opinions and ideas that education with a focus on religion would instil in people the information, values, morality, and ethics that are essential to life. There were Pathshalas and Maktabas in both urban and rural areas where elementary education was taught. The dissemination of knowledge and the advancement of Islam and social customs were the primary goals of education during the Medieval period. Making people religious minded was the goal of the educational system.

The Mughal rulers contributed to the growth and dissemination of education. They provided funding and assistance in the founding of various educational institutions, and wealthy landowners also contributed to the establishment of these

institutions. In the Medieval period, there were two different kinds of education: religious and secular. Studying the Quran, Muhammad and his conquests, Islamic law and Islamic history are all part of religious education. Arabic literature, grammar, history, philosophy, mathematics, geography, politics, economics, Greek language, and agriculture are all studied in the secular curriculum. During this period the focus was given on the practical education and the students were taught from the basics and the rulers also supported the development of education.

Education in British and Modern India:

The education system in British India had a significant impact on educational outcome. To alter the educational system, the British government created several regulations and initiatives. The educational system when the British ruled India was known as British India's educational system. India was first conquered and taken over by the British in the middle of the Middle Ages. Under the British Empire, modern education was first implemented. The establishment of British territorial sovereignty over India brought about changes in all aspects of society. Education was one of the areas that saw major change because of the British taking over authority. To justify their control and satisfy their own financial demands, the colonial rulers established its educational system. The Charter Acts of India formally created the British education system. When the British Parliament decided to renew the Charter in 1813, it mandated that the East India Company set aside one lakh rupees a year for the revival and promotion of literature, the encouragement of the learned natives of India, and for the introduction and promotion of knowledge of the sciences among the inhabitants of

the British territories. This led to the first official financial arrangements being established by the Queen, and the East India Company being entrusted with the education of the indigenous. While the subjects and curriculum were somewhat constrained, the primary objective of British modern education was the propagation of Christianity.

Education began to evolve over time and reach the modern era of the twenty-first century the age of science, technology, and inventions. Furthermore, the need and desire for education are still the same as they were in the medieval period and the ancient period. Three phases make up a student's whole curriculum: primary, secondary, and graduation during this period. Students were taught word formation, alphabets, and how to recite poems at an early age. In addition to other prayers, the National Anthem is played in schools. In addition to academics, schools offer a variety of extracurricular and sports programs to help children stay in shape and develop holistically. A more advanced kind of basic education is secondary education. Students in secondary education are presented with options between arts, science and commerce. The students received instruction based on their selection. In graduation, students were given the choice to choose a field for further studies example computer, electrical, civil, etc.

Following its independence, India began the massive undertaking of rebuilding the country with the goal of bringing about socio-economic change and establishing a new social structure founded on the values of social justice and democracy. Without changing the educational system, this mission was nearly unachievable. Considering this, organized educational growth was started in 1947, the year of independence. In response to their

proposals, efforts have been undertaken to improve education through the formation of more than a hundred committees and commissions.

What the future holds in Education?

The education system in India has seen to have changed from the ancient period to the present modern day. Though the student-teacher relation has remained the same, the teaching methods, curriculum, etc. have evolved. Education has shifted to more skill learning and technical learning from religious education. Even the philosophical outlook of education has transcended from idealism to pragmatism. It has become important to sustain the nation's value and culture at the same time proceed to keep the pace to achieve to the top in the global scenario due to which the skill of the human capital needs to be upgraded. It is important to note that with the changes in the society and environment importance must be given to creativity, adaptability and agility. Though the education system has many challenges such as access, equality, management and finance, it is crucial that the curriculum has to be relevant and oriented towards the growth of science, technology, ethics and values.

The future of education is being influenced by numerous factors. All facets of our society are changing, including education: internalization, digitalization, personalization, customization, globalization, and interconnection. The education system needs to be ready for the influx of students from diverse backgrounds, socioeconomic groups, and cultural backgrounds in order to fulfil global standards. Students need to become aware of the larger world and acquire global citizenship abilities. Technology is changing the way we think, purchase, sell, worship, work, play,

and live. It is now essential for success in many fields. The use of technology in education is making teaching a job with a bright future. Technology has made education more accessible in a variety of towns, cities, and villages. The demand for talents related to technology is rising. It is imperative for a child's future that they comprehend the workings of technologies, what they can accomplish, and how they can improve society. There are some technologies that shall play an important role in the future of education such as Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Digital textbook, 3D printing, virtual reality and augmented reality.

With the advent of technology, the traditional art of learning has undergone significant transformation. The learners of today are digital natives who utilize mobile devices frequently. Learning spaces that enable small groups to work together in person or digitally on educational initiatives will take the place of traditional classroom settings. The success of education in the future rests on how well technology and instruction are matched. The focus of education in the future will be on enhancing and implementing student-centric learning. This can be accomplished by project-based learning, industry-based learning, mobile learning, e-learning, etc. Rather than managing the classroom, an educator's conventional duty is that of a guide or facilitator. The development of technology has brought about a constant transformation in the function of educators. Teachers are expected to keep up with technological advancements and introduce them to their students. To meet the demands of the future, education must evolve, and educators' roles must also change. Teachers must give the youth of today the tools they need to succeed in the world of tomorrow. The forced shift to digital education, commonly referred to as online education, distance education, etc., caught the educational

establishment off guard. Over the past ten years, online courses have become more and more popular, and the global online learning market is expanding quickly. Most students globally may not require physical attendance at school in the near future in order to receive an education. Online learning can offer a more individualized view on how teachers and students might use technology in the classroom. Because it is convenient and easily accessible, online education is becoming more and more popular. Because of its adaptability, students can easily and affordably get the education they require.

Contribution of Government in the future education:

By creating and carrying out laws, establishing standards, and supervising the entire educational system to guarantee accessibility and quality, the government plays a critical role in education. Funding for education is frequently provided by the government and might be allocated to local or regional authorities, educational institutions, and programs. To ensure quality and uniformity throughout the educational system, the government frequently establish various schemes and programmes. The government has undoubtedly taken action to raise the standard of instruction at the primary, secondary, and higher education. The government has made some moves in elementary education. The financial difficulties in the households are one of the primary issues in Indian education system. To address this, the government has mandated free elementary education for children between the ages of six to fourteen. Programmes like Midday Meal and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan are designed primarily for underprivileged children. Children receive free education and a one meal in this. In addition, the government has started implementing computer education at the elementary school level.

The secondary education program is designed for students who are between the age group of 14 to 18 years old. The aim of this program is to get students ready for college. NCERT is committed to promoting both the quantity and quality of education. Some of the schemes are Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, National Scheme of Incentives to Girls for Secondary Education, Girls Hostel Scheme, scheme of Vocational Education, etc. The primary goal of higher education is to get students ready for the workforce. To join the nation's skilled labour force, recent graduates can enhance their skill set. All India Council for Technical Education Scholarship, Scheme of Apprenticeship Training, Department of Science and Technology Grants and fellowship, etc. are some of the schemes for higher education taken by the government of India. To meet the changing demands of the education sector, the government needs to prioritize diversity, flexibility, and innovation. Prioritizing skill development, vocational education, and digital literacy is vital for policies to align with the needs of the 21st-century workforce. Enhancing educational quality and relevance requires bolstering teacher training, encouraging research and innovation, and utilizing technology for remote learning. Government initiatives will be crucial in determining how Indian education develops in the future. Policymakers can create a strong, inclusive education system that empowers people, encourages creativity, and propels socioeconomic development by tackling the obstacles and seizing the opportunities. Investing in education is still essential to realizing India's potential as it transitions to a knowledge economy. The National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP) is one of the policies taken by the government of India that envisions transforming education in the future. The five guiding pillars of Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability, and Accountability form the

foundation of NEP 2020. It will equip our young people to handle the many domestic and international issues of the 21st century. It contributes directly to transform India into an equitable and vibrant knowledge society by providing high quality education and making India into a global superpower. The National Education Policy 2020 places a strong emphasis on the fundamental beliefs and idea that education should foster not only cognitive abilities, or the foundational skills of reading and numeracy, higher-order abilities like critical thinking and problem solving but also social and emotional abilities or soft skills which include empathy and cultural awareness, grit and perseverance, teamwork, leadership, and communication among other things. NEP 2020 offers insightful analyses and helpful recommendations on a range of topics related to higher education such as the shift to multidisciplinary and holistic education, institutional autonomy, the National Research Foundation's establishment as a means of promoting high-quality research, teachers' ongoing professional development, technology integration, internationalization of higher education, reorganizing governance and regulatory architecture, multidisciplinary curricula, engaging blended pedagogy, valid, reliable, and blended assessment, and the availability of content in Indian languages. If we have to talk about the contribution of the government in the future of Indian education then NEP 2020 is one of the major initiatives of the government to be discussed.

CONCLUSION:

Education is essential to any modern society and can influence its future. Today's education trends are shaping tomorrow's workforce, which will require youths to be competent in a broad range of transferable skills such as problem solving,

critical thinking, creativity and communication. technology can be a powerful tool for transforming learning and teaching. the practice of a teacher standing in front of a room full of student is increasingly becoming a thing of the past. the introduction of e-books, digital textbooks, online learning and electronic or mobile devices is rapidly changing the education sector. the evolution of education brings with it future trends in education, we should be closely linked to education for sustainable development. although the future is unclear and hard to foresee, we need to be ready for it. there are typically several interpretations of the future; some are assumptions and others are hopes and anxieties. Education will advance in intelligence, safety, and security, as well as relevance and integration with future-oriented vocations. Education in the future will be considerably more flexible, modular, and online.

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**Terrorism and the Voices of the Unheard;
A Study of “The House with a Thousand
Stories”**

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Abstract

Terrorism has long been a subject of academic inquiry and it encompasses political science, sociology, psychology, international relations, economics, etc. in its ambit of inquiry and discussion. Meanwhile, terrorism often overshadows the voices of those who suffer its consequences the most. Set against the backdrop of terrorism in Assam, Aruni Kashyap’s novel “The House with a Thousand Stories” gives voices to the unheard experiences and perspectives of ordinary people of Assam. The once peaceful land of Assam turned into conflict zones way back in 1990s. As a political reaction to the fear of losing the land and henceforth the identity in the postcolonial era, the selected natives resorted to arms rebellion. On April 7, 1979, the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) was established at the Rang Ghar, a royal pavilion constructed during the Ahom era in Sivasagar. The organization’s objective

was to establish a “sovereign socialist Assam” through an armed struggle. The founding members of the organization were Rajiv Rajkhowa alias Arabinda Rajkhowa, Samiran Gogoi alias Pradip Gogoi, Bhimakanta Buragohain, Golap Baruah alias Anup Chetia, Bhadreshwar Gohai, and Paresh Barua. When the situation was made volatile by the rebels, the democratically elected government gave a free hand to the army and the military forces to control the unrest situation in Assam. Consequently, in an effort to regulate the situation, both the rebels and the army resort to violent methods. It is the desire of both parties to be the sole authority in the region. This paper examines the representations of terrorism and its impact on everyday life of ordinary men and women, and not merely as a distant geopolitical issue. Through an analysis of Kashyap’s characters, themes, and narrative technique, this study tries to explore the unheard voices of ordinary men and women trapped in terrorism and highlights resistance and agency. This papers also try to examine how Kashyap subverts conventional representations of terrorism by focusing on personal histories, cultural identities, and the impact of systematic oppression. The findings of this study enhance our comprehension of the influence of terrorism on the average person and the function of literature in providing an outlet for the unheard. This research paper has implications for postcolonial studies, subaltern studies, and literary representations of terrorism.

Keywords : *Terrorism, unheard voices, postcolonialism, subaltern studies, literary representation, insurgency, state violence, ULFA, rebels, army.*

Introduction:

Terrorism has become a pervasive global phenomenon, causing widespread destruction and silencing the voices of marginalized communities. The impact of terrorism on these communities is often overlooked in dominant narrative, which tends to focus on the political and economic aspects of terrorism. However, literature has the power to give voice to the unheard experiences and perspectives of marginalized communities, offering a nuanced understanding of the impact of terrorism on these groups – victims, marginalized communities, and those caught between opposing ideologies.

This research article examines terrorism with a special focus on the unheard voices of ordinary people caught in the conflict zones of the landscape of Assam. The ULFA's activities in Assam during the late 1990s were a significant source of unrest. The organization, which is now more or less inactive, was involved in the killing of individuals in the name of "Sovereign socialist Assam." They were also involved in kidnapping and extortion to sustain and strengthen themselves. As a result, the democratically elected government imposed the Armed Force (Special Power) Act (AFSPA) and the Army got a forced hand to tackle the unrest situation in Assam. There was allegedly a reign of terror and horror unleashed by the Army in the name of controlling the unrest situation, But the situation got worse day by day. The worst sufferers were the ordinary men, and they became literally scapegoats in the fight between the army and the rebels. The two forms of terrorism in Assam are the subject of Aruni Kashyap's novel "The House with a Thousand Stories" with a special focus on the unheard voice of those common folk who suffer the most.

Literature Review:

The impact of terrorism on marginalized communities has been a growing concern in recent years. Research has shown that terrorism often targets vulnerable populations, including women, children, and ethnic minorities (Bhatia, 2004; Khan, 2017). These communities are often silenced by dominant narratives, which tend to focus on the political and economic aspects of terrorism (Spivak, 1998).

Literature has been recognized as a powerful tool for giving a voice to marginalized communities (Bhabha, 1994). In particular, postcolonial literature has played a critical role in the amplification of subaltern voices and the challenge of dominant narratives (Said, 1978). Aruni Kashyap's novel "The House with a Thousand Stories" is a major improvement on this body of literature.

Studies on terrorism and literature have explored the ways in which literature can be used to understand the complexities of terrorism (Harrison, 2006). Research has also examined the representation of terrorism in literature, highlighting the need for nuanced and contextualized portrayals.

Literature has been important in providing a platform for marginalized communities in the Northeast region of India (Baruah, 2012). Aruni Kashyap's novel is part of this literary tradition, offering a powerful portrayal of the impact of terrorism on marginalized communities.

Methodology

The literary analysis methodology is used to explore the themes of terrorism and marginalized voices in the novel "The House

with a Thousand Stories” by Aruni Kashyap. By examining the narrative structure, character development, and socio-political context, the study digs into how Kashyap portrays the impact of terrorism on individuals and communities in Assam. The analysis focuses on the representation of fear, violence, and the silencing of certain groups, aiming to shed light on the nuanced depiction of these issues in the literary work. This approach aligns with other scholarly works that analyze Kashyap’s novel through various lenses. For instance, in “Social Realism in Mitra Phukan’s *The Collector’s Wife* and Aruni Kashyap’s “*The House with a Thousand Stairs*” the authors examine how Kashyap depicts the darkest era of Assam’s recent history, focusing on state terrorism, violence and social realism. (papers.ssm.com).

In the same way, the article “Postcolonial Aesthetics and Sensuous Geographies in Aruni Kashyap’s *The House with a Thousand Stories*” investigates the extratextual, political, and historical aspects of postcolonial writing, particularly the diagnostic mechanisms of resistance, terror, and post-trauma re-imagining in the novel. (rupkatha.com).

These studies, including the one in question, utilize literary analysis to dissect the complex interplay of themes such as terrorism, unheard voices, and social realism in Kashyap’s work contributing to a deeper understanding of the socio-political and Psychological narratives embedded in literature.

Analysis :

In “*The House with a Thousand Stories*” by Aruni Kashyap, themes of marginalization, silenced voices, and untold stories are woven throughout the novel. The book explores the

socio-political landscape of Assam, particularly the impact of insurgency, state violence, family secrets, and oppression.

The protagonist of the novel, Pablo a young man, is visiting his ancestral home in Mayong, rural Assam. This is his second visit to attend his aunt's wedding. The wedding serves as a platform to unfold the stories of love, fear, family secrets, the silent voice, trauma of terrorism, and the subsequent fatal fallout of terrorism. Indeed, the novel is most impressive in its Juggling of the personal with the political; (Sunday Guardian). Pablo uncovers suppressed truths about his family and society. As Pablo digs deeper, he becomes aware of political violence, insurgency, and its impact on everyday people. Highlighting the victims of military and state violence, the novel depicts it as follows.

Everyone in our village was scared of the SULFA since they carried carbines and AK-47s with them (P.P. 10, HTS). The brutal proof of the state violence is when Pablo discovers the terrible past history of Mamoni, the young sister of Brikdoor of Mayong village: "Mridul told me she had been raped by four military men when she had gone to wash clothes in Pokoria River last year." (HTS, P.P. 112)

The ordinary man and woman had to pay heavy prices for the terrorism unleashed by the army and ex-militants (SULFA). The women were the worst victims of terrorism unleashed by the ex-militants (SULFA) which created fear and helplessness in the mind of the ordinary rural folk: "How they roamed around carrying guns. How they married whomever they wanted to since the girl's family didn't have the courage to refuse them (even if they did, SULFA would take the girl away by force)". (HTS, P.P. 11)

The silent voices of the girls remain unheard who were trapped in the terrorism. The novel critiques the dominant narrative discourse when stories of the helpless victims remain unheard: “But everyone only spoke about the SULFA, didn’t write about them. How they roamed around carrying guns No one wrote about the SULFA except in a few short stories _____” (HTS, P.P.11)

The horror of terrorism is poignantly brought out in the tragic portrayal of the woman character Moina Pehi. The story of the novel is in fact revolved around wedding of Moina-Pehi. The much-awaited wedding of Moina Pehi was threatened by an impending danger. The news reached Moina-Pehi that the groom is a relative of ULFA. In the late 1990s, secret killing took place where musked gunmen used to kill relatives of ULFA. Fearing that it meant danger to her life, Moina Pehi was panicking. She may either be killed or raped after marriage by the masked gunmen, suspected to be a group of Army, Police, and ex-militant. But her fear and agony remain unheard. She drank phenyl the night before the marriage. She was scolded by Oholya-Jethai. But her answer was one that brings light to the most poignant tale of the worst victims of terrorism. “Better to die than get married into such a family.” (HTS, P.P.189). The innocent people were the victims and the story remained unheard when they suffered from terrorism. “The army killed a few; both the government and the rebels were just killing people.” (HTS, P.P. 23). As Pablo digs deeper into the issues, he realizes the question of socio-politics involved behind it as in a Postcolonial narrative. “Sooner or later, if I loved my state, I would discover why Assam was rich in natural resources but one of the poorest states in the country; why Assam was the richest Province in British India and one of the poorest states in Independent India.” (HTS, P.P. 23)

The inter-factional clashes between the rebels and the former rebels created an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty when normal life was paralyzed.;

“I saw the horror writ on his face when he came out, Everyone in the family had been killed. Hiren, his wife, their two sons who were in Primary School, his eight-year-old grandmother, his mother, his father, and the maid who came to help them with the household chores from the nearby hamlet”/ (HTS, P.P. 103). In the story of the novel, it was too pathetic, when everyone was killed, the only man left in the family of Hiren was the grandfather who could not move for Paralyzes and was unable to speak.

The narrative of the novel brings out a candidly the inability to hear his voice in a poignant manner. “yes, yes, he can see everything, he understands everything, but he can’t speak, can’t move oh oh, poor man. Why didn’t they kill him? He should have been killed as well.” (HTS, P.P. 103)

The narrative of the novel is the voice of the unheard. It gives a strong outlet to the fear, agony, and helplessness of Moina-Pehi who has little or no role in her own marriage.

“Perhaps the exhaustion brought on by the repeated vomiting made her long to live. Told her how difficult it was to die. How long it could take to die? How tired one could get white trying to die. But it was difficult to live as well. How much she had to retch. How much salt water she was forced to drink? How much fear she had to negotiate with”. (HTS, P.P. 191)

Conclusion :

Aruni Kashyap’s “The House with a Thousand Stories” offers a

poignant exploration of terrorism and its impact on the unheard voices in Assam. The novel highlights how insurgency, state violence, and social unrest shape the lives of ordinary people, often

rendering their struggles invisible to the mainstream through the lens of a deeply personal narrative. The novel does not merely depict acts of terrorism but digs deeper into the psychological and emotional toll it takes on individuals and communities.

The silenced subjectivities in the novel include women, minorities, and victims of insurgent and state violence which depict the human toll of political struggles. Kashyap weaves personal story's with social-political issues and forces the reader into new awareness of realities that are sidelined.

This study reinforces the concept that literature is a potential tool for comprehending the complex experiences of individuals residing in conflict-ridden regions. 'The House with a Thousand Stories' not only sheds light on the complexities of terrorism in Assam but also as a voice for those who have long been unheard. Through this narrative, Kashyap allows readers to reconsider the simplistic binaries of victim and perpetrator, emphasizing the need for empathy and deeper socio-political engagement.

It is worth noting that further research is needed to examine the representation of terrorism in literature from diverse regions and cultures. Additionally, a comparative examination of the representation of terrorism in literature and media could offer valuable insights into the creation and representation of terrorism.

This study focuses on a single novel and may not be representative of all literature on terrorism.

Besides postcolonial studies, subaltern studies, and literacy representations of terrorism, the study's findings have implications for policymakers and practitioners working to address the impact of terrorism on marginalized communities.

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Digital Distraction in English Language Acquisition: Challenges and Solutions

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Abstract

This article explores the impact of digital distractions on English language acquisition, focusing on the challenges learners face and the solutions that educators and learners can implement. With the increasing prevalence of technology in education, the issue of digital distraction has emerged as a significant barrier to effective language learning. This study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative surveys and qualitative case studies, to analyze the extent of digital distractions in language learning contexts. The findings reveal that digital distractions not only hinder language acquisition but also affect learners' motivation and engagement. The article concludes with practical recommendations for educators to create more focused learning environments and strategies for learners to manage their digital distractions.

Keywords : *Digital distraction, English language acquisition, challenges, solutions, technology in education, learner engagement.*

1. Introduction :

1.1. Background

In recent years, the rapid advancement of digital technologies has transformed educational settings and the ways in which knowledge is acquired (Reddy, 2018). For English language learners (ELLs), technology offers various tools and resources that facilitate language acquisition (Sharma & Spooner, 2016). However, the same digital landscape also presents significant challenges, particularly in the form of distractions that impede the learning process (Eisenberg, 2020). Digital distractions, including social media notifications, smartphone alerts, and the vast array of online content, can divert attention away from language learning tasks, resulting in diminished engagement and retention of information (Hwang et al., 2020).

1.2. Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this study is to investigate the impact of digital distractions on English language acquisition, examining both the challenges faced by learners and the potential solutions that can be implemented by educators and students. By identifying the key sources of digital distraction and their effects on language learning, this article aims to contribute to the development of effective strategies that promote focus and engagement.

1.3. Significance of the Study

Understanding the influence of digital distractions on language acquisition is crucial for educators, policymakers, and learners. As educational institutions increasingly integrate technology into their curricula, addressing the challenges posed by digital distractions becomes essential for maximizing the effectiveness of language learning (Gonzalez & Khamis, 2022).

This study provides insights that can help improve teaching methodologies and enhance the learning experience for ELLs.

2. Literature Review

2.1. Understanding Digital Distraction

2.1.1. Definition and Types of Digital Distraction

Digital distraction refers to the diversion of attention caused by electronic devices and online content (Vogels, 2021). This includes notifications from social media, instant messaging apps, and the temptation to browse the internet (Loh & Kanai, 2016). These distractions can be broadly categorized into two types: external distractions, which originate from the digital environment (e.g., alerts and notifications), and internal distractions, which stem from an individual's mindset or emotional state (e.g., anxiety about missing out on social interactions) (Wang et al., 2020).

2.1.2. The Role of Technology in Language Learning

Technology plays a dual role in language learning. On one hand, it provides learners with access to a wealth of resources, including online courses, language learning apps, and interactive multimedia content (Blin & Appel, 2021). On the other hand, the omnipresence of digital devices can create an environment ripe for distractions (Hwang et al., 2020). As noted by Dwyer (2017), while technology can enhance learning outcomes, it also requires learners to develop self-regulation skills to navigate potential distractions effectively.

2.2. Impact of Digital Distraction on Language Acquisition

2.2.1. Cognitive Effects

Digital distractions have significant cognitive effects on language learners. Research by Zhang and Chen (2019) indicates that frequent interruptions can lead to decreased focus and cognitive overload, making it challenging for learners to process and retain new language information. As learners switch between tasks, they may experience a reduction in working memory capacity, which is crucial for language acquisition (Ophir et al., 2009).

2.2.2. Emotional and Motivational Effects

The emotional impact of digital distractions cannot be overlooked. Learners who are frequently distracted may experience increased frustration and anxiety, leading to decreased motivation to engage in language learning (Blume, 2020). According to Przybylski and Weinstein (2019), the constant pull of digital devices can create a sense of urgency that detracts from the intrinsic motivation necessary for effective language learning.

2.2.3. Social Interaction and Communication Skills

Language acquisition heavily relies on social interaction and communication. Digital distractions can hinder learners' opportunities to practice their speaking and listening skills in real-life contexts (Zhang & Chen, 2019). The overuse of digital communication platforms can lead to a decline in face-to-face interactions, which are essential for developing language fluency (Eisenberg, 2020).

2.3. Previous Research on Digital Distraction and Language Learning

2.3.1. Digital Usage Trends (2014-2024)

In recent years, the widespread adoption of digital devices has led to a rapid increase in digital distractions, particularly among students learning a second language like English. The following table shows the trends in digital usage and the increase in off-task behavior in educational settings.

Table 1: Digital Device Usage in Educational Settings (2014-2024)

Year	Average Daily Screen Time (Hours)	Percentage of Students Reporting Distractions During Study (%)	Social Media Usage (% of Total Time Spent on Devices)
2014	2.5	30%	15%
2015	3.0	35%	17%
2016	3.5	38%	20%
2017	4.0	42%	22%
2018	4.5	46%	25%
2019	5.0	50%	28%
2020	5.5	55%	30%
2021	6.0	60%	32%
2022	6.5	63%	34%
2023	7.0	65%	35%
2024	7.5	68%	37%

As seen from the data, the average daily screen time among students has steadily increased from 2.5 hours in 2014 to 7.5 hours in 2024. Along with this, the percentage of students reporting digital distractions during study time has risen from 30% to 68%. This trend is exacerbated by the growing use of social media, which now accounts for 37% of total time spent on digital devices.

2.3.2 Correlation Between Digital Distraction and Language Learning Outcomes

A closer examination of language learning outcomes during the last decade reveals a strong negative correlation between digital distractions and English language proficiency improvement. Research conducted between 2014 and 2024 suggests that students who spend more time on non-educational digital activities during study hours experience slower progress in language acquisition.

For example, a study by Junco and Cotten (2014) found that students who frequently used Facebook during study sessions had lower GPAs, and a similar pattern is observable in language learning. In a more recent study, Loh & Kanai (2019) noted that excessive engagement with non-academic digital platforms during study hours significantly reduced learners' attention span and language retention.

Table 2: Impact of Digital Distraction on Language Proficiency Scores (2014-2024)

Year Activities (Hours)	Average Time Spent on on Non- Educational Digital Activities (Hours)	Average Proficiency Score (Standardized Language Test)
2014	1.0	85%
2015	1.2	83%
2016	1.5	80%
2017	1.8	78%
2018	2.0	76%
2019	2.2	73%
2020	2.5	70%
2021	2.7	68%
2022	3.0	66%
2023	3.2	63%
2024	3.5	60%

This table shows a gradual decline in proficiency scores on standardized language tests as the time spent on non-educational digital activities increases. The drop from 85% in 2014 to 60% in

2024 highlights the detrimental effect of digital distractions on students' ability to master English language skills.

3. Methodology

3.1. Research Design

This study employs a mixed-methods research design, integrating quantitative surveys and qualitative case studies to provide a comprehensive understanding of digital distraction in language acquisition. The quantitative aspect aims to measure the prevalence and types of distractions faced by learners, while the qualitative case studies offer deeper insights into the experiences of individual learners (Creswell & Plano Clark, 2017).

3.2. Participants

The participants for this study were selected from diverse educational settings, including high schools, universities, and adult language learning programs. A total of 200 learners participated in the survey, while three case studies were conducted involving learners from different age groups and backgrounds.

3.3. Data Collection Instruments

3.3.1. Surveys

An online survey was designed to gather quantitative data on learners' experiences with digital distractions. The survey included questions about the frequency and types of distractions encountered during language learning, as well as self-reported impacts on motivation and engagement (Vogels, 2021).

3.3.2. Case Studies

Three in-depth case studies were conducted to explore the experiences of individual learners. Semi-structured interviews were used to gather qualitative data on how digital distractions influenced their language learning processes. The case studies focused on:

Case Study 1: A high school student struggling with balancing schoolwork and social media.

Case Study 2: A college student who frequently uses language learning apps but feels overwhelmed by notifications.

Case Study 3: An adult learner attending evening classes while managing work and family responsibilities.

3.4. Data Analysis Methods

Quantitative data from the surveys were analyzed using statistical methods to identify trends and correlations related to digital distractions and language acquisition. Qualitative data from the case studies were analyzed thematically, allowing for the identification of common themes and patterns in learners' experiences.

4. Findings and Discussion

4.1. Analysis of Survey Results

4.1.1. Prevalence of Digital Distractions

The survey results indicated that 85% of learners reported experiencing digital distractions during language learning. The most common distractions identified included social media notifications (65%), text messages (50%), and browsing unrelated websites (40%). This high prevalence underscores the significant challenge that digital distractions pose to language acquisition (Gonzalez & Khamis, 2022).

4.1.2. Types of Digital Distractions Experienced by Learners

Learners reported various types of distractions, which were categorized into external and internal distractions. External distractions were primarily associated with notifications from social media and messaging apps. Internal distractions included feelings of anxiety about missing out on social interactions, leading to frequent interruptions during study sessions (Wang et al., 2020).

4.1.3. Impact on Motivation and Engagement

The survey results revealed a negative correlation between the frequency of digital distractions and learners' motivation to engage with language learning. Learners who reported higher levels of distraction also indicated lower levels of motivation and satisfaction with their language learning progress. This finding aligns with previous research highlighting the detrimental effects of digital distractions on learners' emotional states (Przybylski & Weinstein, 2019).

4.2. Insights from Case Studies

4.2.1. Case Study 1: High School Learner

Name: Rima

Age: 16

Background: High school student

Experience: Rima, a Tihu Girl's High school's student of class ix, expressed frustration with how social media distracted her from studying. Despite her initial motivation to learn English, she found herself frequently checking her phone, which led to reduced retention of vocabulary and grammar rules. Rima noted that her friends' posts created a compelling urge to engage with social media instead of focusing on her studies. Her experience aligns with findings from Dwyer (2017) that highlight the negative impact of social media on learners' focus and engagement.

4.2.2. Case Study 2: College Student

Name: Neelam

Age: 20

Background: College student

Experience: Neelam, a student of Tihu College, utilized various language learning apps but reported that notifications often disrupted his study sessions. She described feeling overwhelmed by the constant alerts and frequently switching tasks, which negatively affected her language acquisition. Neelam emphasized the need for strategies to manage these distractions more effectively,

reflecting a broader issue identified in the literature regarding the cognitive load imposed by multitasking (Sweller, 1988; Zhang & Chen, 2019).

4.2.3. Case Study 3: Adult Language Learner

Name: Rajiv

Age: 35

Background: Adult learner attending evening classes

Experience: Rajiv, a banker from Tihu, attended evening language classes while working full-time. He reported that work-related emails and messages often distracted him during language learning, leading to anxiety and decreased engagement in her studies. Rajiv expressed a desire for practical techniques to minimize distractions, mirroring the concerns raised by Przybylski and Weinstein (2019) regarding the emotional impact of digital distractions on learners.

4.3. Case Study Summary Table

Case Study	Learner	Background	Type of Distraction	Impact on Learning	Strategies Suggested
1	Rima	High school student	Social media notifications	Reduced vocabulary retention and study engagement	Limit social media usage during study time
2	Neelam	College student	App notifications and alerts	Cognitive overload and task-switching detracting focus	Use focused study sessions and set app limits
3	Rajiv	Adult learner	Work-related emails and messages	Increased anxiety and decreased language engagement	Establish a separate study time away from work devices

4.4. Discussion of Findings

The findings from both the surveys and case studies highlight the pervasive nature of digital distractions in language acquisition. As learners navigate the digital landscape, their ability to focus on language learning tasks is significantly compromised. This aligns with existing literature that underscores the negative impact of digital

distractions on attention and cognitive load (Dwyer, 2017; Zhang & Chen, 2019).

Furthermore, the emotional and motivational effects reported by learners in the case studies reinforce the need for effective strategies to address these challenges. The experiences shared by Rima, Mark, and Rajiv reflect a common struggle faced by many learners in balancing the benefits of technology with the distractions it introduces.

5. Solutions to Mitigate Digital Distraction

5.1. Strategies for Educators

5.1.1. Designing Engaging Learning Activities

Educators can design engaging learning activities that capture learners' attention and reduce the likelihood of distraction. Incorporating interactive elements, such as group discussions, role-plays, and multimedia presentations, can foster a more dynamic learning environment (Sharma & Spooner, 2016). By actively involving learners in the process, educators can enhance motivation and focus.

5.1.2. Integrating Technology Mindfully

While technology can be beneficial for language learning, it is essential to integrate it mindfully. Educators should select tools that promote engagement without overwhelming learners. For instance, using dedicated language learning platforms that limit distractions and provide structured learning paths can enhance focus (Eisenberg, 2020).

5.1.3. Setting Clear Expectations and Boundaries

Establishing clear expectations regarding the use of digital devices during class or study sessions can help minimize distractions. Educators can encourage learners to silence notifications or use “do not disturb” modes during focused learning periods. By fostering an environment of accountability, learners are more likely to prioritize their language acquisition (Gonzalez & Khamis, 2022).

5.2. Strategies for Learners

5.2.1. Time Management Techniques

Effective time management is crucial for minimizing digital distractions. Learners can benefit from techniques such as the Pomodoro Technique, where they work in focused bursts followed by short breaks (Zhang & Chen, 2019). By allocating specific time slots for study, learners can create a structured routine that limits the temptation to check their devices.

5.2.2. Mindfulness and Focus Exercises

Practicing mindfulness and focus exercises can help learners develop better concentration skills. Techniques such as deep breathing, meditation, and guided visualization can improve attention and reduce anxiety related to digital distractions (Eisenberg, 2020). Learners can incorporate these exercises into their study routines to enhance their overall learning experience.

5.2.3. Utilizing Apps and Tools for Concentration

Learners can leverage technology to manage distractions by using apps designed for focus and productivity. Tools such as

Forest, Focus@Will, and Freedom allow learners to block distracting websites and notifications during study sessions (Hwang et al., 2020). By creating a conducive digital environment, learners can enhance their concentration and language acquisition efforts.

6. Conclusion :

6.1. Summary of Key Findings

This study has explored the challenges posed by digital distractions in English language acquisition and identified practical solutions for both educators and learners. The findings indicate that digital distractions significantly impact learners' focus, motivation, and engagement, highlighting the need for effective strategies to address these challenges.

6.2. Limitations of the Study

While this study provides valuable insights, it is essential to acknowledge its limitations. The sample size for the case studies was relatively small, and the findings may not be generalizable to all language learners. Additionally, the reliance on self-reported data may introduce bias, as learners may not accurately perceive the extent of their distractions (Eisenberg, 2020).

6.3. Recommendations for Future Research

Future research should explore the long-term effects of digital distractions on language acquisition and investigate the efficacy of various intervention strategies. Additionally, studies could examine the role of individual differences, such as personality traits and

learning styles, in shaping learners' experiences with digital distractions (Gonzalez & Khamis, 2022).

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8. Appendix–

8.1. Survey Questions

What digital devices do you use during language learning? (Select all that apply: Smartphone, Tablet, Laptop, Desktop)

What types of digital distractions do you encounter while studying? (Select all that apply: Social media, Text messages, Email notifications, Other)

Rate the impact of digital distractions on your motivation to learn English (1-5 scale).

What strategies do you use to manage distractions during study sessions?

8.2. Case Study Protocol

8.2.1. Interview Questions

Can you describe your typical study environment?

What digital distractions do you encounter while studying?

How do these distractions affect your language learning experience?

What strategies have you tried to minimize these distractions?

Case Study Details

Case Study 1: Rima, a high school student, uses social media for communication and experiences distractions that lead to lower retention.

Case Study 2: Neelam, a college student, benefits from language learning apps but finds notifications overwhelming.

Case Study 3: Rajiv, an adult learner, struggles to manage work-related distractions during evening classes.

8.3. Tables and Figures

Table : Prevalence of Digital Distractions Among Learners

Type of Distraction	Percentage (%)
Social Media Notifications	65%
Text Messages	50%
Unrelated Web Browsing	40%
Email Alerts	30%

Figure : Learners' Self-Reported Impact of Digital Distractions on Motivation.

Very negatively: 40%
Somewhat negatively: 35%
No impact: 15%
Somewhat positively: 5%
Very positively: 5%

‘Knitting Society’
Role of Srimanta Sankaradeva
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Abstract :

Medieval Assam, encompassing the 13th – 16th century was a transformative period in the region’s history. Culturally this period saw a significant impact of the Neo-Vaishnavite movement led by Srimanta Sankaradeva, which introduced new art forms, literature and spiritual practices. Srimanta Sankaradeva was a great social thinker, who brought progress of the society in every sphere. Sankaradeva’s exceptional insight and versatile talents collectively empowered the Assamese society, setting it on a pedestal of prestige and admiration. His movements inclusive spirit unified the people of Assam regardless of caste or community, under a common cultural umbrella. This paper aims to explore Srimanta Sankaradeva’s contribution in general and thus to understand his role in shaping the contemporary society of Medieval Assam.

Keywords : Sankardeva, Neo-Vaishavite movement, Caste, Society, Medieval Assam.

I. INTRODUCTION :

Assam, a state of India and a beautiful gateway of North-East, has a rich cultural heritage that goes back to the days of the Epic. During epic era, Assam was called Pragjyotisha. Subsequently it came to be known as Kamrupa. The people of Assam are a mixture of Mongolian, Indo-Burmese, Indo-Iranian and Aryan origin. The historical account of the state begins in the early part of the 4th century, with the establishment of the Varman dynasty of Pushya Varman. This was followed by the Mlechchha dynasty of Salastambha which continued till the later part of the 9th century. Following this, a new ruler Brahmapala was elected leading to the establishment of a new dynasty called the Pāla dynasty. Due to the fall of subsequent rulers and dynasties, the kingdom of Kāmrupa finally came to an end in the 12th century A.D.

The Assamese are noted for their mixed traditional culture because of the assimilation of various ethno-cultural groups in the past including the local elements and the local elements in Sanskritised forms can be seen. However, the Assamese culture is greatly influenced by the Kamrupa Kingdom which had been grouped here for nearly 700 years. This was followed by the Ahom Dynasty during the 13th century which reigned for more than 600 years. Another milestone in the culture of the Assamese were the Koch Kingdom (15th -16th century A.D.) of western Assam and Kachari Kingdom (12th-18th century A.D.) of cultural and southern Assam. During the 15th century, the great *Srimanta Sankaradeva* and his disciples started a

religio-cultural movement namely the Neo-Vaishnavite movement which paved the way for another dimension to Assamese culture.

The Alvar saints of the South who belonged to the period between the 7th and the 9th centuries A.D. initiated the Bhakti cult in India. The sweet and scattered utterance of the mystical experiences of the Alvar saints were systematized and codified by the great Acharya Nathmuni in the 19th century. After him Yamunacharya preserved the tradition of Vaishnavism. It was Ramanuja with great pain shaped Vaishnavism and give it a strong basis. Gradually through the pioneering works of Kabir, Nanak, Ekanath, Mirabai, Chaitanya and others, the doctrine of Bhakti had permeated the Indian society (Baruah, 2005). In Assam too, the great saint poet Srimanta Sankaradeva (1449-1568 A.D.) initiated the Bhakti movement. Sankaradeva of Assam was deeply influenced by the unique spirit of Indian culture. Sankaradeva propounded a religious system in the light of the Bhakti cult of Indian, based on the Bhagavat Purana. Madhavadeva, the disciple of Sankaradeva assisted him in preaching the Bhakti cult. The Renaissance initiated by ŚaEkaradeva continues to echo through out the length and breadth of Assam. He propounded the Dasya Bhakti or total surrender to Hari or Rama out of the nine forms of Bhakti or devotion to God. Sankaradeva's faith has come to be known as Eka Sarana Hari Nama Dharma; as it teaches devotion to one God only. Because of Sankaradeva's super human qualities people call him 'Mahapurusha' meaning 'Great personage'. So, his religion is also known as 'Mahapurusha Dharma'. The people of Assam were thus stepped in different forms of religious practices in the pre-Sankarite period by the Shakti cult and

tantric culture where elaborate rites and rituals, coupled with taboos and magic, overpowered pure devotion to God. Sankaradeva was conscious of the local condition and he wanted to change the culture of the society with Bhakti as his tool. The saint simplified the modes of religious practices with great emphasis on Bhakti which was made accessible even to the lowest in the society by rendering the holy scriptures in the language of the people. He set all in the same footing irrespective of caste or status distinction, from a Brāhman to a Candala, the scholar and the common man and the rich and the poor.

II. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PAPER:

Srimanta Sankaradeva played a pivotal role in Medieval Assam's social, cultural and spiritual fabric. The saint established the Thān or Nāmghar which served as the centers for spiritual growth and Bhakti movement. These institutions are the bastions of Assamese identity and heritage. Sankaradeva's Eka Sarana Nama Dharma movement revolutionized Assamese spirituality, fastering devotion, equality and inclusivity. Sankaradeva's knitting society promoted social cohesion, education and reform. Sankaradeva's influence on Medieval Assam remains profound and far reaching.

III. OBJECTIVE :

The paper intends to explore contribution of Sankaradeva in general and thus to understand his role in shaping the contemporary society of medieval Assam.

IV. METHODOLOGY :

This is an empirical study guided by philosophical thought. The secondary sources viz. books, journals and magazines are the main ingredients used here to proceed. Materials from websites are also used. To make the study more comprehensive in nature the paper has been incorporating primary evidences collected from field study.

V. DISCUSSION :

One of the greatest saints of Medieval India Srimanta Sankaradeva (1449-1568 A.D.) has left his mark in the history of mankind. An epoch making personality, Sankaradeva played his role as a savior of humanity, more particularly in the eastern part of Bharatvarsa, the vast region known as Asama-Kamrupa-Kamata of the 15th and 16th centuries. The saint Sankaradeva was a versatile genius, a capable administrator, an intellectual, a social reformer, a spiritual guru of millions, a visionary, an artist, a literature, a celebrated scholar, a linguist with sound knowledge and understanding of Assamese, Sanskrit, Prakrit, Brajvali, Maitheli etc. He was also an educational, a musical master, an actor cum playwright, secularism and classless society and above all a unifier of the people of diverse races, tribes and religion. The saint played a remarkable role in shaping the social fabric of Medieval Assam which are discussed as follows :

IV. I. Challenging the Caste system :

Sankaradeva was born into a society, where all sorts of evil

practices, resulting from Saktism, Tantricism and Vajrayana of Tantrik Buddhism are associated with this land. Such a situation divided the society into smaller groups and sub-groups, antagonistic to one another. Religion was a dividing force while the social system further sub-divided the people into smaller fragments. Each group and subgroup had internecine fights for survival. In the process, the weaker and unorganized section of the society was virtually crushed. Society was caste-ridden. One caste tried to subjugate the other (Pathak, 2012). On the other hand, Sankaradeva under the influence of Krishna culture has termed all creatures, high or low, men or women, dog and jackal as having the soul of the supreme. In the humanistic philosophy of Sankaradeva there is no distinction between Brahman and Candal (Untouchables), between high caste and low caste. In the eye of Sankaradeva the lover of God is the man of high rank, no matter to which caste he belongs. He appealed to the human being to cross the barrier of casteism deep rooted in the society from the days of ancient India –

Krsnara Kathata yita rasika

Brahmana jamma tara lagai kika

Smoroka matra hari dine rati

Nabachai bhakti jati ajatir

..... Kirttana – ghosa

Prasanda Marddana, 129

[If in krsna-Katha a person has deep interest,
He need not aspire to be a Brahman by birth
Let him only recall Hari day and night,
Devotion makes no distinction between caste and uncaste] 129
Again he says –

brahmanara Candalara nibicari kula//
datata corata yena drsti ekatula //
nicata sadhuta yara bhaila eka jnana
tahakese pandita bhuliyā sarvvajana

1821

[Without discriminating between Brahmana and Candalas
on caste – basis. Having same attention to donors and
thieves,
Having same regards for the pious and the mean;
If a person lives, he is called really wise by all men.] 1821

The society deeply involved in evil custom and superstition is not going to give equal status to the low born. Sankaradeva through his humanistic philosophy advocated that the low born will be sublimated with companion of the honest people (Nath, 2008, in Barua, Ed.). Thus, Sankaradeva strongly condemned the caste system.

IV. II Women Empowerment :

The society did not give equal status to women in comparison with men as was the case of the so-called low born. Man should not give liberty to his wife in all spheres. There are many such examples in Manusamhitā as well as in other scriptures such as –

Pita rakcati kaumare bharta rakcati yauvane |

Raksanti sthavire putra na stri Svatantrayamarhati ||’3

– Manusamhita, IX-3

This means women will be protected by fathers in childhood, by husband in youth and by sons in old age. Women are not fit to be liberated. On the other hand, Sankaradeva championed gender equality, challenging societal norms that discriminated against women and seeking to establish equal status for both men and women. He says –

‘Stri balya vriddha samastare adhikara |

Candalako kare name tekhane udhara ||

- Srimadbhagavata

[This means women, infants, old men – all have access to Harinama. Hari’s name rescues instantly even the Candalas]

Sankaradeva accorded a high status to women was also proved by his engagement of a women as leader of the volunteer force during the construction of dam at Tembuwani. An earthen dam was constructed over the river Tembuwani since water of Brahmaputra

entered through it and flooded the entire Tembuwani. It was then Sankaradeva asked a woman to start the work of pouring soil onto the river. Her name was yogamaya or Radhika. The saint presented golden jewellery to her after the completion of the dam.

IV. III The institution of Sattra and Namghar :

Sankaradeva established Namghar (Prayer hall) which served the purpose of village courts. They were units under some central Than-Satra or worked independently. The Namghar carried the message of 'Bhakti' far and wide. They were the public institutions for all social, intellectual and cultural activities. These institutions brought the people from all sections of the society closer and removing the differences and inequalities among them and reorganized the society to a disciplined, cultured united and stronger unit. Besides the institution of the Namghar, there is the institution of Satra which played a great role as the radiating force of all religious activities of the Vaishnavite communities. Sankaradeva used the indigenous Assamese word 'Than' to indicate the residential religious institution created by him. At that time the word Satra was not used, Sankaradeva himself used the word 'Than'. It was only later that the word 'Satra' started to be used. Sankaradeva set up the first Than at Bordowa known as Batadrava Than in Nagaon for propagation of Eka-Sarana Hari Nama Dharma. From Majuli to Koc Behar, the Satras have been dominating the social landscape of Assam. Satra culture mainly developed at Majuli, Bardowa, Barpeta, Madhupur etc. These Satras are the living centres of Sankarite heritage and culture. Thus, under the umbrella of Neo-Vaishnavism, Satra and Namghar became instrumental for disseminating the new faith intimately associating with the social and cultural fabric of Assamese society.

IV. IV Sankaradeva's contribution to Education:

Sankaradeva made significant contributions to education. His educational philosophy emphasized inclusivity, creativity and spiritual growth. Sankaradeva revolutionized education by introducing the 'Kirtan-Ghar' system and harmonies blend of music, dance and art. This transformed the immersive experience which awakened the heart and minds of students as well as empowering them to explore, create and express themselves in a holistic and inclusive environment. Sankaradeva's inclusive education approach was a historic innovation in 15th century Assam, emphasizing equal access to learning for all, regardless of caste, creed, gender etc. Education was made available to all, transcending geographical and socio-economic barriers. The saint actively sought out marginalized groups, ensuring their representation and participation. His education encompassed spiritual, intellectual artistic and physical development. Students were encouraged to question, explore and express themselves, fostering critical thinking and creativity Sankaradeva played a tremendous role in the field of curriculum reform which are as follows:

1. Integration of Arts and Humanities : Sankaradeva introduced music, dance, art and literature as essential components of the curriculum which recognized their role in fostering creativity, critical thinking and emotional intelligence.
2. Vocational Training : The saint Sankaradeva emphasized practical skills and vocational training, preparing students for various professions and entrepreneurship and promoting self-sufficiency.
3. Spiritual and modern education: Sankaradeva's curriculum

included spiritual and moral education. The saint focused on values, ethics and character development to shape responsible and compassionate individuals.

4. **Language:** The saint promoted the use of the vernacular language (Assamese) in education which make learning more accessible and relevant to the local context.
5. **Inclusive and Contextual:** The curriculum was designed to be inclusive, catering to diverse learning styles, abilities and backgrounds and contextual, addressing the social economic and cultural needs of the community.
6. **Emphasis on Critical Thinking:** Sankaradeva encouraged critical thinking, inquiry-based learning and problem-solving, empowering students to question, explore and discover.
7. **Interdisciplinary Approach:** The saint's curriculum integrated multiple subjects which fosters a holistic understanding of the world.
8. **Teaching Training and Development:** Sankaradeva recognized the important of teacher training and development, ensuring educators were equipped to implement the reformed curriculum effectively.
9. **Continuous Assessment and Feedback:** Sankaradeva introduced regular assessments and feedback mechanism which enabled students to track their progress and teachers to refine their instruction.
10. **Community Engagement:** The saint, Sankaradeva's curriculum encouraged community engagement, service-

learning and social responsibility, preparing students to contribute positively to society. Thus, Sankaradeva had contributed a lot in the sphere of education.

IV. V Ethnic Integration:

Srimanta Sankaradeva was not only a religious preceptor, but too a social reformer, who sanskritized the ethnic groups of the volatile North-East India. He assimilated them with the national main-stream of Bharatavarsha through the tools of culture and philosophical perspective. He created the composite Assamese culture with ingredients from all ethnic groups from within the geographical boundaries of Brahmaputra valley. First his most important innovatory contribution, the Kirtan-ghar or Namghar was derived from the Mising Murang-ghar. Of course there were several changes made into it. While the Murang-ghar was constructed on a wooden platform, the Kirtan-ghar was constructed on ground. Moreover, the military aspect was deleted from Muran-ghar while making the Kirtan-ghar.

Secondly, the Tai-Ahoms contributed many important elements to the composite Assamese culture created by ŚaEkaradeva. The main pillar of the Kirtan-ghar is known as Laai-Khoota. This is a Tai-Ahom word. It means the main pillar. The hymns sung as prayer in the Naam-Prasangas sessions in the Eka-Sarana Nama Dharma has many tunes taken from the Tai-Ahom tradition.

Thirdly, the sculpture of the flying lion affixed in the altar, Guru-asana of the Kirtan-ghar was derived from the Mongolian sculpture of dragon.

Fourthly, the dresses of Sankari dance and the actors of his Ankiya plays were derived from the Tiwa dresses. The tune of their Lali-hilali songs were incorporated in Naam-Prasanga as well as the classical Bargeet composed by Sankaradeva and his disciple Madhavadeva. The popular instrument (drum) Nagara, which is used in community prayer session is also a contribution of the Tiwa people. Another instrument of the Tiwas, the Ludang khram is very much akin to Khol.

Fifthly, the Sutradhar in Ankiya plays worn Ghuri, which was taken from the white Jhama of the Rabhas. The jacket worn by him was derived from the Khangaliphaga of the Tiwas. Similarly, the Gayan-Bayan tradition has been derived from the Sonowal Kachari tribe. The headgear of the Sutradhar is similar to that of the Jaintia tribe. It was worn by other tribe also, because such a headgear is seen in a 13th century sculpture of Mahisa demon found in Tinisukia.

Sixthly, the Bodo tribe contributed some postures to the Sankari or Satriya dance from their Bagrumba. Bihu Dance of the Assamese people has influenced the Sutradhar dance and the battle dances of the Sankari or Satriya dance. Such ancient heritage influencing this classical dance form are Oja-Pali, Devadasi dance and Putala-Naach. The mask used by the actors in the Ankiya plays were taken from pure indigenous source. The Khamtis, Bhutiyas and many other tribes have been using masks. The Bhor-Tal was taken from the Bhutiyas.

Lastly, the Sankari school of painting is a definite proof of recognition to ethnic cultures in the Eka-Sarana Nama Dharma. Chitra-Bhagavata of Bali-Satra, Nagaon and other illustrated manuscripts prove this.

Sankaradeva had genuine feelings for the ethnic groups. He used ethnic words in his writings. The person, who accompanied Sankaradeva constantly was a Mising man, named Paramananda; whose original name was Pankong and he hailed from Ratanpur village of Majuli. The saint lived along with the Chutiyas, the Bodos, the Kochs, the Kaibartas, the Kumars, the Rajakas, the Jaintias, the Garos, the Muslims etc. at different times. Even today the ethnic groups of Assam boast of the fusion process of Eka Sarana Nama Dharma that sanskritized then without their giving up ethnic heritage (Borkakati, 2006).

V. CONCLUDING REMARKS:

Thus, from the above discussions it can be concluded that Srimanta Sankaradeva had played a significant role in shaping the social fabric of Medieval Assam. Inclusiveness is recognized in the philosophy of Neo-Vaishnavism. The saint proclaims in his magnum opus 'Kirtan-Ghosa':

“Nahi Bhakatita jati – ajati vicara”

(There is no sense of caste difference in Bhakti).

Members of such tribes as the Koches, the Ahom, the Kachari, the Chutiyas and the Nagas soon took shelter under the new creed of Vaishnavism (Sharma, 2014). Sankaradeva's contribution to women empowerment were groundbreaking and his legacy continues to inspire women's rights movement in India and beyond. He established a network of Namghars across Assam, creating a grassroots movement for social reform and spiritual growth. The saint helped to disseminate education and knowledge in Assam,

challenging existing social norms and empower people through learning. By promoting ethnic integration, Sankaradeva helped to create a more inclusive and harmonious society in Assam.

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**Role played by the people of Nagaon District
(undivided) in the Quit India Movement with
special reference to Swahid Tilak Deka**

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ABSTRACT

The Quit India Movement, also known as the August Movement, was the last in a series of mass movements launched by the Indian National Congress. After the fall of Cripps' Mission, the Indian National Congress became stringent in its condition and passed a resolution in July 1942, demanding complete independence from the British Government, failing which the resolution proposed massive civil disobedience against the government. With some modifications, this resolution was converted to the famous Quit India resolution on August 8, 1942, at the Bombay Session of the Indian National Congress. Gandhi made a call to 'Do or Die' in his Quit India speech delivered in Bombay on August 8, 1942, at the Gowalia Tank Maidan. Soon, it became a united front of diverse people living in different regions of the subcontinent.

Like other parts of India, Assam also actively participated

in the Quit India Movement, responding to the call of Gandhi's 'Do or Die'. As a result, thousands of people got arrested and imprisoned, and some noble souls like Tilak Deka, Hemram Patar, Gunaviram Bordoloi, Bhugeswari Phukanani, Lakhi Hazarika, Balu Sut, Hemram Bora, Kalai Koch, etc. from undivided Nagaon District and some other noble souls of rest of Assam like Kushal Konwar, Kanaklata, and Mukunda Kakati laid their lives for the nation. This paper will try to focus on Tilak Deka, the martyr from undivided Nagaon and the present Morigaon district.

Key Words: *India, Freedom Movement, Quit India, Assam, Tilak Deka, Nagaon District.*

Introduction:

The most important phenomenon in modern India was the growth of a national consciousness, which ultimately found active expression in the formation of the Indian National Congress in 1885. And under the proper leadership and guidance of Congress leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, etc., India achieved independence in 1947 at the cost of thousands of lives. It is found that the growth of a national consciousness was based on two fundamental principles: (i) the unity of India as a whole and (ii) the right of her people to rule themselves. Through the study of English literature and European history, educated Indians imbibed the spirit of democracy and national patriotism, which ultimately resulted in the foundation of the Indian National Congress.

The Indian National Movement in Assam also took its form under the leadership of a group of leaders like Nabin Chandra Bordoloi,

Amiya Kumar Das, Chandra Nath Sarma, Tarunram Phukan, Kuladar Chaliha, Gopinath Bordoloi etc.

The people of Assam were in gear after the visit of Mahatma Gandhi to Assam in 1926. In 1926, the 42nd conference of the Indian National Congress was held in Pandu, Guwahati, Assam, with the participation of Mahatma Gandhi. Thousands of people from all over Assam participated in this conference. It was a grand success, and after this conference, Assam was deeply involved in every program of Congress. Gradually, the final phase of the movement took violent form in Assam. As a result, thousands of people were arrested, imprisoned, and some were killed. People like Kanak Lata Barua, Mukunda Kakati, Kamala Miri, etc. from different parts of Assam and Tilak Deka, Hemram Patar, Gunaviram Bordoloi, Bhugeswari Phukanani, Lakhi Hazarika, Balu Sut, Thagi Sut, Hemram Bora, Kalai Koch, etc. from undivided Nagaon District had laid their lives for the nation.

Significance of the study:

The sacrifices made by the freedom fighters of undivided Nagaon district have not yet been brought to the knowledge of the people of Assam as well as India. Though this district played a crucial role in the success of Indian freedom movement specially, the Quit India movement, yet their contributions are not properly evaluated. Their sacrifices have to be evaluated from different dimensions, and in proper context. Unfortunately, Tilak Deka, one of those who laid their lives in the famous 42's struggle, is not even known to most of the Assamese people. His name is not even mentioned in the history written by both regional and national historians. How many of us know him? If we, the Assamese people, don't know him, what is left for the nation. Therefore, it is our duty to give them that place,

which he actually deserves, so that the future generation can understand their supreme sacrifice and get inspired to devote themselves for the good of the nation.

Objectives:

1. To gain an understanding of the role played by the Assamese people in the Quit India movement in general.
2. To examine/evaluate the role played by the people of undivided Nagaon district in the Quit India movement in particular.
3. To bring Tilak Deka, one of the martyrs from the present Morigaon district, into the limelight.

Review of literature:

The book on the performance of Assam in the Quit India Movement in general and Nagaon district in particular is really scanty. Few books on Assam history have made mention of a few people or freedom fighters with incidents that took place during the movement, but they are neither sufficient nor specific. However, a few books and some articles in different journals, magazines, souvenirs, etc. were published by local authors. A serious attempt was made by Sushil Bora in his book “Swadhinata Sangramat Brihatar Hatichong Mauza”, published in 2011. This book covers all the aspects and incidents of this district and elaborates in a proper manner. It helps a lot in preparing this paper. Moreover, the book ‘Phulaguri Dhewa’ written by renowned historian Benudhar Kalita throws some light on the Assamese struggle against the British as a whole. Dr. Dambarudhar Nath, in his book “Asom Buranji,”

discusses this issue in brief. However, in preparing this paper, most of the information was gathered from these five works:

1. “Nagaon Zilar Mukti Sangram, authored by Purna Sarma
2. “Karmayogi Mukti Yodha Mahendra Hazarika”, authored by Gunaram Bora
3. “Dharmanath Borthakur”, authored by Dr. GolukGoswami
4. “Nagaonor Pachim Anchal”, authored by Prabudh Katoki
5. “Bharator Swadhinota Sangramat Kaliaboror Bhumika” authored by Narendranath Bora.

These books are specific to the performance of the people of Nagaon district in the freedom movement of India. The book “Tilak Deka”, written by Dr. Kamal Chandra Nath, is a good source of information on Tilak Deka.

Methodology:

In preparing this paper, data have been collected only from secondary sources. Data have been collected from state and local government publications, books, magazines, newspapers, statistical reports, letters, autobiographies, various articles, etc. Besides, some other important information has been collected through indirect oral investigation.

1:1 Quit India Movement and Assam:

The Quit India Movement was the final phase of the freedom movement in India. Like the rest of the nation, the people of Assam made a significant contribution to the movement, and most of the

prominent Assamese leaders got arrested during the movement. Few districts of Assam, like Kamrup, Nagaon, Darrang, Sivasagar, Golaghat, and Barpeta, played dominant roles in the movement. The Quit India Movement in Assam was a game of tears and blood.

Women of Assam also played a significant role in 1942's struggle. Especially those who were members of the Mrityu-Bahini (Death Corps) or Shanti-Sena (Peace Corps) were the backbone of the movement.

During the course of the Quit India Movement, lots of people lost their lives, thousands got injured, and thousands got imprisoned. Kushal Konwar was hanged during the movement. Kanak Lata Barua was the most prominent and famous martyr of the Quit India Movement in Assam. She was killed during a march towards hoisting the Congress flag from Chaiduar to Gohpur police station in Sonitpur district. Another significant freedom fighter from Assam who made the supreme sacrifice was Mukunda Kakoti.

People of Assam spontaneously joined this historic movement in 1942. Two of the leaders of the Assam Pradesh Congress Committee, Gopinath Bordoloi and Siddhinath Sarma was arrested by the British in Dhubri when returning from Bombay and attending the Congress working committee meeting. Other congress leaders, such as Bishnuram Medhi, Bimala Prasad Chaliha, Md. Tayebulla, Amiya Kumar Das, Debeswar Sarma, etc., were arrested from different parts of Assam and thrown into jail. Like the rest of India, many people from Assam left the path of non-violence and accepted the path of violence. As an example, the incident of Sarupathar can be mentioned.

On October 10, 1942, some people hidden in the thick fog of

early morning removed a few sleepers from the railway line near Sarupathar in Golaghat District. A military train passing by derailed, and many British and American soldiers lost their lives. The British army immediately cordoned the area and started an operation to catch the culprits. Innocent people in the area were rounded up, beaten, harassed, and arrested. Accusing Kushal Konwar as the chief conspirator of the train sabotage, the British arrested him. He was brought from Golaghat and lodged in the Jorhat jail on November 5, 1942. In the court of C.M. Humphrey, Kushal Konwar was declared guilty, though there was not a single proof against him. Kushal

was sentenced to death by hanging. He accepted the verdict and said that he is proud that God has selected him to be the only one among the thousands of prisoners to make the supreme sacrifice for the country. On June 15, 1943, at 4:30 a.m., Kushal Konwar was hanged in Jorhat jail.

The women of Assam were nowhere even a step behind the men in fighting for the country's independence. Women from all parts of the state participated fearlessly and wholeheartedly. While many embraced martyrdom, others were injured.

Kanak Lata, an active organizer and member of Mrityu-bahnini, was shot dead by the British police on Sept. 20, 1942, while she was leading a procession holding the national flag during the Quit India movement. She was just 18 years old. Rebati Lahon from Teok was an active participant and organizer of the Quit India Movement. She suffered from pneumonia, and she died soon after returning from imprisonment. Khahuli Devi from Dhekiajuli was shot dead in the Dhekiajuli police firing on Sept. 20, 1942

She was pregnant at that time. Kumali Devi, from Dhekiajuli, was an active participant in the Quit India movement. On September 20, 1942, she was shot dead in police firing while trying to hoist the national flag at Dhekiajuli. Padumi Gogoi was an active participant in the Quit India movement from Dhekiajuli. She was wounded in the lathi attack near Dhekiajuli police station on Sept. 20, 1942. She was arrested and jailed for six months. She was seriously ill when released and died soon.

There were some other people who were injured in lathi charges in different parts of the state and later died from that injuries. There is a long list of such men and women. Golapi Chutiani, from Dhekiajuli, was actively involved in the 1942 movement in Dhekiajuli. The police resorted to firing and lathi-charge to block the agitators. She was severely wounded in the Lathi attack and later succumbed to her injuries. Lila Neogoni of Lakhimpur was actively involved in the 1942 revolt. She was severely beaten by the police at Lakhimpur in 1942 while participating in a procession against the British. She succumbed to her injuries after two months. Thunuki Das of Dhekiajuli was an active participant in the 1942 struggle, and she was injured in the lathi charge that took place near Dhekiajuli police station on September. 20, 1942, and died a few days later. Jaluki Kachariani from Dhekiajuli was another active participant in the 1942 revolt, and she got injured in the Dhekiajuli police firing on September 20, 1942, and died soon after.

1:2 The Quit India Movement and Nagaon:

The people of Nowgong district were at the forefront of the execution of the Quit India Movement resolution. They not only agitated and participated in the struggle but also laid their lives in the course of agitation. Like other parts of the state, Nagaon

district soon found itself at the forefront of the struggle, and the same patriotic trend continued till the attainment of independence. The first martyr of the Quit India Movement was from Nagaon district.

Underground leaders and local cells were carrying out much of the work during the movement due to the unprecedented arrests of top Congress leaders. Mrityu-bahini of Nagaon was prominent among them. Bhugeswari Phukanani, of Nagaon district of Assam, was an active organiser of the freedom movement. B. Phukanani was born in Barhampur and was active in Barhampur, Bebejia, and Barapujia areas in the present Nowgong district. She took part in many Satyagraha marches as a part of the civil disobedience movement against the British authorities. In one such protest held on Sept. 18, 1942, during the Quit India movement, she was shot by British captain Finch, after she had hit him for the disregard he showed to the national flag. She, the mother of eight children, died of that gunshot at the age of sixty, three days later. Lakhikanta Hazarika, Thogiram Sut, and BaluSut, were killed in a police firing in Barhampur on September 18, 1942, when they were celebrating the recapturing of a shanti-sena camp by holding a public meeting. Other martyrs of Nagaon were Kolai Koch, Hemram Borah (Bebejia), Hemram Patar, Gunabhram Bordoloi, and Tilak Deka.

In 1942, a women's force, or Nari-bahini, was formed in Nowgong (Nagaon). Bhogeswari Phukanani was one of the members of this force. Although women in Assam followed non-violent lines, a few of them engaged in underground and extremist activities. In Nowgong, Jaimati Saikia of Chakalaghat village cooperated with the revolutionary group to burn the Bebejia road bridge on May 25, 1942. Abali Kuchuni of (present Morigaon

district) Nowgong died as a result of a police beating on charge of setting fire to the government inspection bungalow at Monoha.

Tilak Deka:

Tilak Deka, one of the martyrs of the Quit India Movement from undivided Nowgong District, was born and brought up in Charaibahi, in the present Morigaon district, 40 kilometres away from Nagaon. His father was Moniram, and his mother was Puneshwari . He was a member of Mrityu-bahini (the death corps), and that night, when he was killed by the British force, he was performing his duty as a volunteer at Barapujia village. He was entrusted with the duty to alert the villagers by playing ‘Shinga’ (a

kind of instrument made of buffalo horn) while British forces made entry to the village at night. There was a reason for such an arrangement in the villages, surrounding Bebejia. The reason was that on August 25, 1942, during the time of the Quit India movement, a few congress workers from ‘Hatichung’ village areas, namely Betharam Bora, Bhadra Bora, Nilakanta Sarma, and Satin Sarma . Tiken Bhatta, etc., decided to burn the bridge on the National Highway, one kilometre away from Bebejia Chariali. Accordingly, at midnight, Nilakanta Sarma and his supporters burned the bridge. As a consequence, on August 26th, the military started atrocities at Bebejia and adjacent areas. Therefore, the villagers decided to keep one congress volunteer at night in every village to keep the villagers alert of the coming of the British military. On August 28, this duty was assigned to Tilak Deka, a young boy

from Charaibahi village. At night when he was performing his duty, some British military entered the village and asked him not to play his 'Singha' to alert the villagers of coming of British soldiers, but Tilak was dedicated to his duty and played his 'Singha' in spite of life threatening from the British military. The military fired upon him, and he took his last breath on the spot. This is how Tilak Deka, a young boy, was brutally killed by the British military. The nation cannot forget his sacrifice.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, it can be said that, with limited scope, the role played by Nowgong District in 1942's freedom struggle was indeed remarkable. Their involvement in the movement became massive in scale and similar in nature to that of the other districts in Assam. In the 1942 upheaval, in terms of courage and sacrifice, the people of Nagaon district perhaps surpassed all the other districts. The very fact that nine people from Nagaon district laid their lives for the nation during the course of the movement. But their sacrifices and their activities hardly received the priority they deserved. The new generation simply knows the names of a few great freedom fighters. They are ignorant of local heroes and their contributions and sacrifices, which were too instrumental in making India free. The name of Tilak Deka is unknown even to the literate section of the state. It has become essential to re-read, reinterpret, and restate the role of the people of Nagaon district in different phases of the freedom movement with a view to restoring a new spirit and enthusiasm among the new generation.

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Epigraphic Evidence: Unravelling the Political History of the Doiyang Dhansiri Valley

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Abstract:

This research article explores the epigraphic evidence and archaeological findings that unveil the political history of the Doiyang Dhansiri Valley in Assam. The river valleys of Assam, particularly the Brahmaputra and its tributaries, have long been central to human settlements and early civilizations. The Doiyang Dhansiri Valley, a sub-valley of the Brahmaputra, holds immense historical significance, with inscriptions and archaeological discoveries revealing the existence of a distinct political entity independent of the well-known pre-Ahom kingdoms like Kamrupa and Davaka. The study delves into the geopolitical landscape of ancient Assam, challenging the traditional narrative centered around the expansive Pragiyotisha-Kamarupa kingdom. It highlights the possibility of independent states existing beyond the eastern boundaries of Kamrupa before the 12th century A.D. Recent archaeological

evidence supports the presence of an early historic state in the Doiyang Dhansiri Valley, characterized by rulers adopting the title “Maharajadhiraja,” indicating their sovereignty. Key findings include the discovery of stone inscriptions mentioning kings such as Sri Ratnavarman, Sri Vasundharavarman, and Maharajadhiraja Daglekhavarman, suggesting a robust political structure. The valley’s strategic location facilitated trade and cultural exchange, contributing to its prosperity. The article also examines the valley’s geographical and environmental context, noting its fertile lands and network of waterways as catalysts for early human settlements and trade routes. By integrating epigraphic evidence with archaeological findings, this study provides a comprehensive understanding of the socio-political dynamics in pre-Ahom Assam, underscoring the significance of the Doiyang Dhansiri Valley in the broader historical context of the region.

Keywords: Epigraphic evidence, Doiyang Dhansiri Valley, Pre-Ahom Assam, Political history, Archaeological findings

Introduction

The river valleys of Assam have long been central to the region’s human settlements, reflecting a rich history of early civilizations thriving along the banks of the mighty Brahmaputra and its tributaries. The archaeological sources and inscriptions found primarily along the Brahmaputra River provide a glimpse into the flourishing pre-Ahom civilizations, illustrating how these early societies grew and prospered in the fertile riverine environment. One of the prominent pre-Ahom kingdoms in Assam was Kamrupa,

a powerful and influential entity that played a significant role in shaping the region's history. *Kamrupa*, centered around the Brahmaputra Valley, was known for its advanced cultural and political development. The kingdom's strategic location along the river facilitated trade, agriculture, and cultural exchange, contributing to its growth and stability. Similarly, the kingdom of Davaka, another crucial pre-Ahom polity, thrived in the same era. The presence of these kingdoms underscores the significance of the Brahmaputra River in fostering early Assamese civilizations.

In addition to the Brahmaputra Valley, the Doiyang Dhansiri Valley in Assam holds immense historical importance. This valley, home to some of the oldest inscriptions in pre-Ahom Assam, provides evidence of a distinct and independent political entity separate from Kamrupa and Davaka. The rulers of this valley adopted the title "*Maharajadhiraja*," indicating the existence of a powerful and sovereign kingdom in the region. The inscriptions discovered here mention the names of several rulers, shedding light on the political structure and governance of this early kingdom. The archaeological findings and inscriptions from both the Brahmaputra and Doiyang Dhansiri valleys collectively offer a comprehensive understanding of pre-Ahom Assam's socio-political landscape. These historical evidences not only highlight the prosperity and power of the kingdoms but also reflect the complex interactions and cultural dynamics of early Assamese society. The strategic importance of these river valleys, with their fertile lands and abundant resources,

provided an ideal setting for the growth of early civilizations, shaping the course of Assam's history.

II

The history of Pre-Ahom Assam, often encapsulated under the banner of *Pragiyotisha-Kamarupa*, traditionally acknowledges a vast kingdom extending from North Bengal, encompassing parts of modern-day Assam, north and east Bangladesh, and reaching the foothills of Tibet. This perception has been shaped by a range of literary sources, including the *Ramayana*, the *Mahabharata*, the *Arthashastra* of Kautilya, and various *Puranas* and epigraphs, which allude to the prominence and territorial extent of *Pragiyotisha-Kamarupa*. However, recent archaeological discoveries and a closer examination of historical texts suggest the possibility of independent states existing beyond the eastern boundary of *Pragiyotisha-Kamarupa* before the 12th century A.D. Significant ancient texts like the *Kalika Purana* and the *Yogini Tantra*, composed in the 10th and 16th centuries A.D. respectively, mark the eastern boundary of Kamarupa along the rivers *Dikkaravaasini* and *Dikshu*. Furthermore, the Chinese pilgrim Hiuen Tsang's accounts, though based on second-hand information, also imply an expansive eastern frontier touching the boundaries of southwestern China. Despite these references, most ancient sources remain silent about the exact demarcation of *Kamarupa's* eastern borders, which raises intriguing questions about the existence of other independent entities in this region. While inscriptions from

Assam, dating from the 4th to the 12th century A.D., extensively document political events and territorial changes in the western parts of Kamarupa, they provide little to no information about its eastern boundaries. The use of terms like “*Uttarakula*” and “*Dakshinakula*,” referring to the northern and southern banks of the Brahmaputra, respectively, in land grant contexts, does not clarify the eastern extent of Kamarupa. This historical ambiguity opens up the possibility of other independent states existing beyond Kamarupa’s eastern frontier. Recent archaeological evidence supports the potential existence of an independent state in the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley in Upper Assam. This discovery, along with the historical accounts of notable ancient kingdoms like Banasura’s realm in Sonitpur (Tezpur region) and Bhisma’s Vidarbha kingdom (Sadiya region), suggests a complex and diverse political landscape in Pre-Ahom Assam, challenging the traditional narrative centered solely on *Pragiyotisha-Kamarupa*. In this context, the study of the Dhansiri Valley offers a fascinating glimpse into the ancient history of Assam, revealing a rich tapestry of independent states and cultures that coexisted and interacted with the dominant *Kamarupa* kingdom. This exploration not only enriches our understanding of Assam’s historical landscape but also underscores the importance of integrati

ng archaeological findings with historical texts to construct a more nuanced and comprehensive picture of the past. (Boruah, 2000-1, p.174-175)

III

Geographical and Environmental Context of the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley

The Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley, a sub-valley of the Brahmaputra, lies geographically between 25-26.8° E and 93-94.5° N in the south-central region of Assam. This valley is bordered by the Naga Hills to the east, the Karbi Anglong Hills to the west, and the Barail Hills to the southwest, encompassing the present-day district of Golaghat, parts of the district of Karbi Anglong, and regions within Nagaland. The northern part of the valley is characterized by alluvial plains, conducive to rice and oilseed cultivation, while the southern part is surrounded by hills. These geomorphological and topographical features likely facilitated early human settlements in the valley. Despite the absence of prehistoric artifacts in the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley, ethnoarchaeological evidence suggests that the current inhabitants of the surrounding hilly areas still practice Neolithic traditions. This persistence indicates that Neolithic populations might have traversed this valley route to the hills. H.N. Dutta, a notable archaeologist, categorizes the cultural chronology of the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley into three distinct periods:

- Ancient Period (from earliest times to 600 A.D.)
- Early Medieval Period (600 A.D. to 1200 A.D.)
- Medieval Period (1200 A.D. to 1800 A.D.)

The Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley emerged as a significant cultural region between the 5th and 16th centuries A.D., as evidenced by preserved archaeological remains. The valley first gained archaeological prominence in the 19th century through the efforts of Goduein Austin, who discovered a monolithic pillar in Dimapur. Subsequent scholars such as Th. Block (1905), K.N. Dikshit (1923-24), T.N.

Ramachandran (1936-37), and Monoranjan Dutta (1990) contributed to the valley's historical and archaeological study. However, it was H.N. Dutta's extensive explorations and excavations that provided a comprehensive understanding of an early historic state within the valley. (Dutta, 2021, pp. 1-5)

Monoranjan Dutta played a significant role in documenting and highlighting the sculpture-making process in the Doiyang Dhansiri region, particularly focusing on the Deopani and Dubarani areas. The sculptures from this region, dating back to the 7th to 8th Century CE, are known for their unique characteristics and regional styles. These sculptures often exhibit intricate craftsmanship and distinct motifs that reflect the cultural and religious influences of that era. The artistic techniques employed by the sculptors were sophisticated, involving detailed carvings and a deep understanding of proportion and symbolism. (Dutta, 2001-3, p. 242)

Political and cultural activities in the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley were primarily centered around the riverbanks of the Doiyang and Dhansiri rivers. Numerous archaeological sites, such as Alichiga Tegani, Dubaroni, Barpathar, Jamuguri, Telisal, Titabar, Numaligarh, Deopani, Sarupather, Rajapukhuri, Merapani, Dhekial, Dimapur, Borhola, and Golaghat, have yielded significant artifacts. In Dubaroni, located on the Dhansiri River's bank, archaeological findings reveal large brick structures, temples, secular buildings, water tanks, ramparts, ditches, and watchtowers, suggesting that this site might have been the capital city during early historic times. (Boruah, 2000-1, p. 175)



Figure 1 Archaeological landscape of Doiyang Dhansiri Valley
(Sources: Dutta, H.N. History, Art and Archaeology of Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley. P. 7)

The names of the Doiyang and Dhansiri rivers reflect the region's cultural diversity. "Doiyang" is derived from a non-Aryan term in

which “*Di*” or “*doi*” means water in the Boro Kachari language. “*Dhansiri*” is an Aryan name, possibly a Sanskritised form, with “*Dhan*” denoting wealth and “*Siri*” indicating fertility and mineral wealth, particularly iron. Another name for Dhansiri, “*Dima*,” meaning mother of the river, was used by the Kachari ethnic group. Archaeological evidence points to the existence of a commercial harbour at Alichiga Tegani, connected to the Dhansiri River. Scholars hypothesize that this harbour facilitated trade with Southeast Asia during early historic times. Inscriptions bearing individual Brahmi alphabets have been discovered, suggesting that the historical presence in this valley might date back to the 2nd century A.D. Multiple inscriptions have been recovered, yet the precise origins of the valley’s political history remain ambiguous. (Dutta, 2021, pp. 8-9)

The Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley, along with the Kapili-Jamuna Valley, played a crucial role in the early history of the Brahmaputra Valley. Archaeological evidence and historical records demonstrate that these sub-river valleys developed their political and cultural identities, independent of Kamrupa. The discoveries made by H.N. Dutta and other scholars have illuminated the rich cultural heritage and political significance of the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley, underscoring its importance in the broader context of early Indian history. (Dutta, 2021, pp. 1-5)

IV

Evidence of Political Sovereignty

One of the most compelling pieces of evidence supporting the existence of an independent state in the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley is

the discovery of several stone inscriptions bearing the names of kings who ruled the region. These inscriptions, dating back to as early as the 2nd century A.D., mention rulers whose names are not found in the genealogies of the contemporary dynasties of Kamarupa . The Alichiga-Tengani stone inscription, palaeographically placed in the 4th-5th century A.D., mentions a king named *Sri Ratnavarman*. The inscription likely commemorates the construction of a *setubandha* (bridge) at Alichiga-Tengani, suggesting that *Sri Ratnavarman* may have been a significant ruler in the region. Although the inscriptions do not provide detailed genealogies or political activities of these kings, their existence indicates a distinct political entity. *Sri Vasundharavarman*, another king mentioned in the inscriptions, is believed to have succeeded *Sri Ratnavarman*. The Alichiga-Tengani clay seal and the Duboroni Stone Slab inscription provide further evidence of *Vasundharavarman's* rule. These inscriptions, despite being fragmentary, shed light on the governance and territorial extent of the rulers in the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley.

The inscriptions from the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley do not use imperial titles such as “*Maharajadhiraja*” commonly found in the inscriptions of the Kamarupa kings. H.N. Dutta suggests that during the Gupta regime, it was not customary to assume such imperial titles. However, this view is debated as contemporary rulers of the Varman dynasty of Kamarupa did adopt these titles. The absence of imperial titles in the inscriptions does not necessarily indicate subordinate status. It is plausible that the rulers of the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley maintained a degree of independence while acknowledging the overarching influence of larger empires like Kamarupa. The political landscape of ancient Assam was complex,

with various local rulers exercising autonomy within their domains. Inscriptions from the 8th century A.D. mention two more kings, *Sri Jivara* and *Sri Diglekhavarman*, who assumed the title “*Maharajadhiraja*” indicating their status as paramount sovereigns. The *Sankar-Narayan* stone image inscription refers to Sri Jivara as a paramount ruler, suggesting a significant degree of political sovereignty. This inscription also indicates the prevalence of cultural practices such as the chanting of *Sankirtana*, which became prominent in Assam’s religious life during the medieval period. The Hari-Hara stone image inscription of Deopani mentions *Maharajadhiraja Diglekhavarman* and provides further evidence of the political and cultural activities in the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley. These inscriptions highlight the region’s continued political significance and its rulers’ efforts to establish and maintain their sovereignty.

The archaeological findings suggest that the kingdom of the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley covered a vast region, including parts of present-day Golaghat, Jorhat, Nagaon, and Karbi-Anglong districts. This cultural zone was characterized by various centres of political, commercial, artistic, and religious activities. Alichiga-Tengani served as a commercial hub, Deopani was a center of art and architecture, Rajapukhuri emerged as a religious center, and Numaligarh functioned as a defensive outpost.

The political history of the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley is marked by periods of turmoil and decline. The absence of inscriptions and archaeological evidence from the 6th to the 7th century A.D. suggests a period of political instability. This may have been due to the growing imperialism of the Kamarupa kingdom under rulers

like Bhutivarman and Bhaskaravarman. However, by the 8th century A.D., rulers like *Sri Jivara* and *Sri Dinglekhavarman* managed to reestablish their sovereignty, as indicated by the inscriptions mentioning their titles and activities. The decline of the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley kingdom is not well-documented, but it is likely that the rise of the Kachari kingdom around the 10th century A.D. played a significant role in the region's political landscape. (Boruah, 2000-1, pp. 175-181)

Recent Perspectives on the Political Connections of the Davaka Kingdom

The Doiyang Dhansiri Valley, nestled in the central southern Brahmaputra Valley of Assam, was home to the historically significant Kingdom of Davaka. This kingdom, referenced in ancient texts such as the Allahabad Stone Pillar Inscription of Gupta Emperor Samudragupta, played a crucial role in the region's political and economic landscape. The Kingdom of Davaka, with its capital at Dubarani, emerged as a prominent polity during the Gupta period. Dubarani, strategically located along an ancient river port, served as a hub for trade and commerce. This position enabled Davaka to participate actively in the Indo-Burma Trade Route, facilitating economic exchanges between the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia. The presence of such a trade route underscores the kingdom's integration into broader economic networks, enhancing its prosperity and influence.

Archaeological findings provide a glimpse into the kingdom's political structure and its rulers. Inscriptions and stone slabs discovered in the region point to a well-established line of kings governing Davaka between CE 400-900. Prominent rulers included *Sri Ratnavarman*,

Sri Vasundharavarman, Maharajadhiraja Dighlekhavarman, Sri Jivaraja or Jivara, and Sri Mohendra. These rulers' inscriptions not only confirm their reigns but also highlight their contributions to the region's political stability and development. The geographical setting of the Doiyang Dhansiri Valley significantly contributed to the kingdom's growth. The valley, a major southern tributary of the Brahmaputra, is characterized by numerous streams and the principal tributary, Doiyang. This network of waterways facilitated easy access and connectivity, crucial for trade and political administration. The valley's fertile lands and strategic location attracted settlers and traders, fostering a thriving economy and a stable political environment.

The discovery of artifacts such as terracotta sealings, brick-built tanks, and inscriptions at various archaeological sites within the valley provides substantial evidence of the kingdom's existence and its economic activities. These findings indicate a bustling trade environment, with the kingdom acting as a central node in the regional trade network. The artifacts also suggest a well-organized administration capable of managing and sustaining such extensive trade operations. The political significance of Davaka is further highlighted by its interactions with the Gupta Empire. The mention of Davaka in the Allahabad Stone Pillar Inscription signifies its recognition and possible subjugation by the powerful Gupta rulers. This relationship with the Gupta Empire might have influenced the kingdom's political structure, administrative practices, and cultural developments, aligning it with the broader trends of the time. The polity of the Doiyang Dhansiri Valley, epitomized by the Kingdom of Davaka, played a vital role in the ancient history of Assam. Its strategic location along key trade routes, coupled with a stable

political structure, facilitated its emergence as a significant economic and political entity during the Gupta period. Archaeological evidence supports the existence of a well-organized and prosperous kingdom, actively participating in regional trade networks and maintaining political stability through a lineage of capable rulers. The legacy of Davaka, embedded in the rich historical and cultural tapestry of the region, continues to be a subject of scholarly interest and exploration. (Dutta, 2019, pp.75-82)

Conclusion:

The archaeological discoveries in the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley have provided invaluable insights into the political history of this region. The evidence of well-planned settlements, commercial hubs, and inscriptions bearing the names of kings indicate the existence of an independent state that coexisted with the larger kingdom of Pragjyotisha-Kamarupa. Despite periods of political turmoil and instability, the rulers of the Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley managed to establish and maintain their sovereignty, contributing to the region's rich cultural heritage. Further archaeological exploration and research are essential to uncover more details and construct a comprehensive history of this intriguing region.

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Nine Rasas in Ankiya Naat

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ABSTRACT

The concept of Rasa has been a fascinating term in both performing and visual arts. Although the term's origin dates back historically, spanning millennia, the application of the theory is still very relevant today. In defining drama, the Sanskrit legend Bharata Muni says, "Natya is trailokyanukarana," which means, "Drama is an imitation of the three worlds." The primary text dealing with Rasa is Natyasastra, penned by Bharat Muni. This paper aims to shed light on the concept of Rasa in Ankiya Naat by Sankaradeva and how it finds application in every character, evoking emotions in the reader or audience and helping them transcend the mortal world to a world of spiritual and moral consciousness.

Keywords: *Aesthetics, Bharata Muni, Natyasastra, Rasa, Rasa in Arts, Ankiya Naat, Sankaradeva.*

INTRODUCTION:

Bharata encapsulates the rasa theory in the formula-like rasa sutra: “Vibhava-anubhava-vyabhichari-samyogad rasa nishpattih.” This sutra states that Rasa is produced by a combination of determinants (vibhava), consequents (anubhava), and transitory states or fleeting emotions (vyabhicharibhava). The concept of Rasa is an Indian concept that signifies the aesthetic essence of literature, art, and music. Rasa, which means ‘essence,’ ‘juice,’ or ‘taste,’ can evoke indescribable emotions in the reader or audience. The flavors of Rasa are carefully crafted by the author but are experienced by the reader. Sensitive individuals with a deep understanding of emotions, known as sahrdayas, can appreciate these flavors. Bhavas, or states of mind, create Rasas.

Originally, Rasa was a physiological term appearing in ancient medical literature, referring to the physical quality of taste and the six tastes: sweet, acid, salt, bitter, astringent, and insipid. These tastes characterize the six bodily humors known by their tastes.

The concept of Rasa is extensively explained in Bharat Muni’s Sanskrit text Nātyaaāstra from the 1st millennium. The complete understanding of Rasa and its connection to performing arts is further elaborated in this text. The Kashmiri Shaivite Philosopher Abhinavagupta (c. 1000 CE) also contributed to the manifestation of Rasa in Indian dramas, emphasizing its significant presence in the aesthetic traditions, rituals, and culture of India.

Natyasastra explains that the ultimate purpose of performing arts is not merely entertainment but to transcend the audience into an incomparable reality. This reality is meant to evoke wonder and bliss, leading to a deeper understanding of consciousness and reflection on morality and spirituality. *The text introduces its discussion with Rasa Sutra, a sutra in Indian aesthetics:*

“Rasa is produced from a combination of Determinants (vibhava), Consequents (anubhava) and Transitory States (vyabhicaribhava).”

— *Natyasastra 6.109 (~200 BCE–200 CE), Translator: Daniel*

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The text describes how Srimanta Sankaradeva incorporated Bhakti Rasa, along with the other nine rasas, into his literary works. In his six Ankiya Naats, he presented these rasas through different characters. While Adi or Shringar rasa is considered the most important in literature, Sankaradeva prioritized Bhakti Rasa in his creative works. His main goal was to evoke spiritual feelings, love, and devotion to the supreme Lord Sri Krisna, and to educate people about religion, even the illiterate, through performances that immersed the audience in Pure Bhakti Rasa. Although Sankaradeva aimed to bring people to the path of devotion, he also utilized different rasas in his plays to achieve this. Despite portraying human behaviors and attributes in the characters of Sri Krsna and Sri Rama, Sankaradeva consistently reminded the audience that they were divine beings. He also mentioned the word “rasa” in the lyrics of the plays, but it seems

to refer more to the joy of devotion than to poetic sentiments. The lyrical sentiments were present in the plays as well.

It's challenging to assess the Natas using the common platform of the nine rasas like in other plays. For instance, the dominant sentiments in the play "Patni-Prasada" are Adbhuta (marvelous), while in "Kali Damana," they are Bhayanaka and Karuna (pathetic), and in "Keli Gopala," it is Sringara. In "Rukmini Harana," the evident sentiments are Sringara and Vira, but they should be accepted as manifestations of Bhakti Rasa, rather than showing automatically.

Nevertheless, rhetoric and poetics experts do not consider Bhakti as a literary sentiment; instead, they view it as a form of Santa Rasa. Abhinavagupta suggests that Bhakti Rasa doesn't reveal itself as an independent rasa but instead helps develop another rasa. Dr. Mukunda Madhav Sharma believes that Bhakti Rasa naturally manifests as Santa Rasa. On the other hand, Madhusudana Sarasvati argues that "Bhakti" is the real Rasa, providing ineffable bliss that cannot be obtained from other rasas like Sringara. According to him, Sringara and other rasas are secondary, while Bhakti is the complete Rasa, like the Sun. Through the exploration of different sentiments in his plays, Sankaradeva sought to instill a sense of Bhakti in the audience's minds and evoke the taste of Santa Rasa.

RASAS IN ANKIYA NAAT

Sringara Rasa: Sringara Rasas are divided into two parts: Prema and Sringara. Although, according to some researchers, the Sringara Rasa is not fully expressed in the Patni Prasad and Kaliya Damana dramas, the other four plays indicate the Sringara Rasa very clearly.

Keli Gopal drama:

kathaku cumbai banamahi lagi mukha

alingane gopike milata rati-sukha

uccha kucha karo khata nekhara parasi

gopalaka keli krsna kinkara kahast

Vanamali kissed some of them, and they experienced the pleasure of love in his embraces. He left marks on their chests by touching them with his nails. These were the playful activities of Krishna, as said by his servant.

Whereas in Rukmini Haran Drama, we see Vipralambha Sringara has been expressed following way:

priyakeri kahini: sunei murari

birahe dhanu cita: akula kincita

manasa madana bigari

Hearing the stories of his beloved, Murari (Krsna) remained restless, his heart burning with separation and Madana afflicting his mind.

Whereas the same Vipralambha Sringara rasa can be seen in Parijata Sarana play. When Narada brought the flower, Krsna offered it to Rukmini, and hence, Satyabhama's jealous feelings and pride showed her love for Krsna. This can be seen in the dialogue:

*his svami: hamaka parijata taru dite: tuhu satya kavala: jani
bilamba codi: ei ksane aniye deva: jave parijata nahi dekhu:
tae bari prabeso nahi: hamu satya kave bolahu*

“My dear husband, you promised to give me the parijata tree. Please bring it to me without delay. I will not enter our home until I see the parijata. I am speaking the truth.”

Raam Vijaya Nata:

Sutrardhar: tribhubana mohani: padumani: Janeki staka labhi kahu: sriramachandra anandenmagana haya manimaya mandire prabesie, sitaye sahite, jalacana parama sakama keli kaya rahela, ta dekhana sunaha, nirantare haribola

Achieving, the one who fascinates the three worlds, a Padmini woman, Janaki, Sita as Sri Ramachandra absorbed in happiness entering the jeweled palace, became engaged in amorous sports along with Sita watch and listen to that and keep chanting the name of Hari incessantly.

Hasya Rasa:

“Comedy” is known as “Hasya” in Sanskrit, which is one of the primary moods in Indian aesthetics. Hasya is often translated as humor or comedy and is symbolized by the color white. In theater, comedy aims to entertain the audience through jokes, often playing with surprise, incongruity, conflict, repetition, and contrasting

expectations to create laughter.

According to Bharatamuni, Six varieties of Hasya Rasa: **Smita (gentle smile), Hasita (slight laughter), Vihasita (open laughter), Upahasita (Laughter of ridicule), Apahasita (obscene laughter), and Atihasita (Boisterous laughter)**. The “Sthayi Bhava” of Hasya is is “Haas”.

Sankaradeva has established Hasya rasa in all his six plays.

In Parijata Harana Naat, through the Narada's devious character.
*ha ha mava: ki kahaba: aisaba kotha kohite dosa: hamu deva-
darllabha parijata pushpa svarga hante ani: krsnaka hate delo:
se parijata je nari paridhana kare: se pushpaka mahimaye:
parama sobhagini haya: iha jani hamu bolahu: ohi parijataka
yogya devi satyabhama: tathi krsna kayahi ki: tohaku kataksa
kariye apuna hate pryā rukminika makhe: parama adare se
divya parijata pindhala: ah tohake jovana dhika dhika:
satinika abhyudaya dehi: ki nimate prana dharye maye tuhun
jyante marala: ha ha bistara ki kahaba ll*

Alas, alas, dear mother! What can I say? It is an offense to speak about these things. I brought the Parijat flower from heaven, which is difficult to acquire even for the gods, and handed it to Krishna. Whichever woman puts on the Parijat flower becomes greatly fortunate due to the flower's power. Knowing that, I said that Queen Satyabhama was most deserving of the flower. However, Krishna ignored my suggestion and instead dressed his wife Rukmini's hair with the divine flower using His own hands. It's a pity for your life; seeing the rise in honor of your co-wife, why do you keep on living? Oh mother, you are as good as dead while living. Alas, alas! What more can I tell you?

Another event in Sutra expresses Hasya Rasa, which can be seen as "Smita" and "Hasita".

*tadanantara rukminika ati katara bani suni: srikrnsna hasi hasi
hate toil: pryaka gaurava kole baithai: kautuke jagataka
nathe mathe parijata pindhivala: rukminika banca saphala
bhela: tadanantare pryā sahita: srikrnsna sadare naradata
baritta puchata*

“After hearing Rukmini’s earnest words, Sri Krishna, laughing, raised her with His hands and made her sit on His lap with pride. Then, the lord of the universe adorned her hair with the parijata flower, fulfilling his wife’s wish. After that, Sri Krishna and His beloved wife asked Narada about his news.”

Similarly, various Hasya Rasa can be seen in other plays – Raam Vijaya, Rukmini Sarana, Keli Gopat etc.

Veer Rasa:

The “veer rasa,” or the “rasa of courage,” is one of the nine fundamental emotional states in Indian traditional arts, such as dance, music, and theater. It is a rasa in Natyashastra that is associated with heroism, bravery, and tenacity. In Natyashastra, veer rasa is expressed through “anubhavas” or consequents, such as firmness, heroism, patience, and readiness to sacrifice. The determinants, or “vibhavas,” of veer rasa include composure, absence of infatuation, perseverance, good tactics, humility, valor, power, aggressiveness, and mighty influence. According to the Rasa theory of Natya Shastra, the overall aim of performance arts is to immerse the audience into an alternate reality where they can connect with the essence of their own consciousness and contemplate spiritual and moral questions.

Sri Krishna reached Kamrupa with the speed of the wind by Garuda. Narakasura came chasing, and how Sri Krishna killed him established the Veer Rasa. Sankaradeva thus writes.

phunkula sankha hari bare bare, suni satruka bhaila

hrydaya bidare ll

<i>janalu avala madhava dhai l</i>	<i>garaje dhanava yudhaka lai ll</i>
<i>samaraka saji bajavaya dhola l</i>	<i>dhara dhara mara mara kahe bohu rola l</i>
<i>dhave mura narakasura ragi l</i>	<i>khanda phinkayava krsnaka lagi ll</i>
<i>hari tankavala saranga bhidi l</i>	<i>barisila bana daityakaho pidi ll</i>
<i>katala kahu kandhakara sira l</i>	<i>marala hari sabi danava bira ll</i>

Similarly, we can see the Veer rasa in Rukmini Harana Naat on various occasions, including when Krishna challenges the kings during the courtship after twanging the Saranga Bow.

“Hey, wicked kings, you have been playing around enough. Now get ready for a war!”

Karuna Rasa:

Karuna rasa is an essential component of the Natya Shastra. The primary emotion, or sthayi bhava, in Karuna rasa is “soka,” which means sorrow. The determinants of karuna rasa include curse, distress, downfall, calamity, loss of wealth, separation from loved ones, flight, misfortune, and more.

Sankaradeva firmly established Karuna Rasa in Kaliya Damana, Keli Gopala Naat, Rukmini Harana Naat, and other works.

In Keli Gopala Naat, Krsna disappeared suddenly after seeing the extreme arrogance of cowherd women. Unable to see Krsna, they

started crying after much effort and were very disturbed.

kahe gayo kahe gayo hamari bandhu madhai

phokare nisvasa: jhuraye nira narayana

bayana hata charai

Refrain: “Why have you gone? Oh dear friend Madhava!” Sighing deeply, tears flowing from their eyes, they covered their faces with their hands.

Raudra Rasa:

In the Natyashastra, a Sanskrit term referring to dramaturgy and theatrics, raudra rasa is a “furious sentiment” used in dramatic performances. The word is composed of raudra, which means “furious”, and rasa, which means “sentiment”. Raudra rasa is a dominant emotion, or sthayibhava, often triggered by anger, or krodha. It can be caused by raksasas, danavas, or haughty humans, and is often the result of regular battles.

In Ram Vijaya Naat, the character Parasuram is depicted as furious, with dialogue that clearly defines the Raudra Rasa.

*Ohi buli Kuthara tuli sriramaka nirekhi: bhuta kamara delaha:
matha jhanakari: kuthara urddhaka khepie: punu lumphi dhari
dhari kahu: kutharke nirekhi bohuta kamora delaha: sarira
kampe ll*

“Refrain: Saying so, he raised the axe and looked at Sri Rama. He bit his arm, jerked his head, threw the axe up, and with a jump held it again and again. He looked at the axe, bit his arm, and his body trembled.”

Bhayanaka Rasa:

Bhayanaka rasa, or the terrible sentiment, is one of the essential rasas in the Natyashastra. The Sthayi Bhava of Bhayanaka rasa is Bhaya, which means fright. The outcome of Bhayanaka rasa is determined by factors such as Vikrta Rava (terrific noise), Uarsana (sight of apparitions), Sivoluka Trasodvega (panic and worried state on hearing the cries of jackals and owls), Sunyagara (empty house), Aranya Pravesa (entering a forest), Marana (deaths), Svajanavadha (murder of king's men), Bandhana (imprisonment), and encountering or hearing about any of these things.

Srimanta Sankaradeva, in his early poetic work 'Karatala Kamala,' mentions that it is Lord Vishnu who alleviates fear from one's mind.

In his drama 'Kaliya Damana,' when Krishna engages in a battle with the Naaga, the fear of the entire gokula residents vividly portrays the Bhayanaka Rasa, as they dread the prospect of losing Krishna.

On the other hand, in 'Keli Gopala Naat,' Sankaradeva illustrates fear through the Gopis when Krishna disappears after witnessing their arrogance. Krishna intends to impart a lesson, so he vanishes from the banks of the Yamuna. Not finding Krishna, the cowherd women become extremely frightened and lovelorn for Hari, leading them to cry out loud in distress.

tatra krsnamapasyantyo rajanyam brajayositah

ruruduh susvaram bhita harervirahavibalah.

Adbhuta Rasa:

In Natyashastra, Adbhuta Rasa is a rasa or synthetic phenomenon,

that represents wonder or amazement. The sthayi bhava of Adbhuta Rasa is Vismaya, or astonishment, and its vyabhicari bhavas include shedding tears, paralysis, perspiration, choking, horrification, thrill, excitement, sluggishness, and sinking. Adbhuta Rasa can be recognized through unique features such as marvelous statements, conduct, acting, and form.

Adbhuta Rasa can be seen in the expressions of the courtyards when Sri Rama broke the Hara Dhanu in Sita's Swayambar. In the 'Choordhora Naat, ' Yashodha's expression when she saw the whole universe inside the mouth of little Krishna is also an example of Adbhuta Rasa.

*“se krpamaya Ramchandra sitaka sakaruna bhava pekhi
tatkale lilaye dhanute guna lagala : se isvara purusa
Ramchandra : thatkare sabde Madhya sthane : Dhanu bhagi
pacaro cidala : jaicana bajrapata bhela tadvat : ramaka maha
mahima dekhi : rajasaba sacakita bhelaha : sita dhanubhanga
dekhi: rajasaba sacakita bhelaha”*

“Upon seeing Sita's sorrowful demeanor, the merciful Ramachandra swiftly strung his bow. With a playful smile, the Personality of Godhead, Ramachandra, effortlessly drew the string almost to his ear and released it, causing the bow to snap with a loud sound. Witnessing Rama's power, the kings were left in awe.”

Bibhatsa Rasa:

“Bibhatsa rasa” is a Sanskrit term that translates to “odious sentiment” and is one of the nine “rasas,” or essences of emotions, in Hinduism. It represents a strong feeling of disgust that can be triggered by experiencing, witnessing, or discussing unpleasant, offensive, impure,

or harmful things. The term is comprised of two words: “bībhatsa” (odious) and “rasa” (sentiment).

When Parasurama raised his axe looking at Sri Rama, Visvamitra felt disgusted and hence he says:

*“visvamitrastadagatya bhargavam praha kopatah
are dvijakulangara matsisyam hantumichhasi*

Then upon arriving, Visvamitra, filled with anger, said to Bhargava, “Oh, you disgrace to the entire Brahmana lineage, do you truly intend to kill my disciple!

Shanta Rasa:

Shanta is the essence of tranquility and peace. It represents a state of calm and untroubled steadiness. Shanta signifies complete harmony between the mind, body, and the universe. This state of Shanta is what Buddha experienced when he was enlightened, leading him to salvation or nirvana, freeing him from the cycle of life and death. Shant rasa is the ninth form of Navras and is a manifestation of emotions that transcend the chaos of everyday life. It offers a soothing tribute to the art of finding peace within oneself. The musical accompaniment to Shanta rasa resonates with melodic tones of serenity.

In Sankaradeva’s literary works, including Ankiya Nat, he brings tranquility and peace through Bhakti. Whether it’s the devotion of his cowherd friends in Kaliya Damana Nat or the devotion of the Brahmanis in Patni Prasada Nat, all the dramas contain elements

such as “Atha Bhatima” that praise Lord Krishna and enlighten the mind and body.

Conclusion:

The text suggests that Sankaradeva represented the nine rasas in his dramas. In addition to these nine rasas, he also included Bhakti Rasa and Batsalya Rasa. The author uses these rasas to illuminate the path of Bhakti for the reader.

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Sri Sri Auniati Satra Of North Guwahati : Foundation Of Vaishnav Dharma In Assam

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Abstract:

Satras are played an important role in the cultural and religious lives of the people in Assam. It is a product of Neo-Vaishnavite movement propagated by Saint Sankardev, the revered 15th-16th century-polymath from the region. Sankaradeva is a great socio-cultural revolution in Assam, which takes an important role to create a strong social bond among the people of Assam. It started on the theme of working towards the upliftmen of the backward classes and minimization of the rigidity of caste distinctions. Madhavdev also played an important role in establishing some Satras in Assam. These Satras are hoise hundreds of celibate and non-celibate 'Bhoktos', hold vast lands and are repositories of religious and cultural relics and artifacts. In this article, a thorough discussion is made on th Auniati Satra of North Guwahati, Assam

Keywords : *Auniati, Satra, Vaishnava, Namghar, Kirtanghar*

INTRODUCTION :

In the early 15 century many parts of our country witnessed degradation of socio economic and religious life. Then there emerged a period of reformation from 15 to 16 century. As a result, there arose bhakti movement in southern parts of India, where in Assam this reform movement is known as Neo Vaishnavite Movement. Srimanta Sankardev a man of versatile and a great reformer and a nation builder is the founder of New Vaishnavite Movement. The greatest contribution of Sankardev led to set a New age, new culture, new identity to Assamese society. The satras, called by the British writers as the spiritual colleges, are the centers of proselytization. Emerging as a major religious-cum-social institution, their number grew to more than one thousand by the middle of the 18th century and is still a countable force of social change and acculturation in the plains of the state. The most important aspect of these satras was their monastic character. Satra, Thaan or Namghar was established and came into being as way to religious purpose and all these institutions were flourished under ideology of Neo Vaishnavism propounded by Sankardeva. These intuitions depict the socio religious scenario of assamese society in early 16th century, these are basically run by the satradhikas, bhakats and local people. Sankardeva, according to the earlier chronicles of Assam has established his first satra at Bordowa, in his birth place, then different centre of Assam he has visited as he had to travel from one place to another. Satra has become the integral essence of the Assamese life and culture and unified the society from west to east of the land. Derivation of the term "Satra" as per the majority of opinions expectantly perceived from the Vedic sculptures "Satapatha Brahmana" And "Naimisa-ksetra" in the sense of a revered sacrifice, it can be traced in abundantly in the Bhagwat purana also. The

study of Vaishnavism in Assam is important in the historical and social spheres because its initiation brought a considerable change amongst the Assamese people both in the social and cultural levels. In Assam, the Bhakti or Neo vaisnavite movement was launched by Sankardeva and his disciple Madhavdeva in the sixteenth century. The movement led by Sankardeva did not differ in fundamental points from the similar Bhakti movement in India. Spending twelve years outside Assam in different holy places of India, where he entered in to religious discourses with different theologians and could study the religious trends of the period, Sankardeva introduced a creed, adhering the main principles of Bhakti, which could revolutionaries the entire face of the life of the people and lead to the formation of a broader civil society. He emphasized congregational singing of the Nama or chanting the name of God and made the Sanskrit scriptures, accessible to all, by reinterpreting them into Assamese because before him the scripts used were monopoly only for the Brahmins. Sankardeva translated the Bhagavata purana in to simple Assamese hymns and verses which the non-literate could understand and recite. Sankardeva taught a simple creed which is called “Ek SARAN NAMDHARMA”; the religion of supreme surrender to one and that one is Krishna-Vishnu who in the form of Narayana, assumes incarnations from age to age to redeem the world to grace his devotees. Auniati satra is famous for Vaishnavite monastery located in North Guwahati. It was established in 19th century. The satra has played an important role in preserving and promoting the art, culture and traditions of Assam. Auniati satra is also known for its exquisite architecture, wood carvings, and beautiful artwork.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

However some works are done on Auniati Satra of North Guwahati, but no attempt to detailed study on this Satra. Therefore, the research is an attempt to detailed study and analysis of the historical background, art and architecture of the Auniati Satra of North Guwahati.

OBJECTIVES :

The present study has following objectives:

- 1) To trace the origin and historical background of the Satra.
- 2) To document the art and architecture of campus of the Satra.

METHODOLOGY

The study involves the qualitative and analytical method of research on the basis of primary and secondary sources. It contain site survey and interview, observation, library works, museum visit, related books, journals, published papers, soft copies, pdf files (e-reprints) downloaded from the websites.

LOCATION OF THE AUNIATI SATRA OF NORTH GOWAHATI

Auniati Satra is a famous Vaishnavite monastery located in North Guwahati . This satra is situated in North Bank of mighty river Brahmaputra. The distance from Guwahati and North Guwahati is 19 km.

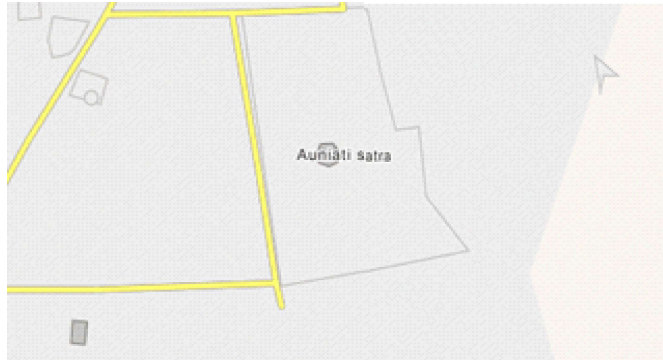


Fig 1: Map of Auniati satra (Wikimapia is a multilingual open-content collaborative map, where anyone can create place tags and share their knowledge.)

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Auniati satra of North Guwahati is the main branch of 'Auniati satra of Majuli. This satra is located just opposite to Guwahati city by the Mighty Brahmaputra river. This satra was established in 1915 A.D. by His Holiness Sri Sri Kamal Dev Goswami by possessing 60 Bighas of land from Aswaktanta Temple. The 14th Satradhikar Bhagawat Bhaskar Sri Sri Hemchandra Dev Goswami rebuilt the old 'satra' in 1959 to its present condition.

PHYSICAL STRUCTURE OF BARADI SATRA

Toran: The 'Sri Sri Auniati satra' at Guwahati is a four sided enclosed area with four gateways or Batsoras. The main entrances

to the satra are on the eastern side and Toran or Batsora are curved with sculptural representation of Vaishnava culture.



Fig 2: Toran of Auniati satra of North Guwahati

Kritanghar: In the middle of Bradi satra complex the great kritanghar (mandapa) is located. Centrally placed in this enclosure is a rectangular prayer-hall called the ‘Namghar’ aligned in the east-west direction.



Fig 3: The Side View of the Sri Sri Auniati Satra in Guwahati

Manikut: The Manikut (garbhagriha) is attached with the kritanghar adjoining the eastern end. In the Manikut the sacred scripts are kept, including old manuscripts written on sanchi leaves by the Vaishnava gurus. The ‘Manikut’ or the ‘Jewel-house’, the Sanctum Santorum, in which the ‘Asana’ – a wooden tetrahedral structure with four carved lions is placed containing the main object of worship Krishna idol (usually a copy of the Bhagavat Purana in manuscript or an idol).

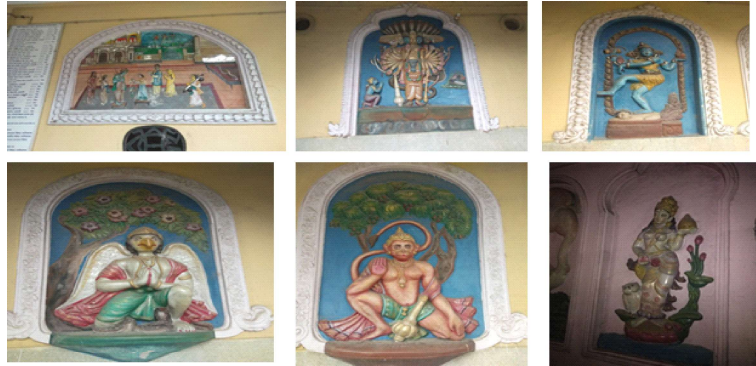


Fig 4: images of idol Krishna

Hatis: The ‘Namghar’ is surrounded by four straight rows of huts, called ‘Hati’, in which the monks (Bhokots) reside. The ‘Adhikara’ and other high officers of the ‘Satra’ reside in the Eastern ‘Hatis’.

Wodden Sculptures: Auniati Satra is also known for its exquisite architecture, wood carvings, and exquisite artwork. Many beautiful wooden sculptures is placed on the outer wall of Kirtanghar, such as scenario of Ramayan and Mahabharata, images of Vishwarupa

of Vishnu, Nataraja, Hanuma, Garuda, Brahma, Yaksha and Yakshini and many others.



*Fig 5: Images of wooden sculptures of Auniati Satra, North
Gowahati*

Auniati Satra, North guwahati, a mini museum: the Museum is situated near the Kirtanghar. The main aim of setting up this museum is to preserve the cultural heritage of Vaishnava community of Assam, such as manuscript made from sanchi leaf, various utensils like xorai, mandhora xorai, dish, bowl, dora dhora Sati (umbrella). Most of the objects are wooden artifacts believed to have been once a part of the satra used for various socio-religious purpose, such as Dola, boats(for Bhaona), Japi etc . But some of the collection of wooden structures kept in the museum is less recognized because of proper care and importance.

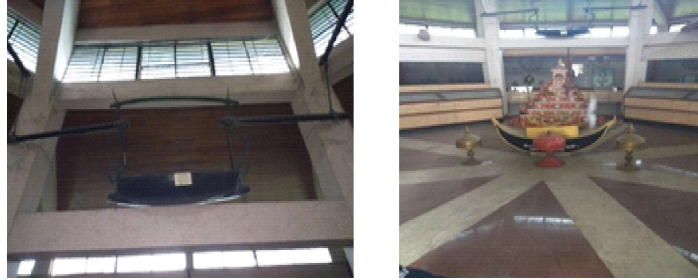


Fig 6: Images of wooden Dola, Boat, Asana and Xorais of Brass matel.

Conclusion :

Satra institution has immense importance in growth and development of the greater Assamese society and culture. Auniati satra is famous for Vaishnavite monastery located in North Guwahati. It was established in 19th century. The satra has played an important role in preserving and promoting the art, culture and traditions of Assam. However, this satras has many historical artifacts, which were need to preserve. Many manuscript day by day going to destruction or decay due to lack of preservation. The los and destruction of manuscript is a great loss for the nation as well as present

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Srimanta Sankaradeva As A Revolutionary Social Reformer

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Abstract

Srimanta Sankaradeva (1449-1568) stands as a pivotal figure in the socio-cultural and religious landscape of Assam, India. As a revolutionary social reformer, his contributions transcend the boundaries of mere religious reformation, laying the groundwork for a unique socio-religious identity in the region. Sankaradeva's establishment of the Eka Sarana Naam Dharma, a monotheistic faith, challenged existing social hierarchies. His teachings emphasized spirituality over sectarianism, advocating for a direct relationship between individuals and the divine, thus democratizing religious practice.

Through various artistic expressions such as drama, dance, and music, Sankaradeva conveyed complex philosophical ideas in accessible formats that resonated with the masses. His vibrant cultural legacy, including the "Ankia Nat," enriched the region's cultural fabric and created a sense of communal identity and cohesion. Moreover, his emphasis on moral integrity, social justice, and compassion resonated

deeply with the marginalized sections of society, empowering them to assert their rights and dignity.

This abstract encapsulates the revolutionary essence of Sankaradeva as a social reformer who leveraged spirituality as a tool for societal transformation, striking at the roots of social inequalities and fostering a harmonious society. This study aims to highlight the lasting impact of Sankaradeva's reformative ideals on contemporary Assamese society and beyond.

Key Words: *Pivotal, Reformer, Monotheistic, Sectarianism, Vibrant Culture.*

Introduction: -

Srimanta Sankaradeva, born in 15th century in Assam, India, stands as a pivotal figure in the socio-religious landscape of the region. As a saint-scholar, poet, and playwright, he not only enriched the cultural heritage of Assam but also laid the foundations for a transformative social movement. His life and teachings promoted a radical rethinking of religious and social norms, positioning him as a revolutionary social reformer in a time marked by rigid caste divisions, ritualistic practices, and social injustices.

Sankaradeva's approach to spirituality was inclusive and democratic, advocating for a form of devotion to God (Krishna) that transcended the confines of orthodoxy. He emphasized the importance of 'Bhakti' (devotion) among all individuals, regardless of their caste or social status. This emphasis on egalitarianism challenged the established hierarchies and emphasized the idea of a universal community bound by faith rather than social stratification.

Through his creative genius, Sankaradeva produced a wealth of literature, music, dance, and drama that served both to educate and to entertain. His artistic works not only reflected his theological insights but also his commitment to social reform. The ‘Namghar’ (community prayer halls) he established became centres of social gathering and cultural exchange, fostering a sense of unity and collective identity among the diverse populations of Assam.

In addition to his spiritual teachings, Sankaradeva’s life was marked by his relentless advocacy for social justice. He challenged oppressive practices and sought to empower the marginalized, promoting a vision of society based on compassion, equality, and mutual respect. By instilling values of non-discrimination and communal harmony, Sankaradeva laid the groundwork for a more inclusive Assamese identity.

This exploration of Srimanta Sankaradeva as a revolutionary social reformer invites us to reflect on his profound insights and legacy, examining how his ideals resonate with contemporary struggles for social justice and equality. His remarkable journey illustrates how faith and reform can intersect to inspire transformative change, making him not only a religious leader but a beacon of hope for marginalized communities in Assam and beyond.

Aims and Objectives of the Study:

Aims

1. Understanding Biographical Context: To explore the life and times of Srimanta Sankaradeva, highlighting the socio-political and cultural environment of 15th century Assam.

2. Identifying Social Reforms: To identify and analyse the key social reforms introduced by Sankaradeva, focusing on their revolutionary aspects within the context of his time.

3. Evaluating Impact: To evaluate the impact of Sankaradeva's teachings and reforms on the society of Assam, including their influence on religion, culture, and social structures.

4. Exploring Interconnections: To explore the interconnections between Sankaradeva's religious philosophy and his social reformist agenda, emphasizing the role of spirituality in societal transformation.

5. Promoting Understanding: To promote a deeper understanding of the significance of Sankaradeva in contemporary discussions of social reform, justice, and equality.

Objectives :

1. Literature Review: To conduct a comprehensive literature review on Srimanta Sankaradeva's life, works, and reforms, incorporating various academic perspectives.

2. Documenting Contributions: To document and categorize the contributions of Sankaradeva in areas such as education, socio-religious practices, art, and literature.

3. Analytical Framework: To develop an analytical framework for assessing the revolutionary aspects of Sankaradeva's reforms relative to contemporary social issues.

4. Field Research: To engage in field research that may include interviews, surveys, or focus groups with scholars,

practitioners, and community members influenced by Sankaradeva's legacy.

5. Comparative Analysis: To conduct a comparative analysis of Sankaradeva's reforms with other social reform movements in India during the same period and beyond.

6. Dissemination of Findings: To disseminate findings through workshops, seminars, publications, and digital platforms to foster broader awareness and appreciation of Sankaradeva's contributions.

7. Encouraging Modern Relevance: To encourage discussions on how the principles espoused by Sankaradeva can be applied to address contemporary social issues such as caste discrimination, gender equality, and communal harmony.

By carefully outlining these aims and objectives, the study can contribute to the understanding of Srimanta Sankaradeva not only as a religious leader but also as a pivotal figure in the history of social reform in Assam and India.

Research Methodology or Analytical Approach–

Research methodology refers to the structured approach researchers use to conduct their studies and gather data. For a topic like "Srimanta Sankaradeva as a Revolutionary Social Reformer," it's important to define a clear methodology that will allow for comprehensive exploration of the subject. Below is a suggested research methodology that could be used for this topic:

Research Design

- a) **Qualitative Research:** This study will primarily adopt a qualitative approach, focusing on historical, cultural, and philosophical analyses to understand Sankaradeva's impact as a social reformer.
- b) **Descriptive and Analytical:** The research will be descriptive, outlining the life, philosophy, and work of Sankaradeva, while also analytical, examining the implications of his teachings and actions on Assamese society.

Literature Review

- a) **Primary Sources:** Collect and analyse texts written by or about Srimanta Sankaradeva, including his poetry, plays (Ankia), and philosophical treatises (Bhakti literature).
- b) **Secondary Sources:** Review scholarly articles, books, and critical essays that discuss Sankaradeva's life, teachings, and contributions to social reform in Assam. Sources may include historical studies, biographies, and theological critiques.

Data Collection Methods

- a) **Archival Research:** Investigate archives, libraries, and universities for original manuscripts and historical documents related to Sankaradeva.

- b) **Field Studies:** Conduct visits to places significant to Sankaradeva's life, such as monasteries (Namghars) and regions where he preached, to gather contextual insights and contemporary interpretations of his teachings.
- c) **Interviews:** Engage with scholars, theologians, and practitioners of Neo-Vaishnavism to gain varied perspectives on Sankaradeva's role as a social reformer.

Data Analysis

- a) **Thematic Analysis:** Identify and analyse recurring themes in Sankaradeva's works and the socio-cultural context of his time that reflect his reformative ideas and practices.
- b) **Historical Contextualization:** Place Sankaradeva's contributions within the broader socio-political context of 15th century Assam, examining how his ideas countered prevailing social norms.
- c) **Comparative Analysis:** Compare Sankaradeva's reformist ideas with those of contemporary reformers in other parts of India or across the world to highlight his uniqueness and revolutionary aspects.

Ethical Considerations

- a) **Cultural Sensitivity:** Approach communal and religious topics with respect, ensuring that interpretations and discussions do not offend the beliefs of followers of Sankaradeva.
- b) **Transparency:** Maintain transparency regarding the research findings and interpretations, acknowledging potential biases and the influence of the researcher's perspective.

Limitations of the Study

- a) **Availability of Sources:** Acknowledge potential limitations related to the availability of primary sources, especially in any oral traditions that may not have been documented.
- b) **Interpretative Nature:** Recognize that interpretations of Sankaradeva's teachings may vary widely and that the researcher's perspective could influence conclusions.

Expected Outcomes

- a) **Understanding of Reforms:** To provide an in-depth understanding of how Sankaradeva's philosophy challenged existing social structures.
- b) **Historical Significance:** To highlight Sankaradeva's role in shaping Assamese identity and culture as a revolutionary thinker.
- c) **Contemporary Relevance:** To discuss the relevance of Sankaradeva's ideas in contemporary social reform movements and discussions around identity, spirituality, and community.

This structured research methodology will facilitate an in-depth exploration of Srimanta Sankaradeva's contributions as a social reformer and his lasting impact on society, culture, and religion in Assam and beyond.

Discussion and Analysis or Discussion on the Topic:

Srimanta Sankaradeva (1449-1568) was a prominent saint-scholar, poet, and cultural icon in Assam, India. He is best known for establishing the Eka Sarana Naam Dharma, a neo-Vaishnavite movement that emphasized devotion to Krishna and advocated for social equality, spiritual enlightenment, and the cultural renaissance of Assam. His revolutionary contributions to society, religion, literature, and the arts position him as one of the most significant figures in Indian history.

1. Social Reform through Religion:

One of Sankaradeva's most revolutionary ideas was his reinterpretation of Hinduism to make it more accessible and egalitarian. He rejected the ritualistic practices and caste-based hierarchies prevalent in the society of his time. By promoting the idea of Bhakti (devotion), he encouraged people from various social backgrounds to participate in worship and community activities. He established the 'Naamghar' (prayer house) as a central locus for collective worship, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

2. Advocacy for Inclusivity and Equality:

Sankaradeva's teachings emphasized that divine grace is available to all, regardless of caste, class, or gender. This was particularly revolutionary in a feudal society where hierarchy was deeply entrenched. He encouraged participation in spiritual practices and communal living, which helped break down barriers of caste

and promoted a sense of equality, instilling a sense of dignity in marginalized sections of society. In Bhagavata Purana, Book II, Sankardeva wrote-

Kirata Kachari Khasi Garo Miri
Jawana Kanka Gowala
Asoma maluka dhoba je turuka
Kubasha melcha candala. – 53

In ‘Pashanda Mardana’ of Kirtton-Ghosha he also wrote-

Krishnara kothata jito rasika
Brahmana-janma tara lage kika
Smaroka matra hari dine rati
Nabache bhakati jati ajati. – 58

3. Promotion of Education and Culture:

Sankaradeva was not only a religious reformer but also an advocate for education and cultural development. He was an avid promoter of literacy and the Assamese language. He composed several literary works, including ‘Kirtan Ghosha,’ which transformed the spiritual landscape of Assam. His use of local language in religious texts made spiritual knowledge more accessible to the common person, contributing to a rise in literacy and cultural pride in the region.

4. Artistic Contributions and Cultural Renaissance:

Sankaradeva's artistic influence extended beyond literature into painting, dance, and drama. He initiated the 'Ankian Nat' (Drama) and 'Sankari Nritya' (classical dance form) within the Assamese cultural framework, which not only served as a medium for artistic expression but also conveyed moral and spiritual lessons. This cultural renaissance fostered a sense of identity among the people of Assam and contributed to their socio-political consciousness.

5. Political Implications of His Reform Movement:

While Sankaradeva's primary focus was spiritual, his reforms had significant political implications. By challenging the status quo and advocating for a more inclusive society, he laid the groundwork for social and political awakening among the Assamese people. His teachings inspired subsequent leaders and freedom fighters who sought to unify people across caste lines against colonial rule.

6. Legacy and Contemporary Relevance:

Sankaradeva's legacy continues to resonate in contemporary movements for social justice and equality. His emphasis on inclusivity, community, and respect for all individuals serves as a guiding light for current social reformers. The principles he championed are relevant as societies grapple with issues of caste discrimination, religious intolerance, and social inequity.

Srimanta Sankaradeva is often viewed as a revolutionary social reformer due to his efforts to promote equality, accessibility to spiritual knowledge, and cultural pride. His contributions helped transform Assam into a region where devotion is interwoven with social justice, demonstrating the profound impact of religious and cultural reform on societal structures. His innovative approach continues to inspire modern movements for equality and social change, reinforcing the idea that spiritual practices can indeed serve as a catalyst for social reform.

Findings of the Topic:

Srimanta Sankaradeva (1449-1568) was a prominent Assamese saint-scholar, poet, and playwright who played a pivotal role in the cultural and spiritual renaissance of Assam and the broader region of Northeast India. He is best known for establishing the Eka Sarana Naam Dharma, which emphasized monotheism, devotion to Lord Krishna, and a rejection of caste-based distinctions prevalent in society. His contributions extend beyond religious reform; he is also recognized as a revolutionary social reformer. Here are some key findings on his role in social reform:

1. Promotion of Monotheism and Bhakti:

Sankaradeva emphasized the worship of a single God, advocating for a personal and direct relationship between the devotee and the divine, which challenged the established religious practices that often-involved rituals and intermediaries.

2. Rejection of Caste System:

He actively opposed the rigid caste hierarchies and social stratification of his time. By welcoming individuals from all strata of society into his movement, he fostered inclusivity and unity. His teachings encouraged followers to see beyond caste distinctions, thereby promoting social equality.

3. Literary Contributions and Cultural Integration:

Through his writings, including plays, songs, and philosophical texts, Sankaradeva communicated complex spiritual ideas in accessible language, making them reachable to the common people. His works often integrated elements from various regional cultures, promoting a sense of shared identity.

4. Establishment of Naamghar:

Sankaradeva founded Naamghar (Prayer House) that served as centres for learning, devotion, and community gathering. These institutions were crucial in providing social services, education, and promoting social cohesion among diverse groups.

5. Role of Art and Performance:

He employed dramatic arts (Ankia Naat) to convey spiritual teachings and social messages, using drama as a means to reach and engage people from different backgrounds. This innovative approach not only entertained but also educated society about moral and social values.

6. Empowerment of Women:

Though traditional society was patriarchal, Sankaradeva's teachings and practices allowed for greater participation of women in spiritual and social activities. His emphasis on devotion and moral conduct provided a platform for women to be active members of the religious community.

7. Promotion of Cleanliness and Ethical Living :

He emphasized the importance of ethical living, personal hygiene, and community service, encouraging individuals to lead lives of integrity and responsibility, which contributed to the overall social improvement of the region.

8. Dialogue and Religious Tolerance :

Sankaradeva advocated for dialogue among different spiritual traditions and fostered an atmosphere of religious tolerance. His approach encouraged harmony between various communities, which was vital in a culturally diverse region like Assam.

9. Legacy of Social Harmony

Sankaradeva's teachings have had a lasting impact, contributing to the socio-cultural fabric of Assam and setting a precedent for subsequent social reform movements. His legacy continues to inspire movements for social justice and equality in contemporary society.

Srimanta Sankaradeva's impact as a revolutionary social reformer is evident in his efforts to challenge societal norms, promote inclusivity, and foster a culture of devotion that transcended traditional barriers. His life and work serve as an enduring testament to the power of spiritual leadership in driving social change.

Conclusion:

Srimanta Sankaradeva, a 15th century saint-scholar and cultural icon of Assam, emerges as a pivotal figure in the region's history, not only for his contributions to spirituality and literature but also as a revolutionary social reformer. His life and teachings challenged the prevailing social norms of his time, advocating for inclusivity and equality among diverse castes and communities. Sankaradeva's establishment of the Eka Sarana Naam Dharma was instrumental in uniting people through the principles of devotion to a single God, breaking down barriers imposed by caste and ritualistic practices prevalent in Hindu society. His emphasis on bhakti (devotion) and a personal connection with the divine democratized spirituality, making it accessible to all, regardless of social status or background. This was a radical shift in a society often marred by discrimination. Moreover, Sankaradeva's contributions to art, dance, and theatre fostered a cultural renaissance that empowered communities and encouraged self-expression. His innovative use of traditional narratives in his plays and songs helped instil a sense of pride and identity among the people of Assam, while simultaneously promoting ethical and moral values.

In conclusion, Srimanta Sankaradeva was not just a religious leader but a visionary social reformer who laid the foundations for a

more equitable society. His teachings and practices not only transformed the spiritual landscape of Assam but also promoted social justice, communal harmony, and cultural identity. The legacy of Sankaradeva continues to inspire movements for social equality and cultural revival, reinforcing his status as a revolutionary figure in the annals of Indian history.

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**The Religious Philosophy of Saint Srimanta
Sankaradeva and Saint poet Bhima Bhoi : A
Comparative Study.**

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Abstract

The unique contribution of Sankaradeva in Religion and Culture through his monotheistic outlook is known as the Neo-vaishnavism of Assam or Eka Saran Naam Dharma. Sankaradeva, the saint, social reformer and preacher of Neo-Vaishnavism of North-East India was a versatile genius who contributed to all round development of human life. Sankaradeva had no 'guru', neither he was under any social propaganda or organization. His aim was not to the religion but to maintain peace and harmony in society and free the greater Assamese society from the strangleholds of various prejudices prevalent at that time. Importance towards the human value is a distinctive feature of the religious socio-cultural struggle of Sankaradeva. Bhima Bhoi comes from an adivasi (kondh). He was bhakta of Mahima Gosai and his impressive compositions are the earliest testimonies of Mahima Dharma which emerged out of Nirguna Bhakti Tradition of India in the 19th century. He was a saint, reformer who raised voice against caste system included women in his cult and fought against idol worship and orthodoxy. Though both the saints belong to two distinct Geographical regions and propounded their religious cults in two different period of

history, they revolted against the social discrimination of the downtrodden and Brahminical way of needlessly elaborate method of worshipping ,idolatry and religious bigotry.

Key Words: Sankaradeva, Bhima Bhoi, religion, socio-culture

Introduction :

When Neo-Vaishnavite movement led by Gurunanak, Sri Chaitanya, Ramananda and Ramanuj swept the length and breadth of India Srimanta Sankaradeva appeared like a beckoning light in the North-East India to preach his Eka-Saran Dharma and free the people from religious bigotry and social injustice. Sankaradeva was an Assamese saint, scholar, poet, social religious reformer,playwright and a figure of importance in the cultural, religious history of Assam. His works on the basis of preaching a new religion in the eyes of people of Assam of his period consisted of music, drama, dance ,art, literary works etc. If we minutely observed his life we find that his purpose was not to profound a philosophy based on religion supported by discursive reasoning and abstract thinking but to propagate a simple system of faith based on devotion. A reformed religion was the need of the time not a well formulated philosophical system which Sankaradeva rightly perceived. The political condition of mediavel Assam in the days of Sankaradeva was no so stable. Constant friction and conflict for supremacy amongst the powers were the order of the day and political instability helped to bring about a chaotic condition in the religious sphere also. In the 15th century, a heterogeneous element was present among the majority Non-Aryan tribes of Assam. Distinct manners, customs and religious beliefs were practiced by the people. And those who professed Hinduism

loosely adhered to Vaishnavism or Saivism, Sakticism or tantricism. The cementing force that binds together such a society is no doubt the uniformity of religion and language. Thus Sankaradeva's religion as a cementing force to develop a uniformity in the society, his social philosophy on the basis of religion to educate the people of the society in the field of art, music, drama, knowledge, what we can say to become well cultured in every sphere of life.

Saint poet Bhima Bhoi was born in West Odisha in the later part of the 19th century much after the Neo-Vaishnavite movement. He belonged to the Kondh tribes of Odisha. He was orphan and lost his eyesight in his childhood. He did not have the access to formal education and spent his childhood in abject poverty. He had bestowed with extraordinary memory in remembering and analyzing religious discourses. He was initiated to Mahima Dharma a new religion of Odisha by the founder preacher Mahima Gosain alias Mukunda Das. The religion is a refined synthesis of Buddhism and Hinduism and aimed at freeing the people from idolatry and Brahminical rituals. The believers have to worship only one God who is Alekha, Mahima, Nirakar, Niranjan, Sunya purush or parambrahma. He is a social revolutioner and outstanding composer whose works bear a close resemblance to those of the early poets in terms of language, thought and content.

Objectives:

1. To analyse the humanitarian approach of both the saints.
2. To examine the Advaitabad theory of the saints .
3. To examine how the religion and philosophy of both the saints succeeded to unify different people into one spiritual fraternity in the 21st century.

Methodology:

For have a total understanding of the studies both primary and secondary data have been collected. To uphold the findings of this study descriptive method is used. Primary sources comprises Sankaradeva and Bhima's writing and the secondary data collected from secondary sources from research paper, article, journals, periodicals and different websites from the internet.

Significance of the Study:

Comparative literature studies tries to cultivate reading across linguistic boundaries in order to highlight everything that the exclusive focus on national literature tends to obscure. At the same time the scope of comparative literature has always been an effective way of deepening and broadening one's knowledge and horizons about the similarities and dissimilarities. So here in my study I make an humble effort to make a comparative analysis of the religion and philosophy of Mahapurush Sankaradeva of Assam and Saint poet Bhima Bhoi of Odisha. Though both the saints belong to two distinct geographical regions and propounded their religious cults in two different period of History they revolted against the social discrimination of the downtrodden and brahminical way of needlessly elaborate method of worshipping, idolatry and religious bigotry. Both propounded the great Indian philosophy of Advaitabad. Though Sankaradeva's Vaishnavism aimed at complete surrender at one supreme God as Alekha or Mahima. The popular assertion of Bhima Bhoi "Mo jeevan pachhe Narke Padi thau, jagata udhara Neo." (No matter is my life remain in hell let the world achieve salvation) (Bhima Bhoi, Stuti Chintamani) shows his dedication to the upliftment of socially deprived while being a clear reflection of contemporary socio-economic condition in the state. In the same

way the ideas, cultural contribution and philosophy of Sankaradeva have become an integral part of the life of Assamese people. The religious preaching and activities of Sankaradeva contributed significantly in shaping the Assamese culture and literature.

Discussion:

Humanitarian Aspect: Humanity is a widely studied theme. The honest virtues such as righteousness, mercy, sincerity, straight forwardness related to human beings. The great thinkers of world propagated their honest idols depending on these virtues. Sankaradeva propagated Nava-Vaishnava religion and established a new high class human thought. To give a meaning of deep sense of life he used the spiritual thinking in his writing. Sankaradeva and Bhima both are the great humanist and deeply pained to see the sufferings of worldly creature. Bhima was a great champion of equality. He declared that all are the children of same God. And so are equal. He denounced catechism and untouchability. He was also very sensitive to the suffering of animals. The following couplet aptly reveals Bhima Bhoi's concern for suffering of the masses and for their upliftment.

“ Boundless is the anguish and misery of the living,

Who can see it and tolerate

Let my soul condemned to hell

But let the universe be redeemed.” (Stuti Chintamani, Bali-67)
The souls of lowly creature such as dogs, jackels and donkeys are all linked to the super soul that is the supreme God (sankaradeva).

From living to nonliving beings , from worms to insects, the supreme creator manifest himself in such a way that one of them cannot be inferior to another.(Bhima Bhoi). They could see the manifestation of God in all the living and non-living beings. Two couplets highlighting the above are reproduced as follows:

“ Kukura Shrigalo Gadarbharu Atmaram

Janiya Xabaku Kariba Pranam.”(Sankaradeva, Bhagavata)

“Stabaru Jangam kitaru patanga

Chahin dele anusari

Sakala ghatare puri samanare

Nohen sanabada kari” (Bhima Bhoi, Bhajanmala, Bali-42)

2. Advaitabad:

Both Sankaradeva and Bhima propounded the great Indian philosophy of pure Advaitabad. Sankaradeva’s Vaishnavism aimed at complete surrender to one supreme God i.e Lord Krishna. Besides it Sankaradeva discussed about the relation between Gyan and Bhakti, jeeva and Brahma, Nirguna and saguna and decided Bhakti as more meaningful than Gyan and Brahma than jeeva. Therefore, Sankaradeva’s work and thought should be based on both of these two points because in Advaitabad Brahma is Nirguna and there are no difference between Jeeva and Brahma but Maya is the only reason for jeeva’s suffering. When jeeva became free from Maya’s cave it became synthesis with Brahma. Sankaradeva’s writing sup-

port this point. For example:

“ Tomarese ansaami jata jeeva jak

Tomara mayaye prabhu bandhile amak. (Stuti Chintamani, Bali-72)

On the otherhand , he narrated about Saguna Brahma too. Eg-

“ Krishnarupe Dsivakita Bhoila avatar

Sankha,chakra, goda, padma karata tomar: (Kirtan Ghosa, Pad-642)

After looking all these examples proves Sankaradeva's importance on Bhakti and Saguna Brahma too. It indicates his relationship with Bisista advaitabadi philosophy. Because from the Paramarthik point of view , he said about meaninglessness of the entire physical world, but from the practical Bhakti angle he narrated about meaninglessness of life of jeeva and physical world. So he is an Advaitabadi as well as Bisista advaitabadi. Mahima Dharma or Mahima Cult is a revivalism of Indian Philosophy of Advaita bad in its pure form. It states that Brahma is advaita but the world created by him is not Maya. The world is glorious existence of Brahma's maya. Bhima Bhoi preached Mahimacult through songs, verses and hymns. Though Sankaradeva's Vaishnavism aimed at complete surrender at one Supreme God manifested Himself as Krishna, Mahima Dharma aimed at worshipping the supreme God as Alekhaor Mahima or Nirakar or Sunya Purusa. Besides Mahima the very word that gives the Mahima Dharma its name is Alekha. Alekha can be translated as in desirable it stands for the absolute one (Alekha Param Brahma).

4. Religion and Philosophy :

Sankaradeva the founder of Neo-Vaishnavism initiated the Bhakti movement in Assam in the 15th century. Vaishnavism which was preached by Sankaradeva is known as “ Eka-Saran-Naam-Dharma” or ‘Mahapurushia dharma’. Eka- Saran-Naam-Dharma implies the religion of supreme surrender to one that is Lord Vishnu who in the form of Narayana assumes incarnation from age to age. The main teachings of this religion is – “ Eka Deva, Eka Seva, Eka Bine Nahi Keva”. Sankaradeva’s religion is based on the Bhagavat puran and the Gita. He fought against class prejudice and stressed on the equality and brotherhood of man within a very short period of time. His religion of love and devotion ,ethics and harmonies spread like a fire and vibrated throughout the whole North-East India. To propagate his religion Sankaradeva established the institution of Satras and Namghars as central religious institution in the village.

In the academic sense Sankaradeva was not a philosopher because he did not formulate any philosophical doctrine. But in his literary works we found a philosophical outlook which is similar to Ramanujan and Sankaracharya’s philosophy. As a monist Sankaradeva believed one reality which is Krishna who has some attributes. God or Krishna is the supreme being and the universe is manifestation of God. Jiva and jagat are the parts of him and depends on him. So according to Sankaradeva universe is real like God. He believes bondage and liberation attached with human being. Bondage means bandhan which is attached with karma .Bhakti is the highest position above all in all religion. According to him Bhakti stands higher even above jnana and karma. According to Sankaradeva liberation or mukti is the highest human goal. Jiva’s

mukti comes only by the way of Ek saran in Krishna. Thus, Sankaradeva's philosophy of religion is the supremacy of Bhakti and Bhakti is the main path to attain God.

The works of Bhima Bhoi need to be viewed in the context of the philosophical idea of Mahima Dharma and the later evolution from a long philosophic and religious tradition in Odhisa. Mahima Swami the founder of Mahima Cult himself has left behind no written works or even about himself. It was left to Biswanath Baba to record the philosophical, historical aspect of cult and Bhima Bhoi gives expression to its basic teaching through the medium of his poetry. So to discuss the basic philosophy of Satya Mahima Dharma the four principles given by Biswanath Baba came to our discussion. They are: Sarvaveda vedanta Saratawa Siromoni Alekha; Param Brahma Darshanam ; Satya Mahima Dharma Pratipadaka Bhagavatsara Satyadharma and Satya Dharma Itihasa. Moreover, the philosophy of the Mahima Dharma also associated with the Buddhist concept of emptiness or sunya or Alekha cult. At present the philosophical ideas and concept of Mahima cults found their ways to the hearts of millions in Odhisa and outside the state through the outburst of his poetry. The people of Odhisa even those who are not formally believes in the philosophy of Bhima at present participated in the community prayers offered by the bhaktas of Mahima dharma in the form of Bhima's song janans and bhajans.

Dissimilarities:

Saint poet Bhima Bhoi's literary work was limited to composing of devotional songs and verses eulogizing the supreme God and how salvation is to be achieved. His literary magnum opus is 'Stuti chintamani'. However Sankaradeva was a multifaceted personality. He not only composed kirtan Ghosa and other devotional song

also he had written a number of drama based on Vishnu or Krishna. He himself wrote, directed and organized Ankia Nats, Bhaona etc. He was an accomplished painter and artisan also. Sankaradeva had a cordial relation with Konch dynasty. He was never in favors of initiating a king to his religion. Bhima Bhoi was extremely bold in his philosophy and never sought patronage of any king. Rather he proclaimed boldly ‘I am not a vessel of any ruler nor I am a serf, not an obedient servant of a rich man, I obey the command of only one person and the person is the Guru.’”

Conclusion:

By making an interpretation of the religious philosophy of both the saints we can come to conclusion that both of them revolted against the prevailing social injustice and discrimination, religious dogmatism and idolatry. They through their pressing gave a new religious direction in the society.

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Crypto Scams

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Abstract:

Scammers are always looking for new ways to steal your money, and the massive growth of cryptocurrency in recent years has created plenty of opportunities for fraud. Cryptocurrency crime had a record-breaking year in 2021 – according to a report by blockchain data firm Chainalysis, fraudsters stole \$14 billion of crypto that year. If you're interested in crypto, it's important to be aware of the risk. Decentralized technologies are reshaping the financial landscape. Unfortunately, the rapid innovation, still-evolving regulatory structure, and complex nature of the industry is attracting plenty of digital asset fraudsters. The crypto industry is often compared to the Wild West or a gold rush. Still, cryptocurrency itself is not a scam. Its profit potential and technological loopholes may attract those with malicious intent, but there are plenty of legit opportunities to be found. Staying informed about crypto scams is a great way to protect yourself against crypto con games.

INTRODUCTION:

Cyber Security, Cyber Fraud, Crypto Scams are some never ending topics of discussion in present era. Cyber fraud is a blanket term to describe crimes committed by cyber-attackers via the internet. These crimes are committed with the intent to illegally acquire and leverage an individual's or business's sensitive information for monetary gain. The malicious practice targets not only

individuals but also organizations and even governmental entities. The primary motive lies in financial gains and disruptions. The cyber world is expanding. We are more available with our detailed information and documents in online rather than in physical copies. This has unfortunately instigated the increase in cybercrimes on all the platforms. The list of the various types of cyber fraud are rather thrilling to understand. Phishing, crypto fraud, malware, ransomware, DDoS attacks, identity theft, online shopping scams, business emails compromise, credit card fraud, social engineering attacks are some. Phishing attackers often prey on human vulnerability, relying on individuals clicking on malicious links or providing confidential details, thinking they are interacting with a legitimate source. Ransomware works differently, they leave the victims with a little choice: pay the ransom to regain access to the data or risk losing it permanently. The WannaCry and NotPetya incidents show how cyberattacks can cause widespread chaos and financial losses.

OBJECTIVES:

- ◆ Understand the severity of cyber frauds, its consequences including financial losses, legal repercussions, and business disruption.
- ◆ Understand the nature of crimes, the extent of its brutality.
- ◆ To study about the measures that can be taken for its prevention.

METHODOLOGY:

The methods used in this study are hardcore secondary resources, varying through different sources of multimedia such as newspapers, research reports, national cyber-crime portal, etc.

CRYPTO SCAMS:

Crypto scams on the other hand refer to any fraudulent practice in cryptocurrency space aimed at tricking individuals into investing or giving away assets or sensitive information. The main plus point for fraudsters to attack in crypto space is because cryptocurrency does not have the same characteristics as “money”. In fact, the traditional cash or the fiat money is issued by government and its value is set based on the economic performance and supply and demand within the said country. While crypto is more of a digital money in an unstable market with its high volatility character, decentralized network, irreversible transactions due to its nature of blockchain technology. What sets cryptocurrency scams apart is the unique nature of the industry. Blockchain technology, the backbone of cryptocurrencies, is relatively new and complex, leading to a lack of understanding among the individuals. This lack of knowledge makes people more susceptible to manipulation by scammers who exploit their ignorance. Another key element is the anonymity related with the blockchain transactions in the cryptocurrencies add a layer of allure for those with malicious intent. The crypto industry is susceptible to scams from several factors inherent to its structure and operation, such as privacy, irreversibility of transactions, lack of regulation, technological complexity, high return potential, rapidly growing industry, etc. These factors are collectively responsible for creating an environment of vulnerability towards cryptocurrency scams, posing significant risks to investors and users alike. India is also starting to face the threats of these cryptocurrency frauds. According to a report published by ‘Broadband India Forum’ cryptocurrency theft grew with roughly \$3.2 billion worth stolen in 2021, a 516% increase compared to 2020. Government of India along with regulatory bodies, including Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Security and Exchange Board of India

(SEBI), Enforcement Directorate of India (ED), Cyber Emergency Response Team- India (CERT-IN), and other authorities aim to counter criminal activities such as “hawala” associated with the transfer of virtual assets. However, the involvement of multiple agencies and the absence of a streamlined and specialized cell to investigate such distinct crimes often result in delays and cumbersome litigation.

BIGGEST CRYPTO SCAMS IN INDIA

The Gain Bitcoin Ponzi Scheme in the year 2018, by businessman Amit Bhardwaj defrauded 8,000 plus individuals amounting to INR 2,000 crore in total. The Morris Coin Scam surfaced in the year 2022, made trap for almost 900 plus victims to an investment website prompting a counterfeit crypto named Morris coin, amounting INR 1,200 cr of fraud. The Karnataka Bitcoin Scandal, took place in 2021, where the Central Crimes Branch of Karnataka confiscated 31 Bitcoins valued at INR 9cr. These are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to discussing the cases involving blockchain technology in scamming people.

Assam being the central place of NE-India has seen a rapid economic shift throughout the last decade. These shifts in economy have both its good and disastrous side. Being in the side where people are wanting more money, yet have underdeveloped knowledge, susceptibility towards easy and illegal money making has been on the spree, making it a volatile market for fraud cases. The recent case of Silchar, where two people are arrested for using a fake cryptocurrency app to dupe money of the residents in Patharkandi area of Karimganj district. Again, the case of Rehabari, in Guwahati, a resident fell victim to online investment fraud, suffering a loss of INR 1.3cr. Luckily, the police were swift enough

to prevent a loss of yet another 28 lakhs. These cases show the vulnerability of even a small state like Assam towards crypto frauds.

HOW TO PREVENT:

How to prevent is a tough question ask a time in where technology has access to almost everything in our lives. Yet, prevention can be a measure to tackle the problem. Keeping the operating system and software updated to protect the device, using strong passwords, random passwords making it difficult to crack, never adding attachments to spam emails, not clicking to links in spam emails, contacting companies directly about suspicious requests, keeping eye on bank statement.

The Ministry of Home Affairs. Government of India has set up, Indian Cyber Coordination Center (I4C) to deal with all types of cybercrime in a coordinated and comprehensive manner in the year 2019. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also launched www.cybercrime.gov.in the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) which allows 24X7 reporting of all types of Cybercrime, with special focus on Cybercrime against women and children. The Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System has been launched for immediate reporting of financial cyber frauds and preventing siphoning of funds by the cyber criminals in near real time basis. National Toll- free Helpline number '1930' has been operationalized to provide citizen assistance in lodging online cyber complaint. State/UT Police Officials working in cyber cells across the country are being trained on Crypto currency, Dark web, Anonymization networks, Deep fake, Banking Hacks, Forensics, Investigation, etc at NCFL and NCTC. A coordination mechanism of Law Enforcement Agencies of States/UTs has been established by constituting Joint Cyber Coordination

Teams (JCCT) based upon Cybercrime hotspots areas and in consultation with States / UTs. I4C, MHA has launched CyberDost handle on various social media platforms to generate cyber awareness among citizens. All these steps will only be successful when the citizens are willing to learn the importance of cybersecurity and cyber frauds.

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**“ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষানীতি ২০২০ ‘বিশ্বগুৰু’ হোৱাৰ ধাৰণা : এক
বিশ্লেষণাত্মক অধ্যয়ন”**

নিবন ডেকা

প্ৰবক্তা, সুধাৰাণী দলৈৰাম পাঠক শিক্ষক শিক্ষণ মহাবিদ্যালয়,
টিহু, নলবাৰী

সংক্ষিপ্তসাৰ :

ভাৰতবৰ্ষই সুদীৰ্ঘ ৩৪ বছৰ পাছত নতুন ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষা নীতি ২০২০ গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে। এই ব্যৱস্থা কমেও ৫ বছৰৰ মুৰে মুৰে সাল সলনি হ'ব লাগে যদিও ভাৰতবৰ্ষত সম্পূৰ্ণ ৩৪ বছৰ লাগিল। শিক্ষা ব্যৱস্থাটো যিহেতু এটা গতিশীল বিষয় সেই হেতুকে ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষা নীতি ২০২০ ভাৰতৰ বাবে এটা গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ বিষয় হৈ পৰিছে। ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষা নীতিৰ জৰিয়তে ভাৰতৰ শিক্ষা ব্যৱস্থা উদাৰপূৰ্ণ হ'ব বুলি ধাৰণা কৰা হৈছে। এই শিক্ষা নীতিৰ জৰিয়তে ভাৰতৰ সমাজ-সাংস্কৃতিক বিশ্বমুখী কৰাৰ চিন্তা-চেতনা প্ৰকাশ পাইছে। লগতে ভাৰতীয় সমাজ-সাংস্কৃতি, সাহিত্য, গৱেষণা আদি বিশ্বৰ শিক্ষানুষ্ঠানসমূহৰ জৰিয়তে কৰাৰ নীতিও গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে। এই শিক্ষা নীতিৰ জৰিয়তে চৰকাৰে ভাৰতে “বিশ্বগুৰু” ৰূপে প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰাৰ আঁচনি গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে (NEP2020, code12.8 page 42 of 60)।

‘বিশ্বগুৰু’ ধাৰণাটো ভাৰতৰ বাবে এক গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ বিষয়। কিন্তু এই শিক্ষা নীতি প্ৰচলনৰ বাবে প্ৰয়োজনীয় আন্তঃ গাঠনি ভাৰতৰ আছে বুলি কব নোৱাৰি। কাৰণ ভাৰত বিভিন্ন ক্ষেত্ৰত বহিঃ ৰাষ্ট্ৰৰ ওপৰত নিৰ্ভৰশীল। অৱশ্যে ভাৰতৰ প্ৰাচীন ঐতিহ্যলৈ লক্ষ্য কৰিলে ভাৰতক ‘বিশ্বগুৰু’ হিচাপে প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰাৰ ধাৰণাটো সম্ভাৱনাপূৰ্ণ। কাৰণ প্ৰাচীন কালৰে পৰা বেদ, উপনিষদ, আয়ুৰ্বেদ, যোগবিদ্যা, ন্যায়দৰ্শন, ব্যাকৰণ শাস্ত্ৰ, পুৰাণ, মহাকাব্য, সংস্কৃত সাহিত্য (কাব্য, নাট) আদিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত চহকী। আনহাতে পালি-প্ৰাকৃত ভাষাটো বহু সাহিত্য ৰচনা হৈছে। নালন্দা, তক্ষশীলাৰ দৰে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, অজন্তা, ইলোৰা, মহেঞ্জোদাৰো দৰে গুহাৰ চিত্ৰ ভাস্কৰ্য সমূহতো ভাৰততে আছিল।

আনহাতে ভাৰত এখন বহুভাষিক সাংস্কৃতিক দেশ। গতিকে উপযুক্ত

আন্তঃ গাঠনি, সুস্থিৰ পৰিকল্পনা আৰু উচ্চ স্তৰৰ গৱেষণাৰ জৰিয়তে ভাৰতে 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হোৱাৰ সম্ভাৱনা নুই কৰিব নোৱাৰি। আলোচনা পত্ৰখনত এই বিষয়সমূহ বিশ্লেষণাত্মক পদ্ধতিৰে আলোচনা কৰাতো NEP2020 আৰু এই সম্বন্ধীয় বিভিন্ন প্ৰবন্ধ, গ্ৰন্থ সমল হিচাপে লোৱা হ'ব।

বীজ শব্দ : ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষা নীতি ২০২০, ভাৰতবৰ্ষ, বিশ্বগুৰু সভ্যতা-সংস্কৃতি-সাহিত্য।

০.০০ প্ৰস্তাৱনা :

ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষানীতি ২০২০ হ'ল একবিংশ শতিকাৰ প্ৰথম নীতি যিখনে আমাৰ দেশৰ বহুতো বিকাশশীল ক্ষেত্ৰক স্পৰ্শ কৰাৰ লক্ষ্য ৰাখিছে। ভাৰতীয় পৰম্পৰাগত প্ৰমূল্যক গঢ় দিয়া আৰু নতুন ব্যৱস্থাৰ সৃষ্টি কৰাৰ অৰ্থে এই নীতিত সকলো দিশৰে, যেনে প্ৰশাসনীয় ব্যৱস্থাৰ লগতে শিক্ষা প্ৰণালীৰ পৰিচালনা কৰিবলৈ গঠন, পুনৰীক্ষণ আৰু শুধৰণিৰ মাজেৰে একবিংশ শতিকাৰ অভিল্যায়ী লক্ষ্য গ্ৰহণ কৰা হৈছে। নতুন শিক্ষা নীতিত শিক্ষণ পদ্ধতি আৰু পাঠ্যক্ৰমক ৩ ব পৰা ১৮ বছৰ বয়সলৈ সামগি ৫+৩+৩+৪ আৰ্হিত গঠন কৰিছে। এই পদ্ধতিত ৩ বছৰৰ শিশুকো প্ৰাৰম্ভিক শিশু পৰিচৰ্যা আৰু শিক্ষাৰ শক্তিশালী ভেটিত সামৰি লোৱা হৈছে। এই শিক্ষানীতিয়ে প্ৰাৰম্ভিক স্তৰক সংযুক্ত কৰি (দুটা অংশত যেনে- অংগনাবাড়ী/প্ৰাক্‌বিদ্যালয়/বালভাটিকা ৩ বছৰ + ১ ম আৰু ২ য় স্তৰত থকা প্ৰাথমিক বিদ্যালয়, এই দুয়োটা স্তৰে ৩-৮ বছৰলৈ সামৰিব)। প্ৰস্তুতি স্তৰ (৩য় - ৫ ম শ্ৰেণী ৮-১১ বছৰ বয়সলৈ সামৰিব) আৰু মাধ্যমিক স্তৰত (৯-১২ স্তৰক ১৪ ব পৰা ১৮ বছৰ বয়সলৈ দুটা ভাগত ভাগ কৰা হৈছে, যেনে- প্ৰথমটো ৯ ম আৰু ১০ ম সামৰি দ্বিতীয়টো ১১ আৰু ১২)।

ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষানীতিৰ জৰিয়তে ভাৰতৰ শিক্ষা ব্যৱস্থা উদাৰতাপূৰ্ণ হোৱাৰ দিশে অগ্ৰাসৰ হৈছে। এই শিক্ষানীতিৰ জৰিয়তে ভাৰতৰ সমাজ-সংস্কৃতিক বিশ্বমুখী কৰাৰ চিন্তা-চেতনা প্ৰকাশ পাইছে। ভাৰতবৰ্ষত বিভিন্ন পাঠ্যক্ৰম যেনে, ভাৰততত্ত্ব (Indology), ভাৰতীয় ভাষা, আয়ুস ব্যৱস্থা যোগ বিদ্যা, চিত্ৰকলা, সংগীত, ইতিহাস, সংস্কৃতি আৰু আধুনিক ভাৰত বিজ্ঞান আদি বিষয় আন্তৰ্জাতিক দিশৰ পৰা প্ৰাসংগিক। ভাৰতত কম ব্যয়ৰ বিনিময়ত উচ্চ মানদণ্ডৰ শিক্ষা প্ৰদানৰ জৰিয়তে 'বিশ্বগুৰু'ৰ ভূমিকা পালন কৰি ভাৰতবৰ্ষক অধ্যয়নৰ গন্তব্য স্থান

হিচাপে গঢ়ি তোলাৰ সম্ভাৱনা আছে। ভাৰতৰ তক্ষশীলা, নালন্দা আদি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ সময়ৰ পৰা বিভিন্ন বিষয়ৰ সাহিত্যৰ সংহত আৰু বহুমুখী শিক্ষাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত ভাৰতৰ এক দীঘলীয়া অভিজ্ঞতা আছে। প্ৰাচীন ভাৰতৰ সাহিত্যিক কৰ্ম যেনে- বাণভট্টৰ 'কাদম্বৰী'ত সু-শিক্ষা হ'ল কলাৰ সামগ্ৰিক জ্ঞান বুলি কোৱা হয়। বেদ, উপনিষদ, যোগবিদ্যা, ন্যায় দৰ্শন, পুৰাণ, মহাকাব্য, সংস্কৃতি সাহিত্য (কাব্য, নাট), পালি- প্ৰাকৃত ভাষাৰ বিভিন্ন সাহিত্য, অজস্তা-ইলোৰাৰ গুহাৰ চিত্ৰ-ভাস্কৰ্য সমূহৰ লগতে ভাৰত যিহেতু বহুভাষিক, বহু সাংস্কৃতিক দেশ সেই হেতুকে উচ্চমান সম্পন্ন গৱেষণাৰ স্থল হোৱাৰ সম্ভাৱনা আছে। এই দিশসমূহলৈ লক্ষ্য কৰিলে ভাৰতক আন্তঃ ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় পৰ্যায়ত 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হিচাপে প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰাৰ ধাৰণাটো সম্ভাৱনাপূৰ্ণ। কিন্তু ভাৰতক 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হিচাপে প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰাৰ ধাৰণাটোত কিছু প্ৰত্যাহ্বান নথকা নহয়। বিশ্বহমানদণ্ডৰ আন্তঃ গাঁথনি ভাৰতৰ আছে বুলি ক'ব নোৱাৰি। কাৰণ ভাৰত এতিয়াও বহিঃ ৰাষ্ট্ৰৰ ওপৰত নিৰ্ভৰশীল। অৱশ্যে ভাৰতৰ প্ৰাচীন ঐতিহ্যলৈ লক্ষ্য কৰিলে ভাৰতক 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হিচাপে প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰাৰ ধাৰণাটো সম্ভাৱনাপূৰ্ণ। উপযুক্ত আন্তঃ গাঁথনি, সুস্থিৰ পৰিকল্পনা আৰু উচ্চ স্তৰৰ গৱেষণাৰ জৰিয়তে ভাৰতে 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হোৱাৰ সম্ভাৱনা নুই কৰিব নোৱাৰি।

০.০১ অধ্যয়নৰ গুৰুত্ব আৰু উদ্দেশ্য :

ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষানীতি ২০২০ য়ে ভাৰতৰ প্ৰাচীন ঐতিহ্য সমূহৰ লগতে ভাৰতৰ সমাজ-সংস্কৃতি, সাহিত্য, কলা, স্থাপত্য, ভাস্কৰ্য ভিন্ন ভাষা নিৰ্দিষ্টভাৱে উত্তৰ পূৰ্বাঞ্চলৰ প্ৰাকৃতিক সম্পদ ধাৰণাসমূহ আন্তঃ ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় পৰ্যায়ত সু-সংহত আলোচনা কৰাৰ গুৰুত্ব আৰু প্ৰয়োজন আছে।

ভাৰতীয় প্ৰাচীন বিদ্যাচৰ্চা বৈশিষ্ট্যপূৰ্ণ সমাজ-সংস্কৃতি, ভাষা, স্থাপত্যকলা, যোগ দৰ্শন, সংস্কৃত সাহিত্য এনে কেতবোৰ দিশৰ জৰিয়তে ভাৰত 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হোৱাৰ ধাৰণাটোৰ প্ৰাসংগিকতা বিশ্লেষণ কৰাই আলোচনা পত্ৰখনৰ মূল উদ্দেশ্য।

০.০২ অধ্যয়নৰ পদ্ধতি :

আলোচনা পত্ৰখনিত মূলতঃ বিশ্লেষণাত্মক পদ্ধতিৰ জৰিয়তে আলোচনা কৰা হ'ব।

০.০৩ আধ্যয়নৰ সমল :

আলোচনা পত্ৰখন আলোচনা কৰোতে মুখ্য উৎস হিচাপে NEP-2020 খন লোৱা হৈছে। গৌণ উৎস হিচাপে এই সম্পৰ্কে প্ৰকাশিত বিভিন্ন প্ৰবন্ধ পাতিৰ সহায় লোৱা হৈছে।

১.০০ বিষয়বস্তু :

ভাৰতবৰ্ষই সূদীৰ্ঘ ৩৪ বছৰৰ পাছত নতুন ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষা নীতি ২০২০ গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে। এই ব্যৱস্থা কমেও ৫ বছৰৰ মূৰে মূৰে সাল-সলনি হ'ব লাগে যদিও ভাৰতবৰ্ষত সম্পূৰ্ণ ৩৪ বছৰ লাগিল। শিক্ষা ব্যৱস্থাটো যিহেতু এটা গতিশীল বিষয় সেই হেতুকে ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষা নীতি ২০২০ ভাৰতৰ বাবে এটা গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ বিষয় হৈ পৰিছে। এই নীতিৰ জৰিয়তে শিক্ষাৰ্থী জীৱনৰ পৰিকল্পনা নিৰ্ধাৰণ কৰিব পৰাকৈ শাৰীৰিক শিক্ষা, কলাশিক্ষা, হস্তকলা আৰু বৃত্তিমুখী শিক্ষাৰ দক্ষতা আহৰণ কৰিবলৈ পাঠ্যক্ৰম বাছনিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত শিথিলতা প্ৰদান কৰিছে। এই নীতিৰ জৰিয়তে ভাৰতৰ শিক্ষা ব্যৱস্থা উদাৰতাপূৰ্ণ হ'ব বুলি ধাৰণা কৰা হৈছে। শিক্ষাৰ্থীসকলৰ নিদা আগ্ৰাহত, বিশ্বৰ সংস্কৃতি আৰু বিভিন্ন দিশৰ জ্ঞান লাভৰ বাবে মাধ্যমিক স্তৰত বিভিন্ন ভাৰতীয় ভাষাৰ লগতে ইংৰাজী, নেপালী, থাই, কোৰিয়ান, জাৰ্মান, স্পেনীয় পৰ্তুগীজ আৰু ৰুছ ভাষা শিকাৰ উন্নত প্ৰত্যাহ্বান আৰু ভাৰতবৰ্ষৰ ভৱিষ্যত আশা-আকাংক্ষাৰ স্পষ্ট ধাৰণাৰ লগতে জনগোষ্ঠীয় জ্ঞান, খিলঞ্জীয়া আৰু পৰম্পৰাগত শিকণ প্ৰণালীক ভাৰতীয় জ্ঞান পদ্ধতিয়ে সামৰি ল'ব আৰু ভাষা বিজ্ঞান, দৰ্শন, জ্যোতিবিদ্যা, যোগ স্থাপত্যকলা, আয়ুৰবেদ ঔষধ সম্পৰ্কীয় জ্ঞান, প্ৰাকৃতিক কৃষি উৎপাদন আদি বিষয়সমূহ পাঠ্যক্ৰম হিচাপে অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰা হ'ব। ভাৰতৰ অধ্যয়নৰত বিদেশী শিক্ষাৰ্থীসকলক সহায় কৰা লগতে ভাৰতৰ যিসকল শিক্ষাৰ্থীয়ে বিদেশত অধ্যয়ন কৰিব বিচাৰে বা ভাৰতত বিভিন্ন দিশত গৱেষণা সম্পন্ন কৰিব বিচাৰে তেওঁলোকক ভাৰতে সহায় কৰিব। বিভিন্ন পাঠ্যক্ৰম যেনে- ভাৰততত্ত্ব (Indology), ভাৰতীয় ভাষা, আয়ুৰ ব্যৱস্থা, যোগবিদ্যা, চিত্ৰকলা, সংগীত, ইতিহাস, সংস্কৃতি আৰু আধুনিক ভাৰত, বিজ্ঞান আদি আন্তৰ্জাতিকৰণ লক্ষ্যত উপনীত হোৱাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ ভূমিকা পালন কৰি ভাৰতে উদাৰতাপূৰ্ণ নীতিৰে 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হোৱাৰ দিশে অগ্ৰসৰ হ'ব।

১.০১ ভাৰত 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হোৱাৰ সাপেক্ষে :

'বিশ্বগুৰু' ধাৰণাটো ভাৰতৰ বাবে এক গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ বিষয়। যদিও প্ৰস্তাৱটো অতি উল্লেখনীয়, আনন্দকৰ আৰু উৎসাহজনক। ভাৰত 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হোৱাৰ দিশে আগবাঢ়িব বুলি ক'বলৈ গ'লে ভাৰতৰ প্ৰেক্ষাপটলৈ মন কৰিলে দেখা যায় ভাৰত এখন বহুভাষিক, বহু সাংস্কৃতিক দেশ। ভাৰতৰ এই ভিন্ন ভাষাসমূহক অধ্যয়নৰ বিষয় হিচাপে বাচি লোৱাৰ খল আছে। লগতে ভাৰতৰ বাবে বাবেবৰণীয়া সাংস্কৃতিৰ সমল সমূহ উচ্চ মানসম্পন্ন গৱেষণাৰ জৰিয়তে আন্তঃ ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় পৰ্যায়লৈ লৈ যাব পাৰি। ভাৰতত মানৱ সম্পদ আৰু নিৰ্দিষ্টভাৱে উত্তৰ-পূৰ্বাঞ্চলৰ প্ৰাকৃতিক সম্পদ সম্পৰ্কে সুস্থিৰ পৰিকল্পনা আৰু উপযুক্ত আন্তঃ গাঁথনি ব্যৱহাৰেৰে ভাৰত 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হোৱাৰ দিশে অগ্ৰসৰ হ'ব পাৰে। ভাৰতত তাহানিৰ তক্ষশীলা, নালন্দা আদিৰ দৰে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ সময়ৰ পৰা বিভিন্ন সাহিত্যৰ দিশৰ পৰা সংহত আৰু বহুমুখী শিক্ষাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত ভাৰত এক দীঘলীয়া অভিজ্ঞতা আছে। চীনা পৰিব্ৰাজক হিৰেনচাঙে নালন্দা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰা শিক্ষা গ্ৰহণ কৰি উত্তৰ পূৰ্বৰ বিভিন্ন তথ্য সংগ্ৰহ কৰাৰ উদাহৰণ ইতিহাসৰ পাতত সন্নিবিষ্ট। সেয়ে ভাৰতবৰ্ষক অধ্যয়নৰ গন্তব্যস্থান হিচাপে গঢ়ি তোলাৰ সম্ভাৱনা নুই কৰিব নোৱাৰি। প্ৰাচীন ভাৰতৰ সংস্কৃতিৰ (কাব্য, নাট) পালি প্ৰাকৃত ভাষাৰ বহু সাহিত্য ৰচনা হৈছে। বাণভট্টৰ 'কাদম্বৰী'ত ৬৪ কালৰ সামগ্ৰিক জ্ঞান আছে বুলি কোৱা হয়। পানিনীৰ অষ্টাধ্যায়ী ব্যাকৰণে ভাৰতত ব্যাকৰণ শাস্ত্ৰক এক বাট দি গৈছে। সেয়ে ভাৰত বিশ্বগুৰুৰ হোৱাৰ ধাৰণা কৰিব পাৰি।

ভাৰতৰ প্ৰাচীন যোগ সাধনাও বৰ্তমান আন্তঃ ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় পৰ্যায়ত এক স্থান পাইছে। ২০১৪ চনত ২১ জুন তাৰিখে ৰাষ্ট্ৰসংঘৰ সাধাৰণ পৰিষদে ১৭৫ খন ৰাষ্ট্ৰৰ সমৰ্থনত আন্তঃ ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় যোগ দিৱস ঘোষণা কৰে। ২০১৫ চনত ২১ জুনৰ পৰা সমগ্ৰ বিশ্বই এই যোগ দিৱসটো উদ্‌যাপন কৰে। ভাৰতৰ এই প্ৰাচীন সাধনাই বিশ্বত স্থান দখল কৰি ভাৰত 'বিশ্বগুৰু'ৰ ধাৰণাটো অধিক প্ৰকট হৈ পৰিছে।

ভাৰতত বিদেশৰ পৰা অহা সকলো শিক্ষাৰ্থীক স্বাগতম আৰু সমৰ্থন জনোৱাৰ লগতে সকলো দিশ চোৱা-চিতা কৰাৰ উদ্দেশ্যে আন্তৰ্জাতিক শিক্ষাৰ্থীৰ কাৰ্যলয় স্থাপন কৰা হ'ব। বিদেশৰ উচ্চ মানদণ্ডৰ শৈক্ষিক প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ

সৈতে গৱেষণা তথা শিক্ষক শিক্ষাৰ্থীৰ বিনিময়ৰ কাৰ্য সম্পন্ন কৰাৰ বাবে বিদেশী দেশৰ লগত চুক্তি স্বাক্ষৰ কৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছে। ভাৰতৰ আগশাৰীৰ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়সমূহক বিদেশত চৌহদ স্থাপন কৰিবলৈ উৎসাহিত কৰিব আৰু সেইদৰে বিশ্বৰ শীৰ্ষৰ ১০০ খন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত প্ৰতিষ্ঠানক ভাৰতত কেন্দ্ৰ স্থাপন কৰিবলৈ আহ্বান কৰিব। এই প্ৰতিষ্ঠানসমূহৰ মাজত শিক্ষাৰ্থীৰ গৱেষণা আৰু বিনিময় ব্যৱস্থাক এক বিশেষ পদক্ষেপ গ্ৰহণেৰে ভাৰতক 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হোৱাৰ দিশে ধাৰমান হ'ব।

১.০২ ভাৰত বিশ্বগুৰু ধাৰণাটোৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত প্ৰত্যাহ্বান :

ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষানীতি ২০২০ প্ৰচলনৰ বাবে প্ৰয়োজনীয় বিশ্বমান সম্পন্ন আন্তঃগাঁথনি ভাৰতৰ আছে বুলি ক'ব নোৱাৰি। ই এক ভাৰতৰ বাবে প্ৰত্যাহ্বানৰ বিষয়। ভাৰত এতিয়াও বিভিন্ন ক্ষেত্ৰত বহিঃৰাষ্ট্ৰৰ ওপৰত নিৰ্ভৰশীল হ'ব লাগে। ভাৰতৰ বহু পৰিমাণে কৰ্ম সংস্কৃতি গঢ়ি উঠা দেখা পোৱা নাযায় লগতে বিভিন্ন ক্ষেত্ৰত দেখা দিয়া দুৰ্নীতিয়ে ভাৰতক উন্নতিৰ দিশত এখোজ আগুৱাই পুনৰাই পিছুৱাই গৈছে। সামাদিক স্তৰত এতিয়াও বিভিন্ন ধৰণৰ বৈষম্য দেখা যায়। যেনে- বৰ্ণ বৈষম্য, লিংগ বৈষম্য, কৰ্মৰ বৈষম্য, অৰ্থৰ বৈষম্য আদিয়ে ভাৰতক এখন বিশ্বমানৰ ৰাষ্ট্ৰ হোৱাৰ পৰা বিৰত ৰাখিছে। ই ভাৰতৰ বাবে এক দুখৰ বিষয়। ভাৰতত বহু ক্ষেত্ৰত অৰ্থনৈতিক হস্তক্ষেপেও 'বিশ্বগুৰু'ৰ ধাৰণাটোৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত প্ৰত্যাহ্বান আনি দিব পাৰে।

এই প্ৰত্যাহ্বান সমূহৰ দূৰীকৰণ ব্যৱস্থাই ভাৰতৰ ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষানীতিত ২০২০ ৰ জৰিয়তে 'বিশ্বগুৰু' ধাৰণা প্ৰতিষ্ঠা হোৱাৰ যি সম্ভাৱনা দাঙি ধৰিছে তাৰ নিশ্চয় বাস্তৱায়িত কৰাৰ দিশে অগ্ৰাসৰ হ'ব পাৰি।

২.০০ উপসংহাৰ :

“ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষানীতি ২০২০ 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হোৱাৰ ধাৰণা : এক বিশ্লেষণাত্মক অধ্যয়ন” শীৰ্ষক আলোচনা বিষয়ত এই শিক্ষানীতি খনৰ জৰিয়তে ভাৰতৰ শিক্ষা ব্যৱস্থা উদাৰতাপূৰ্ণ হ'ব বুলি ধাৰণা কৰা হৈছে আৰু ভাৰতত 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হোৱাৰ ধাৰণাটোৰ সম্ভাৱনীয়তাৰ লগতে 'বিশ্বগুৰু' হ'বলৈ ভাৰতৰ

প্ৰত্যাহান সমূহৰ সন্দৰ্ভত কৰা বিশ্লেষণাত্মক অধ্যয়নে ভাৰতৰ ‘বিশ্বগুৰু’ ধাৰণাটো বহুকেইটা গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ দিশ উন্মোচিত হৈছে। ঠিক একেদৰেই আলোচনা পত্ৰখনত ভাৰতৰ ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষানীতিৰ স্তৰ সমূহৰ আলোচনাত ভাৰতৰ প্ৰাচীন সমাজ-সংস্কৃতি, ভাষা-সাহিত্য, কলা, স্থাপত্য, ভাস্কৰ্য আদিয়ে ভাৰতক কেনেদৰে ‘বিশ্বগুৰু’ হোৱাৰ দিশে আগবঢ়াব সেই সম্পৰ্কে এক ধাৰণা প্ৰদান কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছে। তদুপৰি ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিক্ষানীতি ২০২০ ‘বিশ্বগুৰু’ ধাৰণাটো অধ্যয়নে পৰৱৰ্তী সময়ত এই বিষয়টোত অধ্যয়নৰ পথ প্ৰশস্ত কৰিব বুলি আশা কৰিব পাৰি।

গ্ৰন্থপঞ্জী :

* National Education Policy 2020.

অসমীয়া চুটি গল্পত উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ প্ৰভাৱ :
এক চমু অৱলোকন

শুভ্ৰামনি কলিতা
সহকাৰী প্ৰবক্তা,
সু.দ.পা. শিক্ষক শিক্ষণ মহাবিদ্যালয়, টিছ, নলবাৰী।

সংক্ষিপ্তসাৰ :

আধুনিক সাহিত্যৰ জীৱন চেতনাক সজ্ঞান আৰু সু-কৌশলৰে প্ৰয়োগ কৰা এক অভিনৱ সাহিত্যশৈলী হ'ল চুটি গল্প। কুৰি শতিকাৰ পৰাই পৃথিৱীৰ প্ৰায়বোৰ দেশতে এইবিধ সাহিত্যশৈলীয়ে যথেষ্ট ভাৱে প্ৰাধান্য বিস্তাৰ কৰি আহিছে। মূলতঃ চুটিগল্প একোটা লেখক বা গল্পকাৰৰ কুহেলিকাৰ মাজত নিভাজভাৱে সৃষ্টি হৈ নাযায়, ইয়াক প্ৰস্তুত কৰোঁতে কেতবোৰ কলা-কৌশল অৱলম্বন কৰা হয়। তেনে কলা-কৌশলসমূহ চুটি গল্পৰ ৰূপ বিচাৰৰ ভিতৰুৱা বিষয়বস্তু আৰু ফৰ্ম বা শৈলীৰ অন্তৰ্গত বুলি ধৰা হয়। চুটি গল্পৰ এই কলা-কৌশলসমূহক ঊনবিংশ শতিকাৰ শেষাৰ্দ্ধত চুই যায় উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ এটা ধাৰাই। ইয়াৰ ফলস্বৰূপে চুটিগল্পসমূহে পৰম্পৰাগতভাৱে পালন কৰি অহা ৰীতি-নীতি পৰিহাৰ কৰি নতুনত্ব লাভ কৰে এক নতুনত্ব তথা প্ৰতিটো বস্তুকে সুক্ষ্মভাৱে চালি-জাৰি, ভাঙি-চিঙি চোৱাৰ এক বৈজ্ঞানিক দৃষ্টিভঙ্গী। সেয়েহে আমাৰ গৱেষণা পত্ৰখনৰ মূল বিষয়বস্তু হ'ব অসমীয়া চুটিগল্পত প্ৰয়োগ হোৱা উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ প্ৰভাৱ সম্পৰ্কে এক চমু আলোকপাত কৰা।

বীজ শব্দ :

চুটিগল্প, উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদ, সাহিত্য।

০.০০ অৱতৰণিকা :

সাহিত্যৰ বিভিন্ন শাখাৰ ভিতৰত অন্যতম জনপ্ৰিয় শিল্পৰূপ হৈছে চুটিগল্প। ইয়াৰ বংশ গৌৰৱ বৰ প্ৰাচীন নহয়, ন কইনাৰ সাজতেই চুটিগল্পক থ'ব

পাৰি। ঊনবিংশ শতিকাৰ দুৰাৰদলিৰ পৰাহে পাশ্চাত্য সাহিত্যত চুটিগল্পৰ নৈতিক চেতনা এটাৰ প্ৰসাৰণ ঘটে। কিন্তু সেয়া হ'লেও আমি চুটিগল্পৰ এই কথাও কিছু পৰিমাণে মানি ল'ব লাগিব যে প্ৰাচ্য-পাশ্চাত্য উভয়ে অতি পুৰণি কালৰ পৰা সাধুকথাৰ ধাৰা এটা প্ৰচলিত হৈ আহিছিল। তেনেবোৰ সাধুকথাৰ ভিতৰত আমি ক'ব পাৰোঁ আদিম মানুহৰ কথাবোৰ। আদিম মানৱসকল আছিল প্ৰকৃতিৰ ওপৰত সম্পূৰ্ণৰূপে নিৰ্ভৰশীল তেওঁলোকৰ প্ৰকৃতিক বশ কৰিব পৰা শক্তি প্ৰায় নাছিলেই। ঠিক তেনেদৰে প্ৰকৃতিৰে আছিল কল্যাণকামী আৰু আন কিছুমান ভয়ংকৰ শক্তি। তেওঁলোকৰ কল্পনাই এই শক্তিসমূহক প্ৰাণ আৰোপ কৰি নিজৰ ধাৰণা মূৰ্তিমত্ত কৰি তুলিছিল তেনেকৈয়ে সৃষ্টি হৈছিল দেৱ-দেৱী, ভূত-প্ৰেতৰ ধাৰণা। ইয়াৰ পৰাই তেওঁলোকে প্ৰকৃতি সম্পৰ্কে নিজৰ পাৰিপাৰ্শ্বিক অৱস্থা আৰু সীমিত অভিজ্ঞতাৰে সৃষ্টিছিল দুই ধৰণৰ ধাৰণা, ইয়াৰে এটা বাস্তৱৰ পৰা উদ্ভূত আৰু আনটো কাল্পনিক। চিকাৰৰ পৰা উভতি আহি গুহাত বাস কৰা আদিম লোকসকলে তেওঁলোকৰ চাম্ফুস ঘটনাৰ অভিজ্ঞতাসমূহ যেতিয়া ল'ৰা-ছোৱালী আৰু তিৰোতাবোৰৰ আগত বৰ্ণনা কৰিছিল, তেতিয়াই দৰাচলতে গল্পৰ জন্ম হৈছিল। এই ক্ষেত্ৰত প্ৰসঙ্গক্ৰমে ছমাৰছেট মমৰ এয়াৰ উল্লেখযোগ্য মন্তব্য আগবঢ়া পাৰোঁ। তেওঁ কৈছে— “It is natural for man to tell tales, and I suppose the short story was created in the night of time when the hunter to beguile the leisure of his fellows when they had eaten and drunk their fill, narrated by the cavern fire some fantastic incident he heard of” (দত্ত, উদয় : চুটিগল্প, পৃষ্ঠা- ১১)

গতিকে আনুমানিকভাৱে ক'ব পাৰি এনে ধৰণৰ কিছুমান মতবাদৰ মাজেদি চুটিগল্পই জন্মলাভ কৰি চতুৰ্দশ শতিকাৰ মধ্যভাগত ইটালীয় লেখক তথা কবি গিয়োভানি বোকাচঅ'ৰ ‘ডেকামেৰণ’, ইংলণ্ডৰ কবি জিয়োফ্ৰি চ'চাৰৰ ‘দ্যা কেষ্টাৰবাৰী টেইলছ’, ফৰাচী লেখক ফ্ৰাচোৱা বাৰ্বেলেৰ ‘দগ পাৰডোনাচ টেইলছ’ আদি গল্পবোৰৰ মাজেৰে চুটি গল্পৰ কথা বস্তুৰ এক পূৰ্বাভাসৰ বীজ ৰোপিত হৈছিল।

ইয়াৰ পাছত ঊনবিংশ শতিকাত হোৱা ইউৰোপৰ নৱজাগৰণৰ

ফলশ্ৰুতিত সংক্ষিপ্ত গদ্য কাহিনীৰ নৱজন্ম হয় ফ্ৰান্স, ৰাছিয়া, জাৰ্মানী আৰু আমেৰিকাত। মূলতঃ বোকাচঅ', চ'চাৰ আৰু বাৰেলে দেখুৱাই দিয়া পথক অনুকৰণ কৰিয়েই ঊনবিংশ শতিকাত যথার্থ আধুনিক চুটিগল্পৰ জন্ম হয়। ফ্ৰান্সত বালজাক, Prosper Merimee, Theophile Gautier য়ে, প্ৰায় সেই সময়ত ৰাছিয়াৰ আলেকজেণ্ডাৰ পুছকিয় তেওঁৰ 'টেইলছ অব জেকলিন' গল্প সম্ভাৰ, নিকোলাই 'গগ'ল'ৰ 'দ্যা অভাৰ কোট' টুৰ্গেনেভ আদি লেখকসকলে অৱিস্মৰণীয় পদক্ষেপ লৈছিল। ঠিক সেইদৰে জাৰ্মানীত মহাকাবি গ্যেট আৰু তেওঁৰ বন্ধু শ্বিলাৰে চুটি গল্পৰ বাট মুকলি কৰি থৈ যায়। ইয়াৰ পাছত আমেৰিকাত ওৱাছিংটন আৰুভিঙৰ হাততেই পাশ্চাত্য চুটিগল্পই পৰিপক্বতা লাভ কৰে।

পাশ্চাত্যৰ চুটি গল্পৰ অনুকৰণতেই আধুনিক ভাৰতীয় চুটিগল্পই ঊনবিংশ শতিকাৰ শেষাৰ্দ্ধত জন্ম লাভ কৰে। ফকীৰ মোহন সেনাপতিৰ দ্বাৰা ৰচিত উড়িয়া ভাষাৰ 'লছমনীয়া' নামৰ চুটি গল্পটোৱেই প্ৰথম ভাৰতীয় চুটিগল্প। ইয়াৰ পাছত বাঙলা ভাষাত ৰবীন্দ্ৰ নাথ ঠাকুৰৰ 'ভিক্ষাৰিণী' গল্প আৰু হিন্দী সাহিত্যত প্ৰেমচন্দৰ চুটি গল্পৰ মাজেৰেই ভাৰতীয় চুটি গল্পই জন্মলগ্নৰ পৰা বিকশিত হয়।

আধুনিক ভাৰতীয় বিভিন্ন আধুনিক ভাষাত বিকাশ লাভ কৰা চুটি গল্পই অসমীয়া ভাষাত জন্ম লাভ কৰে লক্ষ্মীনাথ বেজবৰুৱাৰ দ্বাৰা জোনাকী কাকতত ৰচিত 'সেউতী' নামৰ চুটি গল্পৰ মাজেৰে। ইয়াৰ পাছত আৱাহণ যুগত নগেন্দ্ৰ নাৰায়ণ চৌধুৰী আদিকে প্ৰমুখ্য কৰি ৰামধেনু যুগত বিৰেন্দ্ৰ কুমাৰ ভট্টাচাৰ্য আদি তথা সাম্প্ৰতিক যুগত অৰুণ গোস্বামীৰ দৰে বলিষ্ঠ গল্পকাৰসকলৰ মাজেৰে চুটি গল্পই অবিংসবাদী অধিপত্য লাভ কৰি সৰ্বাধিক গৌৰৱামণ্ডিত হৈছে। এতিয়া গৱেষণা পত্ৰৰ বিষয়বস্তু সম্পৰ্কে আলোচনা কৰাৰ পূৰ্ব চুটি গল্পৰ বিষয়ে দুআষাৰ কোৱাটো যুক্তিসংগত হ'ব।

চুটিগল্পৰ যথার্থ সংজ্ঞা এটা দিয়াটো বৰ জটিল কাম। বিভিন্ন পণ্ডিতে বিভিন্ন ধৰণে চুটি গল্পক বৰ্ণাইছে যদিও কোনো মতবাদকে সঠিক ৰূপত প্ৰতিপন্ন কৰিব নোৱাৰি। সেয়েহে সামগ্ৰিক অৰ্থত আমি এনেদৰে ক'ব পাৰো, চুটি গল্প হ'ল এনে কিছুমান কাহিনী বা ঘটনা যিয়ে কোনো এক পৰিবেশ বা মানসিকতাক নিৰ্ভৰ কৰি এটি ভাৱগত ঐক্য প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰে আৰু সেই প্ৰতিষ্ঠিত ভাৱগত ঐক্যৰ

গভীৰ প্ৰতীতি ক্ৰমশঃ নাটকীয় শীৰ্ষদেশ স্পৰ্শ কৰি পাঠকৰ মনৰ মাজত বিয়পি পৰে। দৰাচলতে চুটি গল্পৰ ৰূপ বিচাৰৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত প্ৰকৃতি নিৰ্ণয় কৰিবলৈ গুণগত বিচাৰৰ একান্ত প্ৰয়োজন। এই বিচাৰৰ বিষয়বস্তু দুই ধৰণে ভগোৱা হয়। সেয়া হৈছে বিষয়বস্তু অনুসৰি আৰু ফৰ্ম অনুসৰি। মানুহৰ জীৱনৰ কালডোখৰৰ অসংখ্য সৰু-বৰ ঘটনাৰে ভৰাই তোলা হয় চুটি গল্পৰ বিষয়বস্তুত।

০.০১ অধ্যয়নৰ লক্ষ্য আৰু উদ্দেশ্য :

সাম্প্ৰতিক কালৰ অসমীয়া চুটি গল্পত উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্য সম্পৰ্কে বহু তাকৰ আলোচনা হোৱাৰ বাবে আমাৰ অধ্যয়নৰ লক্ষ্য আৰু উদ্দেশ্য হৈছে অসমীয়া সাম্প্ৰতিক চুটি গল্পৰ মাজত থকা উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ প্ৰভাৱ সম্পৰ্কে আলোকপাত কৰা।

০.০২ অধ্যয়নৰ পৰিসৰ :

সাম্প্ৰতিক যুগৰ অসমীয়া চুটি গল্পৰ ৰচনাশৈলী উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ প্ৰভাৱ বিস্তৃতভাৱে পৰিছে। এই ধাৰাই দি গৈছে অসমীয়া চুটি গল্পক এক নৈব্যিক বাতাবৰণ। বিশেষকৈ সাম্প্ৰতিক যুগৰ গল্পকাৰসকলৰ গল্প ৰচনাৰ কলা-কৌশলত ইয়াৰ প্ৰাধান্য অতি বেছি। সেয়েহে আমাৰ এই আলোচনাটিত সাম্প্ৰতিক যুগৰ অন্যতম শক্তিশালী গল্পকাৰ দেৱব্ৰত দাসৰ ‘অপিতৰ্ভাৰ এৰাতি’, ‘ধূসৰ ধূসৰতাৰ পোহৰবোৰ’, ‘পংকিলতাৰ এদিন’, ‘প্ৰশান্ত কুমাৰ দাসৰ ‘কিংবদন্তী’, ইমৰাণ হুছেইনৰ ‘বাক’ ‘হুদুমদেও’ তথা সাম্প্ৰতিক যুগৰ এগৰাকী মহিলা গল্পকাৰ প্ৰৰ্থনা শইকীয়াৰ ‘ভাও-না’ এই গল্পকেইটাৰ মাজেৰে আলোচনাক সমাৰি লোৱা হ’ব তথা আমাৰ আলোচনাত ইয়াৰ মাজতে সীমাবদ্ধ থাকিব।

০.০৩ অধ্যয়নৰ পদ্ধতি :

গৱেষণা পত্ৰখন মূলতঃ বৰ্ণনাত্মক পদ্ধতিহে অৱলম্বন কৰা হ’ব। অৱশ্যে ঠায়ে ঠায়ে প্ৰয়োজন অনুসৰি বিশ্লেষণাত্মক পদ্ধতিয়ো অৱলম্বন কৰা হ’ব।

০.০৪ অধ্যয়নৰ উৎস :

তথ্য সংগ্ৰহৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত অধ্যয়নৰ পৰিসৰত প্ৰাপ্ত মুখ্য উৎস আৰু গৌণ উৎসসমূহৰ সহায় লোৱা হৈছে। ইয়াৰ উপৰিও বিভিন্ন প্ৰবন্ধ, আলোচিত গ্ৰন্থ আজিৰ সহায় লোৱা হ'ব।

১.০০ মূল বিষয়ৰ আলোচনা :

১.০১ উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ আভাস :

সাধাৰণতে উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদ হ'ল ১৯৬০ চন মানৰ পৰাই পাশ্চাত্য সাহিত্য শিল্প কলাত ঘটা এক নৈব্যিক আন্দোলন। এই আন্দোলনে আধুনিকতাবাদৰ পৰা সম্পূৰ্ণ ৰূপে ফালৰি কাটি আহিছিল। ইংৰাজী 'পোষ্ট মডাৰ্নিজম' (Postmodernism) ৰ সমাৰ্থক পৰিভাষা হিচাপে অসমীয়াত 'উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদ' শব্দটি ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা হয়। আধুনিকতাবাদ শব্দৰ আগত ইংৰাজী 'পোষ্ট' (Post) উপসৰ্গটি সংযোগ কৰি পৰৱৰ্তী বা পিছৰ অৰ্থ বুজাবলৈ যত্ন কৰা হৈছে। গতিকে উত্তৰ আধুনিক বোলোতে আধুনিকতাবাদৰ পিছৰ বা পৰৱৰ্তী স্তৰ বা কালক সূচায়। এই যুগৰ সাহিত্যৰাজিয়ে আধুনিকতাবাদী ভাৱধাৰা যেনে ফ্ৰয়ডীয় মনস্তত্ত্ব, মাৰ্ক্সবাদ, আলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি, জাতীয়তাবাদ আদি ধ্যান-ধাৰণাসমূহ পৰিহাৰ কৰি প্ৰতিটো বিষয়বস্তুক খণ্ড-বিখণ্ড কৰি তাৰ মাজেদি সমগ্ৰক বিচাৰ কৰিবলৈ যত্ন কৰে। এই যুগৰ সাহিত্যিকসকলে ক'ব বিচাৰে জীৱনৰ সমগ্ৰতা একক নহয়; ই বৰং খণ্ডৰ সমষ্টিয়েদি সৃষ্টি। সেয়েহে খণ্ডক নাজানিলে সমগ্ৰক বুজা সম্ভৱ নহয়। উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্য আন্দোলনত মূল হেতাস্বৰূপ আছিল জাঁ ফ্ৰাছোৱা লিয়'টাৰ আৰু তেওঁৰ মহা আখ্যান আৰু ক্ষুদ্ৰ আখ্যানৰ তত্ত্ব। ইয়াৰ উপৰি জাঁ ব'ড্ৰিলাৰ্ড আৰু তেওঁৰ ছদ্মবেশী সত্য, বিধ্বংস বা ভাঙোন আৰু প্ৰহেলিকাময় সত্য বা অধিসত্যৰ দাৰ্শনিক তত্ত্বৰ কথা আদিৰে চুটি গল্পৰ শৰীৰটো নতুন ধৰণে নিৰ্মাণ কৰা হৈছিল।

১.০২ অসমীয়া চুটিগল্পত উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ প্ৰভাৱ :

পাশ্চাত্যৰ চুটি গল্পসমূহৰ দৰে নাইবা প্ৰাচ্যৰ বিভিন্ন ভাষাৰ চুটি গল্পসমূহৰ দৰে অসমীয়া সাহিত্যৰ জগততো উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ প্ৰভাৱ অতি

স্পষ্টভাৱে পৰা দেখিবলৈ পোৱা যায়। অসমীয়া চুটি গল্পৰ বৰপথাৰখনত উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ বীজ সিঁচা গল্পকাৰসকলৰ এক আলোচনা দাঙি ধৰাৰ আগতে উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য সম্পৰ্কে জানি থোৱাটো সমীচিন হ'ব। ইমান দিনে চুটিগল্পৰ সম্ভাৱে গ্ৰহণ কৰি অহা তথাকথিত বীতি-নীতি দলিয়াই পেলাই উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী অসমীয়া চুটি গল্পৰ বহল পথাৰখনত কেনেকৈ ন কৈ কঠিয়া সিঁচি এক নতুন ধ্যান-ধাৰণা পাঠক সমাজৰ আগত তুলি ধৰিলে সেই সম্পৰ্কে তলত এক আলোচনা দাঙি ধৰা হ'ল।

(ক) পৰিহাস আৰু ধেমেলীয়া ভাষা তথা ব্যঙ্গৰ ব্যৱহাৰ উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ অন্যতম বিশেষত্ব।

(খ) উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যত উপাদানৰ সংযোজন দেখুওৱা হয়। অৰ্থাৎ উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্য 'কলাচ' ধৰ্মী।

(গ) 'অন্তঃপাঠগততা' এটা অন্যতম বিশেষত্ব উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ।

(ঘ) উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ মাজত পৰাগল্প কাহিনী বা অধিগল্প কাহিনীৰ সম্ভেদ পোৱা যায়।

(ঙ) ঐতিহাসিক অধিকাৰী বা প্রকৃত ঐতিহাসিক ঘটনাক কাহিনীৰ দৰে উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যিকসকলে সাহিত্যত উপস্থাপন কৰে।

(চ) ভ্ৰান্ত বাস্তৱ বা প্ৰহেলিকাময় বাস্তৱক কেন্দ্ৰ কৰিয়ো উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যিকসকলে সাহিত্যৰ পটভূমি নিৰ্ধাৰণ কৰে।

(ছ) উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যিক সকলে যাদুকৰি বাস্তৱক সাহিত্যৰ মাজেৰে উপস্থাপন কৰে।

(জ) উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ এটি অন্যতম বিশেষত্ব হৈছে বহু মাত্ৰিকতাৰ ব্যৱহাৰ।

এতিয়া এই বিশেষত্বসমূহৰ ব্যৱহাৰে অসমীয়া চুটিগল্পৰ গঠনশৈলী তথা সাহিত্য ব্যঞ্জনাৰ কিদৰে চুই গৈছে তাৰ আলোচনা আগবঢ়োৱা হ'ল।

আধুনিক অসমীয়া গল্প সাহিত্যৰ পটভূমিত সাম্প্ৰতিক যুগৰ প্ৰভাৱশালী গল্পকাৰসকলৰ ভিতৰত দেৱব্ৰত দাস নিঃসন্দেহে এক স্মৰণীয় নাম। তেওঁ মূলতঃ অৰ্থনৈতিক-সামাজিক বিভিন্ন নিষ্পেষণে সৃষ্টি কৰা বাতাবৰণত

ককবকাই থকা চৰিত্ৰসমূহক পৰ্যবেক্ষণ কৰি দেৱব্ৰত দাসৰ গল্পই আধুনিক গল্পৰ এটা নতুন ধাৰা মুকলি কৰে। তেওঁৰ গল্প সম্ভাৰৰ মাজত দেখা পাপু উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ ভালে কেইটা বৈশিষ্ট্য। তাৰে ভিতৰত আমি ক'ব পাৰো তেওঁৰ গল্পত বিভিন্ন উপাদানৰ সংযোগ অৰ্থাৎ 'কোলাচধৰ্মীতা', 'অন্তঃ পাঠগততা', 'পৰাগল্প কাহিনী' বা 'অধিগল্প কাহিনী' আৰু 'বহু মাত্ৰিকতা' আদিৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য আমাৰ চকুত পৰিলক্ষিত হয়। দেৱব্ৰত দাসৰ 'অপিতাৰ এৰাতি', 'পংকিলতাৰ এদিন', 'ধূসৰ ধূসৰতাৰ পোহৰবোৰ' এইবোৰ গল্পটোই উপৰি উক্ত বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহ দেখিবলৈ পোৱা যায়। তেওঁৰ 'অপিতাৰ এৰাতি' নামৰ গল্পটোত দেখাপাপু উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদৰ লক্ষণ পৰাগল্প কাহিনী বা অধিগল্প কাহিনী আৰু বহুমাত্ৰিকতাৰ লক্ষণ। গল্পটো অসমীয়া গল্পৰ কথনভংগীৰ পৰা আঁতৰি এটা বিশেষ ৰাতিৰ অভিজ্ঞতাৰ ফলশ্ৰুতি য'ত কাহিনী ভাগৰ সত্যতা নিৰূপণতকৈ গল্পকাৰৰ অপকট আত্ম-নিৰীক্ষণহে অধিক আকৰ্ষণীয় হৈছে। গল্পটোত সমৰ্পন কেৱল এগৰাকী নাৰীয়ে নিজকে কৰা সমৰ্পন নহয়। এই সমৰ্পন হৈছে বৰ্তমান সময়ৰ প্ৰেক্ষাপটত গল্পৰ নায়কৰ আত্ম আৱিষ্কাৰৰ পিছত শ্লেষ, খেদ, তিক্ততা আৰু বত্ৰেগঞ্জিৰে দেখুওৱা প্ৰতিক্ৰিয়া। ইয়াৰ জৰিয়তে গল্পটোত প্ৰকাশ পাইছে— গল্প এটা নিৰ্মাণ প্ৰক্ৰিয়াহে, যিয়ে আমাক প্ৰতিটো মুহূৰ্তত সোৱৰাই থাকে, গল্পটোৰ নিৰ্মাণশৈলী পৰাগল্প কাহিনী বা অধিগল্প কাহিনীৰ ভিতৰুৱা বুলি। 'অপিতাৰ এৰাতি' গল্পটো পঢ়ি পাঠক সমাজে বিভিন্ন দৃষ্টিকোণৰ পৰা চালি-জাৰি চোৱাৰ যি খল পায়, ইয়ে সঁচাকৈয়ে বহুমাত্ৰিকতাৰ লক্ষণক প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব কৰিছে।

ইয়াৰ পিছত ক'ব পাৰোঁ, দেৱব্ৰত দাসৰ আন এটা গল্প 'পংকিলতাৰ এদিন' গল্পটোৰ কথা। গল্পটোত মন্ত্ৰীৰ সীমাহীন দুৰ্নীতিৰ বাবে উৎকট গোন্ধ দেহৰ পৰা নিৰ্গত হোৱা আহৌবলিয়া মানুহ এজন আঁতৰি যোৱাৰ নাটকীয়তা (আন অৰ্থত স্থূলতা)খিনি বাদ দিলেও গল্পটোৰ সমাপ্তিৰ অভিযাত সঁচাকৈয়ে স্থায়ী বিধৰ। গল্পটোত কোৱা হৈছে— "মই শ্ৰীমতীৰ কাষ চাপি গ'লোঁ। তেওঁ মোক দুহাতেৰে সাবটি ধৰিলে। মই মোৰ মুখখন তেওঁৰ পেলব দুবুকুৰ কাষলৈ লৈ গ'লোঁ। ইমান নৰম, ইমান আৰাম, ইমান নিশ্চিন্ত এই আশ্ৰয় স্থল। মই নিজকে এটা অপূৰ্ব সুগন্ধৰ মাজত পালোঁ। নিশ্চয় তেওঁ কিবা এটা গাত ঘঁহি

শুইছে। মই নাকেৰে যিমান পাৰোঁ এই সুগন্ধটো টানি ল'লোঁ। ইয়াত এতিয়া কোনো দুৰ্গন্ধ নাই। কোনো পংকিলতা নাই। মই পত্নীৰ আলিংগণত এক দুষ্ণাপ্য সুখৰ আবেগত ডুব গৈ ভাবিব ধৰিলোঁ- এয়া সপোন, নে দিঠক?" (আহমেদ, এম. কামালুদ্দিনঃ অসমীয়া সাহিত্যৰ বুৰঞ্জী, ষষ্ঠ খণ্ড, পৃষ্ঠা : ৫৫৮)

এনেবোৰ কাহিনী 'পংকিলতাৰ এদিন' গল্পটোৰ মাজেৰেই উদ্ভাসিত হৈ উঠিছে, ইয়েই উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ আন্তঃপাঠগততা লক্ষণৰ ভিতৰুৱা। য'ত এটা মূল গল্পৰ মাজতে বিভিন্ন কাহিনী বা গল্পৰ উপস্থিতি লক্ষ্য কৰা যায়।

দেৱব্রত দাসৰ আন এটা গল্প হ'ল 'ধূসৰ ধূসৰতাৰ পোহৰবোৰ।' তেওঁৰ এই গল্পটো চিনেমাৰ কাহিনী আৰু বাস্তৱৰ ঘটনাৰ যুগপৎ ব্যৱহাৰৰ জৰিয়তে চিত্ৰকল্প সমৃদ্ধ কৰি ৰচনা কৰিছে। গল্পটোত উল্লেখিত চিনেমাখনত বিবাহ বিচ্ছেদ ঘটা পুলিচ অফিচাৰজনৰ পুত্ৰ-পত্নী আৰু লাইটবোৰ তেওঁৰ দৃষ্টি আৰু অস্তিত্বৰ পৰা বিলীন হৈ পৰা গল্পৰ কথাই হেৰাই পোৱা সন্তাসবাদী এজনৰ ডায়েৰীৰ পৃষ্ঠাত পোৱা এটা বাক্যৰ মাজেৰে প্ৰকাশ কৰিছে— "ইহঁত গোটেই কেইটা আঁতৰি গ'ল। মই কেতিয়ালৈ" লগতে কথকৰ ককায়েকৰ প্ৰাক্তন প্ৰেমিক আৰু এতিয়া এগৰাকী ডাঙৰ অফিচাৰৰ পত্নীৰ "গাড়ীৰ ৰঙা বেকলাইটকেইটা অলপ পিছত একাৰতে বিলীন হৈ যোৱা।" (আহমেদ, এম. কামালুদ্দিনঃ প্ৰাগুক্ত গ্ৰন্থ, পৃষ্ঠা : ৬৫৯)

এই তিনিওটা কথাৰ অভীষ্টৰূপ আৰু বাস্তৱত দেৱব্রত দাসে সুস্পষ্টতাৰে অংকণ কৰিছে। এই গল্পটো মাজেৰে উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ সংযোজনত বা ক'লাজধৰ্মীয়তাৰ প্ৰৱণতা ব্যক্ত হয়। অৰ্থাৎ গল্প এটাৰ মাজত বিভিন্ন বিচিত্ৰ উপাদান যেনে গীত, সংলাপ, দৃশ্য আদিৰ সংযোজনকে বুজায়।

অতি কম সংখ্যক গল্প সম্ভাৰেৰে অসমীয়া গল্প সাহিত্যৰ সাম্প্ৰতিক যুগৰ তৰুণ গল্পকাৰসকলৰ ভিতৰত অন্যতম গল্পকাৰ হ'ল ইমৰাণ হুছেইন। তেওঁৰ গল্পত প্ৰান্তীয় লোকৰ উপস্থিতিয়ে উত্তৰ ঔপনিবেশিক অসমৰ সমাজক জীৱন চৰ্চাৰ গভীৰ তাৎপৰ্য কিছূমান বহন কৰিছে। তেওঁৰ অসমীয়া গল্প সাহিত্যত বিশেষ অৱদান হ'ল 'বাঁক' আৰু 'হৃদমদেও' নামৰ গল্প দুটা। এই গল্প দুটাৰ মাজেদি উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য লক্ষণ 'যাদুকৰী বাস্তৱবাদ'ৰ

পূৰ্ণ প্ৰতিফলন ঘটা দেখা যায়। দৰাচলতে এই বৈশিষ্ট্যৰ ভিতৰুৱা গল্পবোৰত সাধুকতাৰ জগতখনক চুটিগল্পৰ মাজেৰে বাস্তৱ ৰূপ দিয়াকে বুজায়। ঠিক সেইদৰে ইমৰাণ হুছেইনৰ 'বাঁক' আৰু 'হুদুমদেও' নামৰ গল্প দুটাৰ বিষয়বস্তু এনেধৰণৰ—

আবহ ৰচনাত গল্পকাৰ পাৰিদৰ্শিতা আৰু কাব্যিক ভাষা প্ৰয়োগৰ দক্ষতাই 'বাঁক' গল্পটিক অনন্য প্ৰাচুৰ্যতা প্ৰদান কৰিছে। গল্পটি কলং আৰু কপিলীপৰীয়া নদীয়াল সমাজৰ এটি অলৌকিক কিস্মদন্তিৰ আধাৰত ৰচনা কৰা হৈছে। গল্পৰ কাহিনী এনেধৰণৰ— “নিৰাশ হৈ হৰেণে এবুকু উশাহৰ আশাত ওপৰৰ পিনে উচাল মাৰিলে কিন্তু ওপৰ নাপাওতেই হঠাৎ দুখন সবল বাহ বন্ধনৰ পৰা হৰেণ ওলাই আহিব নোৱাৰিলে। সি যিমানেই চেষ্টা কৰে হাত দুখনে তাক সিমানেই কপুকপীয়াকৈ জপটিয়াই ধৰে। মৃত্যুৰ ভয়ত ছট্ ফট্ কৰি সি চিঞৰি উঠিল, উশাহ নোপোৱা তাৰ ভয়গ্ৰস্ত চিঞৰটোৱে পানীত দুটামান বুৰুৰি তুলিলে মাথোন। বহু প্ৰতীক্ষাৰ শেষত, অথাই পানীৰ মাজত বাপেকক বিচাৰি পাই গৰৈয়ে ইমান নিবিড়ভাৱে সাৰটি ল'লে, তাৰ বুকুৰ মাজত সোমাই হৰেণ খৰ হৈ গ'ল। ক্ষম্তক পাছতেই ঘূৰি ঘূৰি তল-যোৱা বাপেক পুতেকৰ আলিংগণাবদ্ধ, ঠৰঙা দেহ দুটাক আগুৰি বিৰল মাছবোৰ কিৰিলে পাৰি উঠিল।” (আহমেদ, এম. কামালুদ্দিনঃ প্ৰাগুক্ত গ্ৰন্থ, পৃষ্ঠাঃ ৬৬৫)

আনহাতে 'হুদুমদেও' গল্পটিৰ বিষয়বস্তুত সাধাৰণত্বৰ মাজত আৰোপ কৰিছে অসাধাৰণ গুণ। গল্পটিত “হুদুমপূজা আৰু ইয়াৰ গীত পদবোৰ ভানুবালা, বেউলাৰ বাস্তৱিক জীৱনৰ লগত এনে নিবিড়ভাৱে সম্পৃক্ত হৈ আছে যে বেউলাৰ স্বামী টৰেয়াক হত্যা কৰি পুতি থোৱা স্থানতে আনকি কলগছ পুতি হুদুমদেওৰ পূজা পতা হৈছে। গোটেই পথাৰ জুৰি পাতল জোনাকে অলৌকিকভাৱে শস্য হালি-জালি খেলি ফুৰিছেহি। তাৰ মাজত নাচিছে অস্পষ্ট ছাঁয়া মূৰ্তি এটাই। আচৰিত হৈ গ'ল বেহুলা- সেয়া ভানুবালা। বদুৱে কাটি পেলাই থোৱা কল পুলিটোৰ চাৰিওফালে উলংগ হৈ তাই অদ্ভুত অংগী-ভংগীৰে ঘূৰি ঘূৰি হুদুম পূজাৰ এটি আও পুৰণি গীত গাই নাচিছে।” (আহমেদ, এম. কামালুদ্দিনঃ প্ৰাগুক্ত গ্ৰন্থ, পৃষ্ঠাঃ ৬৬৬)

স্বাধীনোত্তৰ কালৰ এগৰাকী অন্যতম গল্পকাৰ হ'ল প্ৰশান্ত কুমাৰ

দাস। তেওঁৰ গল্পত আধুনিক মানুহৰ অস্থিৰতা, অৱসাদ আৰু আত্মদন্দৰ কিছুমান স্মৰণীয় অভিব্যক্তি আছে। তেওঁৰ গল্পত বাস্তৱতাৰ সৰল ৰূপটোও পাবলৈ নাই। গল্পকাৰ প্ৰশান্ত কুমাৰ দাসে উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ ভিতৰুৱা অন্যতম এটা বৈশিষ্ট্য ঐতিহাসিক অধিকাৰিনীক কেন্দ্ৰ কৰি ৰচনা কৰা অন্যতম এটি গল্প হ'ল 'কিংবদন্তী'। এই বিশেষত্বৰ গল্পবোৰৰ মূলতো কাহিনীবোৰত ৰূপক, কিংবদন্তী আদি লোক কথাৰ সংযোজন কৰে। এই গল্পটোৰ জৰিয়তে প্ৰশান্ত কুমাৰ দাসে যুগ যুগ ধৰি নিৰ্বিবাদে মানি অহা পৰম্পৰাগত বিশ্বাস আৰু মৌখিক ইতিহাস গঢ় দিয়া এখন ঠাইৰ অধিবাসীসকলৰ সামূহিক মনস্তত্ত্বৰ কথা দাঙি ধৰিছে। গল্পটোত বৰ্ণিত কথাৰ পৰা নামনি অসমৰ সত্ৰকেন্দ্ৰীক চহৰ এখনৰ কথা মনলৈ আহে যদিও গল্পকাৰে সেই ঘটনা ঠায়ে ঠায়ে খণ্ডন কৰিছে। বিভিন্ন ঐতিহাসিক ঘটনাৰ স্মৃতি আৰু অনুসংগ অন্য পটভূমিত বৰ্ণিত হৈছে।

ইয়াৰ পিছত অসমীয়া স্বাধীনোত্তৰ কালৰ এগৰাকী প্ৰভাৱশালী মহিলা গল্পকাৰ হ'ল প্ৰাৰ্থনা শইকীয়া। শইকীয়াই মূলতো উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ কেতবোৰ বিশেষ বৈশিষ্ট্যৰে ভাৰাভ্ৰান্ত হৈ চুটিগল্প ৰচনাত হাত উজান দিছিল। তেখেতৰ উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ এটি অন্যতম বৈশিষ্ট্য পৰিহাস, ধেমেলীয়া ভাষা আৰু ব্যঙ্গৰ ব্যৱহাৰক কেন্দ্ৰবিন্দু হিচাপে লৈ গল্প সাহিত্যত ৰূপ দিছিল 'ভাও-না' নামৰ গল্পটিৰ। গল্পটিৰ নামেই এক অন্য দৃষ্টিভংগীৰ কথা ব্যক্ত কৰিছে। মূলটো গল্পটিত বিষয়বস্তুৰফালে দৃষ্টি নিক্ষেপ কৰিলে দেখা যায় গল্পটিৰ চৰিত্ৰবোৰ প্ৰধানত ৰাজনৈতিক নেতা-মন্ত্ৰী, সমাজৰ বৃত্তশালী ব্যক্তি তথা বিভিন্ন জনপ্ৰিয় ঠাই কিছুমানৰ নামে প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব কৰিছে। যেনে- চৰিত্ৰ হিচাপে ৰাজনৈতিক নেতা 'হিমন্ত বিশ্ব শৰ্মা', 'মনমোহন সিঙ', 'পি. ছিদাম্বৰম' আদি। সমাজৰ বৃত্তশালী ব্যক্তি 'ৰতন টাটা', 'মুকেশ আস্থানী', 'প্ৰকাশ কাৰাট' আদিক ইয়াৰ লগত কেন্দ্ৰ কৰি পৃথিৱীৰ বিভিন্ন জনপ্ৰিয় ঠাই 'ৱাশ্বিংটন' চহৰক গল্পটোৰ কেন্দ্ৰ বিন্দুত অৱস্থিত গাঁও হিচাপে নিৰ্ধাৰণ কৰিছে। যাৰ যোগেদি পাঠক সমাজে বিমল হাস্যৰস তথা ব্যঙ্গাত্মক ভাৱনাৰ যথোপযুক্ত চিত্ৰণ লাভ কৰিছে।

গতিকে দেখা যায় গল্পটোৰ এনেবোৰ কথনশৈলীয়ে পাঠক সমাজৰ মনত নিঃসন্দেহে বিমল হাস্যৰসল তথা ব্যঙ্গাত্মক ভাৱ এটাৰ সাঁচ বহুৱাই গৈছে।

সেয়েহে বিনা দ্বিধাই ক'ব পাৰি যে চুটি গল্পবোৰত ব্যৱহৃত উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহে গল্পৰ পৰিণতিত দি যায় পাঠকক তৃপ্তিৰ সোৱাদ।

উপসংহাৰ :

চুটি গল্প হৈছে সাহিত্যৰ এক অবিচ্ছেদ্য অংগ। বিভিন্ন বিষয়বস্তুৰ ভিতৰত উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ ধাৰাক কেন্দ্ৰ কৰি এই কলা বিধৰ বিষয়বস্তু ফুটাই তোলা হয়। উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ ভিতৰত থকা বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহৰ গভীৰ প্ৰতীতিয়ে বাৰুকৈ অসমীয়া সাহিত্যৰ জগতত চুটিগল্পৰ ভাণ্ডাৰক প্ৰভাৱিত কৰিছে। অসমীয়া সাহিত্যৰ চুটি গল্পৰ জগতত নৈব্যিক বাস্তৱতাক কেন্দ্ৰ কৰি সকলো বিষয়বস্তুকেই সূক্ষ্মতিসূক্ষ্মভাৱে ভাঙি ছিঙি বিশ্লেষণ কৰি গল্পৰ মূল সুতি হিচাপে নিৰ্ধাৰণ কৰি চুটিগল্পক সাৰ্থক আৰু বসঘন কৰি তুলিছে।

আমাৰ গৱেষণা পত্ৰখনৰ শব্দ সীমাৱদ্ধতা আৰু পৰিসৰলৈ লক্ষ্য ৰাখি সাম্প্ৰতিক অসমীয়া চুটি গল্পৰ মুষ্টিমেয় কেইটামান চুটিগল্প ‘অপৰ্তাৰ এৰাতি’, ‘ধূসৰ ধূসৰতৰ পোহৰবোৰ’, ‘পংকিলতাৰ এদিন’, ‘কিংবদন্তী’, ‘বাঁক’, ‘ছদুমদেও’, ‘ভাও-না’ আদি গল্পকেইটাৰ মাজেৰে অসমীয়া চুটিগল্পত উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ প্ৰভাৱ সম্পৰ্কে চমু আভাস দাঙি ধৰাৰ প্ৰয়াস কৰা হৈছে। ইয়াৰ উপৰিও অসমীয়া চুটিগল্পত উত্তৰ আধুনিকতাবাদী সাহিত্যৰ প্ৰভাৱ সম্পৰ্কে এক বিস্তৃত আলোচনা আগবঢ়োৱাৰ থল আছে বুলি ক'ব পাৰি।

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শইকীয়া, নগেন : গুৱাহাটী : আনন্দৰাম বৰুৱা ভাষা-কলা-
ডিব্ৰুগড় : সংস্থা, ২০১৫ (১৯৯৩)। মুদ্ৰিত।
: সাহিত্যবাদ বৈচিত্ৰ্য।
: কল্পভ প্ৰকাশন, ২০১৪ (২০০৭)।
মুদ্ৰিত।

ভাওনাত একশৰণ ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য : এটি অধ্যয়ন

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সহকাৰী অধ্যাপক, মাজুলী মহাবিদ্যালয়,
দিব্যজ্যোতি শইকীয়া,
প্ৰাক্তন ছাত্ৰ, অসম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

শংকৰদেৱে বৰ্তমানৰ অসম তথা উত্তৰ পূব ভাৰতৰ এই অঞ্চলতোটো একশৰণ ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মক এটা নতুন মাত্ৰা প্ৰদান কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছিল। এই ধৰ্মৰ প্ৰচাৰ আৰু প্ৰসাৰৰ বাবে তেওঁ পৰিবেশন কালক এটা প্ৰধান মাধ্যম ৰূপে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিছিল। এই পৰিবেশন কলাসমূহৰ ভিতৰত অংকীয়া ভাওনা আছিল অন্যতম। ভাওনাত একশৰণ ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহ সুস্পষ্ট আৰু গভীৰ ৰূপত প্ৰতিফলিত হৈছে। ভাওনাৰ সহজাত আকৰ্ষণীয়তা আৰু গভীৰতাৰ বাবে একশৰণ ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহ অতি সহজে শংকৰদেৱৰ জনসাধাৰণৰ মাজত প্ৰচাৰ কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছিল। জনগণেও সহজে এই বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহ আয়ত্ত কৰি শংকৰদেৱৰ উদ্দেশ্য সফল কৰি তুলিছিল।

আমাৰ এই গৱেষণা পত্ৰত ভাওনাত নিহিত হৈ থকা একশৰণ ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহ বিচাৰ কৰি চাবলৈ যত্ন কৰা হৈছে। তদুপৰি সম্প্ৰতিক সময়ত ইয়াৰ প্ৰাসংগিকতা সম্পৰ্কেও আলোচনা কৰিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰা হৈছে। গৱেষণা পত্ৰখন বৰ্ণনাত্মক আৰু বিশ্লেষণাত্মক পদ্ধতিৰে প্ৰস্তুত কৰা হৈছে। মুখ্য সমলৰ উপৰি গৌণ সমলৰূপে বিভিন্ন গ্ৰন্থ, আলোচনী আদিৰ সহায় লোৱা হৈছে।

বীজ শব্দ : শংকৰদেৱ, ভাওনা, একশৰণ, ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্ম, পৰিবেশন কলা।

ভাওনাত একশৰণ ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য : এটি অধ্যয়ন

০.০ অৱতৰণিকা :

শংকৰদেৱ বৰ্তমানৰ অসম তথা উত্তৰ পূব ভাৰতৰ এই ভূখণ্ডত বৈষ্ণৱ

ধৰ্মক এটা নতুন ৰূপত প্ৰচাৰ কৰিছিল। এই ৰূপটোৱেই হৈছে একশৰণ ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্ম। এই ধৰ্মৰ কিছুমান বৈশিষ্ট্য আছে। এই বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহে আন আন বৈষ্ণৱপন্থৰ পৰা একশৰণ ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মক পৃথক প্ৰতিপন্ন কৰি এটা সুকীয়া মৰ্যাদা তথা গুণীৰ্য প্ৰদান কৰিছে। একশৰণ ভাগৱতী ধৰ্ম হ'ল এজন ঈশ্বৰৰ শ্ৰেষ্ঠত্ব প্ৰতিপন্ন কৰি ভাগৱতৰ আধাৰত প্ৰচাৰ কৰা বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্ম। বৈষ্ণৱসকলৰ দৃষ্টিত বিষ্ণুৱেই সৰ্বশ্ৰেষ্ঠ আৰু সৰ্বশক্তিমান। এই পৃথিৱীৰ স্ৰজন পালন আদিৰ লগত বিষ্ণুৰ লীলা তথা মাহাত্ম্য জড়িত হৈ আছে। সৰ্বসাধাৰণক মায়াৰ বান্ধোনত আৱদ্ধ কৰি বিষ্ণুৱে এই জগতখন পৰিচালিক কৰি আহিছে। শংকৰদেৱে এই মতবাদৰ দ্বাৰা প্ৰভাৱান্বিত হৈ অসম তথা উত্তৰ পূবৰ এই অঞ্চলত বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্ম প্ৰচাৰ কৰিছিল।

শংকৰদেৱে প্ৰচাৰ কৰা ধৰ্মৰ সাৰমৰ্ম আছিল যে বিষ্ণু বা কৃষ্ণৰ ওচৰত শৰণ ললেই সংসাৰৰ সকলো বিপদৰ পৰা যে পৰিত্ৰাণ পাব পাৰি। গতিকে এই ধৰ্মত বিষ্ণু বা কৃষ্ণ ভক্তিকে মুখ্য স্থান দিয়া হয়। কৃষ্ণৰ প্ৰতি ভক্তি ন প্ৰকাৰে কৰিব পৰা যায়। এই ন প্ৰকাৰৰ ভক্তি হৈছে- শ্ৰৱণ, কীৰ্তন, অৰ্চন, বন্দন, স্মৰণ, পদসেৱন, দাস্য, সখিত্ব আৰু দেহ-অৰ্পণ। শংকৰদেৱে এই ন প্ৰকাৰৰ ভক্তিৰ ভিতৰত শ্ৰৱণ আৰু কীৰ্তনক সৰ্বাধিক গুৰুত্ব প্ৰদান কৰিছিল। এই ধৰ্মত মুক্তিকৈও ভক্তিৰ গুৰুত্ব অধিক। যাগ-যজ্ঞ, তীৰ্থ, ব্ৰত, তপ-জপ আদিৰ সলনি একমাত্ৰ কৃষ্ণৰ নাম কীৰ্তনৰ দ্বাৰাই প্ৰকৃত ভক্তি কৰিব পাৰি। নাম দেৱ গুৰু আৰু ভকত এই চাৰিবস্তুৰ দ্বাৰাই শংকৰদেৱে ধৰ্মৰ ভেটি গঢ়ি তুলিছিল। শংকৰদেৱ প্ৰচাৰিত এই ধৰ্মকে এক শৰণ ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্ম আখ্যা দিয়া হৈছে। এই ধৰ্মত সকলো জীৱকে সমমৰ্যদা দিয়া হৈছিল আৰু জাতিভেদৰ কোনো স্থান নাছিল। সেই সময়ত ধৰ্ম পালনৰ নামৰ বলি-বিধানকে ধৰি নানা আচাৰ অনুষ্ঠান পালনৰ নামৰ সৰ্বসাধাৰণে বহুত অৰ্থ ব্যয় কৰি সৰ্বস্ৰান্ত হ'ব লগীয়া হৈছিল আৰু ধৰ্ম পালন কৰাটো দৰিদ্ৰ জনগণৰ বাবে এক বিশাল বোজা স্বৰূপ হৈ পৰিছিল। এই পৰম্পৰাৰ বিপৰীতে শংকৰদেৱে এক প্ৰকাৰ বিপ্লৱৰ সূচনা কৰি কোনো বলি বিধানৰ আশ্ৰয় নোলোৱাকৈ কেৱল কৃষ্ণৰ নাম কীৰ্তন কৰিয়েই সৰ্বসাধাৰণে কোনো অৰ্থ ব্যয় নকৰাকৈয়ে অতি সহজে ধৰ্ম পালন কৰিব পৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছিল। শংকৰদেৱে বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্ম প্ৰচাৰ কৰিবলৈ আন আন কাৰ্যব্যৱস্থা

গ্ৰহণ কৰাৰ লগতে নাট ভাঙনাৰ প্ৰচলনৰ ধৰ্মৰ প্ৰচাৰ আৰু প্ৰসাৰ ব্যাপক কৰি তুলিছিল। গতিকে ভাঙনাত একশৰণ ভাগৱত বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মৰ বিভিন্ন বৈশিষ্ট্য অতি গভীৰ ৰূপত প্ৰকাই পাইছে।

০.০১ অধ্যয়নৰ উদ্দেশ্য :

আমাৰ এই গৱেষণা পত্ৰত ভাঙনাত নিহিত হৈ থকা একশৰণ ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহ বিচাৰ কৰি চাবলৈ যত্ন কৰা হৈছে। তদুপৰি সাম্প্ৰতিক সময়ত ইয়াৰ প্ৰাসংগিতা সম্পৰ্কও আলোচনা কৰিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰা হৈছে।

০.২ অধ্যয়নৰ পদ্ধতি আৰু পৰিসৰ :

গৱেষণা পত্ৰখন বৰ্ণনাত্মক আৰু বিশ্লেষণাত্মক পদ্ধতিৰে প্ৰস্তুত কৰা হৈছে। বিষয়ৰ পৰিসৰলৈ লক্ষ্য কৰি আমাৰ অধ্যয়ন নাটৰ অভিনয় অৰ্থাৎ নাটৰ পৰিৱেশনগত দিশটো বুজোৱা হৈছে। মুখ্য সমলৰ উপৰি গৌণ সমলৰূপে বিভিন্ন গ্ৰন্থ, আলোচনী আদিৰ সহায় লোৱা হৈছে। আমাৰ অধ্যয়নৰ পৰিসৰত শংকৰী যুগৰ পৰা বৰ্তমানলৈ সামৰি লোৱা হৈছে।

১.০ মূল বিষয় আলোচনা :

ইতিমধ্যে উল্লেখ কৰা হৈছে যে শংকৰদেৱে একশৰণ ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্ম প্ৰচাৰ কৰিছিল। জনসাধাৰণে যাতে ধৰ্মৰ তত্ত্বসমূহ সহজে উপলব্ধি কৰিব পাৰে সেই উদ্দেশ্য আগত ৰাখি শংকৰদেৱে কিছুমান অতি কাৰ্যকৰী মাধ্যম সৃষ্টি কৰিছিল। এই মাধ্যমসমূহৰ ভিতৰত নাট-ভাঙনা আছিল অন্যতম। তেওঁ পত্নীপ্ৰসাদ, কালিয়দমন, কেলিগোপাল, ৰুক্মিণীহৰণ, পাৰিজাত হৰণ আৰু ৰামবিজয় নামৰ ছখন নাট ৰচনা কৰাৰ লগতে এটা নাটসমূহৰ অভিনয় কৰাইছিল। নাট ভাঙনাৰ বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহলৈ লক্ষ্য কৰিলে এই কথা সহজে অনুমান কৰিব পাৰি যে শংকৰদেৱৰ প্ৰতিভা আৰু চিন্তা মানৱীয় বিকাশৰ আটাইতকৈ উচ্চ পৰ্যায়ত উপনীত হৈছিল। নাট ভাঙনাৰ মাজেৰে একশৰণ ভাগৱতী ধৰ্মৰ আদৰ্শ আৰু উদ্দেশ্য অতি সুগভীৰ ৰূপত প্ৰতিফলিত হোৱা দেখা যায়। আমাৰ গৱেষণা পত্ৰখনত এই বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহ পোহৰলৈ আনিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰা হৈছে।

১.০১ নাটৰ বিষয়বস্তুত এক শৰণ নাম ধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য :

এক শৰণ ভাগৱতী বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মত কিছুমান গ্ৰন্থক অতি পৱিত্ৰ বুলি জ্ঞান কৰা হয়। এই ধৰ্মৰ মূল আধাৰগ্ৰন্থ হ'ল ভাগৱত পুৰাণ। ইয়াৰ বাদেও ৰামায়ণ, মহাভাৰত, গীতা বিভিন্ন পুৰাণ, উপপুৰাণ, বৈষ্ণৱ কাব্য আদিক পৱিত্ৰ জ্ঞান কৰা হয়। শংকৰদেৱে নাট সমূহৰ বিষয়বস্তু পৱিত্ৰ বৈষ্ণৱ গ্ৰন্থ যেনে ভাগৱত, বিষ্ণুপুৰাণ, হৰিবংশ, ৰামায়ণ আদিৰ পৰাই গ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল। শংকৰদেৱৰ পৰৱৰ্তী কালতো ভাওনাৰ বাবে ৰচনা কৰা নাটৰ বিষয়বস্তু ভাগৱত, পুৰাণ একে ধৰণৰ গ্ৰন্থ আদিৰ পৰাই নাট্যকাৰসকলে গ্ৰহণ কৰি আহিছে। সাধাৰণতে বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মৰ মহত্ব প্ৰকাশক কাহিনী নিৰ্বাচন কৰি নাট্যকাৰসকলে নাট ৰচনাত মনোনিৱেশ কৰা দেখা যায়। শংকৰদেৱ আদি গুৰুসকলে ৰচনা কৰা কীৰ্তন, দশম, নামঘোষা, ভক্তিবত্ণাৱলী আদি গ্ৰন্থকো ভক্তসকলে অতি পৱিত্ৰ জ্ঞান কৰি আহাৰ উপৰি সভক্তিৰে পাঠ বা শ্ৰৱণ কৰি আহিছে। গতিকে কীৰ্তন আদি গ্ৰন্থৰ পৰাও কোনো ভাওনাৰ নাটৰ কাহিনী ৰূপায়ন কৰা হৈছে। কিছুমান ভাওনাৰ নাটত সংলাপসমূহো শংকৰ মাধৱৰ ৰচনাৰ পৰা আহৰণ কৰা দেখা যায়। নাম ধৰ্মৰ প্ৰভাৱ বা এই ধৰ্মৰ প্ৰচাৰক শংকৰদেৱৰ প্ৰতি থকা অসীম শ্ৰদ্ধাৰ কাৰণেই নাটত এনেধৰণৰ প্ৰয়োগ দেখা যায় বুলি ক'ব পাৰি। গতিকে নাটৰ বিষয়বস্তু নিৰ্বাচনত একশৰণ ভাগৱতী ধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য অতি স্পষ্ট ৰূপত প্ৰতিফলিত হোৱা দেখা যায়।

১.০২ কৃষ্ণৰ প্ৰাধান্য :

একশৰণ নাম ধৰ্মত কৃষ্ণই হ'ল একমাত্ৰ উপাস্য দেৱতা। বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মত আন দেৱ-দেৱীৰ স্থান থাকিলেও কৃষ্ণক শ্ৰেষ্ঠ বুলি গণ্য কৰা হয়। ভাওনাৰ কাহিনীসমূহত কৃষ্ণ চৰিত্ৰৰ প্ৰাধান্য দেখা যায়। প্ৰায়বোৰ নাটৰ কাহিনীতে কৃষ্ণৰ জয় অথবা কৃষ্ণৰ সহায়ত নাটৰ চৰিত্ৰসমূহে মুক্তি বা পৰিত্ৰাণ লাভ কৰা দেখা যায়। আনহাতে কিছুমান নাটত ৰাম চৰিত্ৰটোৰ প্ৰাধান্য দেখা যায়। শংকৰদেৱে ৰামবিজয় নাটখনতে শ্ৰীকৃষ্ণৰ লগত ৰাম অভিন্ন বুলি গভীৰতাৰে প্ৰতিপন্ন কৰি গৈছে। অসমীয়া বৈষ্ণৱ সমাজে ৰামচন্দ্ৰ কৃষ্ণৰ অৱতাৰ বুলিয়েই বিশ্বাস কৰে। অৰ্থাৎ নাটৰ কাহিনীত কৃষ্ণ বা ৰামৰ শ্ৰেষ্ঠত্ব প্ৰতিপন্ন হয়। তদুপৰি পৰিৱেশনৰ দিশতো দেখা যায় যে ভাওনাত কৃষ্ণ বা নাৰায়ণ চৰিত্ৰই যেতিয়া

বঙ্গমঞ্চত প্ৰৱেশ কৰে, তেতিয়া সকলো দৰ্শকে কৃষ্ণৰ প্ৰতি সভক্তিতে সেৱা জনায়। কৃষ্ণ বা বিষ্ণু চৰিত্ৰৰ প্ৰৱেশৰ সময়ত দবা, খোল, তাল কালি আদি বিভিন্ন বাদ্য বজোৱা হয়। অসমীয়া সমাজত যিকোনো মাংগলিক অনুষ্ঠানৰ পূৰ্বে ভগৱানৰ প্ৰতি প্ৰণিপাত জনোৱাটো নিয়ম। অসমৰ নৱ বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মত কৃষ্ণৰ স্থান অদ্বিতীয় গতিকে ভাওনাৰ আৰম্ভণিতেও কৃষ্ণ বা নাৰায়ণক প্ৰণিপাত জনোৱা হয়। নাটৰ শেষতো মুক্তিমাংগল ভটিমাৰে সকলোৰে মংগল কামনাৰ্থে কৃষ্ণক বন্দনা কৰা হয়। গতিকে এক শৰণ নাম ধৰ্মৰ কৃষ্ণ কেন্দ্ৰিকতা ভাওনাত অতি সুন্দৰ ৰূপত প্ৰতিফলিত হৈছে। সৰ্বসাধাৰণৰ মাজত কৃষ্ণভক্তি প্ৰচাৰ কৰাত ভাওনা অতি কাৰ্যকৰী মাধ্যম বুলি ক'ব পাৰি।

১.০৩ জন্মান্তৰবাদত বিশ্বৰ আৰু অৱতাৰবাদৰ প্ৰাধান্য :

এক শৰণ ভাগৱতী ধৰ্মত জন্মান্তৰবাদত বিশ্বাস কৰা হয় আৰু পূৰ্বজন্মৰ কৰ্মৰ ফল পৰজন্মত ভোগ কৰিব লগীয়া হয় বুলি ভক্তসকলে বিশ্বাস কৰে। ভাওনাৰ কাহিনীসমূহত এই বিশ্বাসৰে প্ৰতিফলন ঘটা দেখা যায়। তদুপৰি কৃষ্ণৰ বিভিন্ন অৱতাৰৰ বৰ্ণনাৰে ভাওনাত দৰ্শকসকলক ভক্তিৰ মাহাত্ম্য প্ৰদান কৰিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰা দেখা যায়। এই অৱতাৰসমূহৰ বৰ্ণনাৰে ভালেমান কাহিনীও ৰচিত হৈছে। উদাহৰণস্বৰূপে নৃসিংহযাত্ৰা ভাওনাৰ কথাকে উল্লেখ কৰিব পাৰি। এইখন ভাওনাৰ অভিনয় অতি ভক্তি ভাৱেৰে কৰা হয় আৰু অভিনয় দৰ্শন কৰিলে বিশেষ পূণ্য অৰ্জন কৰিব পাৰি বুলি জনবিশ্বাস আছে। আনহাতে ভাওনাৰ সহায়েৰে ধৰ্মৰ জয় ঘোষণা কৰা হয়। ধৰ্মৰ জয় আৰু কৃষ্ণৰ বিভিন্ন ৱতাৰৰ সহায়েৰে যুগে যুগে দুষ্টক দমন কৰি সন্তক পালক কৰাৰ নীতি ভাওনাত অতি সুন্দৰ ৰূপত প্ৰত্যক্ষ কৰিব পাৰি। এই বৈশিষ্ট্যৰ মাজতো এক শৰণ ভাগৱতী ধৰ্মৰ দৰ্শন প্ৰকাশ পাইছে।

১.০২ ঐক্য আৰু সমতাৰ আদৰ্শ :

শংকৰদেৱে প্ৰচাৰ কৰা ধৰ্মত সমতা আৰু ঐক্যৰ বিশেষ গুৰুত্ব আছে। এই ধৰ্মত সকলো সমান, সমাজত সকলোৰে সমান অধিকাৰ। পৃথিৱীত যিমান মানুহ, জীৱ-জন্তু, গছ, বন, চৰাই-চিৰিকটি আছে, এই সকলো প্ৰাণীয়েই সমান বুলি এই ধৰ্মত গণ্য কৰা হয়। ভাওনাত এই মহান উদ্দেশ্য সাধনাত আদিৰে

পৰা সহায় কৰি আহিছে। ভাওনাত বিবিধ জীৱ-জন্তু, চৰাই চিৰিকটি আদিয়ে জীৱন্ত ৰূপ ধাৰণ কৰা দেখা যায়। এই বৈশিষ্ট্যই এক শৰণ নামধৰ্মৰ সমতাৰ আদৰ্শকে প্ৰতিফলিত কৰে। আনহাতে সকলো মানুহ সমান, এই শিক্ষা এক শৰণ নাম ধৰ্মৰ এক উল্লেখযোগ্য দিশ। শংকৰদেৱে সেই সময়ৰ বৈষম্যপূৰ্ণ আৰু বহুধাভিত্তিক সমাজখনক একতাৰ ডোলেৰে বান্ধি এখন ঐক্যবদ্ধ সমাজ গঢ়িবলৈ নামধৰ্ম প্ৰচাৰ কৰিছিল। সেয়ে এক শৰণ ধৰ্মত ঐক্য আৰু সমতাৰ আদৰ্শ এতি গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ দিশ আছিল। শংকৰদেৱৰ এখন ঐক্যবদ্ধ সমাজ প্ৰতিষ্ঠাৰ লক্ষ্যত ভাওনা বিশেষভাবে সহায়ক হৈছিল। ব্যৱহাৰিক দিশতো দেখা যায় যে ভাওনাত সকলোৱে সমানে অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰিব পাৰে। সমাজৰ যি কোনো লোকেই ভাওনাত ভাও ল'ব পাৰে অথবা আন প্ৰকাৰেও ভাওনাত অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰিব পাৰে। গতিকে ভাওনাই সমতা আৰু ঐক্য প্ৰতিষ্ঠাত বিশেষ অৱদান আগবঢ়াই আহিছে। ই এক শৰণ নাম ধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য। এক শৰণ নামধৰ্মৰ এই বৈশিষ্ট্য ভাওনাই অতি কাৰ্যকৰী ৰূপত ধৰি ৰাখিছে। অৱশ্যে কোনো কোনো সত্ৰত কৃষ্ণৰ চৰিত্ৰত অভিনয় কৰা বা কৰিব লগা ভাৱৰীয়াজন ব্ৰাহ্মণ সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ হোৱাৰ নিয়ম প্ৰচলন আছিল যদিও বৰ্তমান এই নিয়মৰ প্ৰভাৱ কম হৈ আহিছে।

১.০৫ নবিধ ভক্তিৰ প্ৰকাশ আৰু শ্ৰৱণ, কীৰ্তনৰ গুৰুত্ব :

ভাওনাৰ কাহিনীত নবিধ ভক্তিৰ প্ৰকাশ ঘটে। ভক্ত আৰু ভাগৱনাৰ সম্পৰ্ক এই কাহিনীসমূহত সুন্দৰভাৱে প্ৰকাশ পায়। ভাওনাৰ কাহিনী বা আখ্যান অনুসৰি শ্ৰৱণ, কীৰ্তন, অৰ্চন, বন্দন, স্মৰণ, পদ-সেৱন, দাস্য, সখিত্ব আৰু দেহ-অৰ্পণ এই আটাইকেইবিধ ভক্তি প্ৰকাশ পোৱা দেখা যায়। উদাহৰণস্বৰূপে শংকৰদেৱৰ নাটকেইখনকে উল্লেখ কৰিব পাৰি। এই নাটকেইখনত আটাইকেইবিধ ভক্তিৰ প্ৰকাশ ঘটিছে। ভাওনাত নবিধ ভক্তিৰ প্ৰকাশ ঘটা কাৰণেই ভক্ত সমাজত ভাওনাৰ মৰ্যাদা সৰ্বাধিক। এই সম্পৰ্কে পূতাস্বৰ দেৱগোস্বামীয়ে সঠিকভাৱেই লক্ষ্য কৰিছে – “শ্ৰৱণ, কীৰ্তন, স্মৰণ, পদসেৱন, অৰ্চন, বন্দন, দাস্য, সখ্য আৰু আত্মনিবেদন এই নৱধা ভক্তিৰ অনুশীলনৰ প্ৰধান মাধ্যম মহাপুৰুষ শংকৰদেৱ সৃষ্ট ভাওনা। অনুশীলন তথা আচৰণৰ দৃঢ়তাৰ বাবে ভাওনা দৰ্শন শক্তিশালী মাধ্যম। দৃশ্যধৰ্মী ব্যৱস্থাই শ্ৰব্য আৰু মনন (উপলব্ধি) কাৰ্যক অধিক সতেজ কৰে। সেয়ে এই দৃশ্য মাধ্যমকো সামগ্ৰিক ভক্তিৰ শাৰীত ধৰিব পাৰি।”

(দেৱগোস্বামী), ২০০৮, পৃ. ৫) তদুপৰি এখন ভাওনা দৰ্শন কৰিলে সাতটা বৰসবাহৰ সমান ফল পোৱা যায় সমাজত বিশ্বাস প্ৰচলন আছে। গায়ন বায়নৰ পৰা আৰম্ভ কৰি মুক্তিমঙ্গল ভটিমা পাঠ কৰালৈকে ভাওনাত ভক্তিৰ গভীৰতা মন কৰিবলগীয়া।

১.০৬ আলোক সম্পাতৰ সামগ্ৰীসমূহত এক শৰণ নাম ধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য :

ভাওনাত ব্যৱহৃত আলোক সম্পাতৰ সামগ্ৰীসমূহ মূলতঃ পোহৰ যোগানৰ বাবে ব্যৱহাৰ হ'লেও ইয়াত অন্তৰ্হিত হৈ থকা প্ৰতীকী তাৎপৰ্যত এক শৰণ নাম ধৰ্মৰ মূল বৈশিষ্ট্য জড়িত হৈ আছে। এক শৰণ নাম ধৰ্মৰ নবিধ উক্তি, শ্ৰৱণ-কীৰ্তন আদি ভালেমান প্ৰতীকী তাৎপৰ্য ইয়াত নিহিত হৈ আছে। অগ্নিগড় কাঠ বা বাঁহেৰে ধেনুভিৰীয়াকৈ নিৰ্মাণ কৰি তাত ন গছি বস্তি জ্বলাই ৰখা হয় আৰু তাৰ তলেদি গায়ন-বায়ন বা ভাৰবীয়াসকলে ৰংগমঞ্চত প্ৰৱেশ কৰে। অগ্নিগড়ৰ নগছি বন্দি নবিধ ভক্তিৰ প্ৰতীক (গোস্বামী ১৯৯৩, পৃ. ২৬) ভাওনাত পোহৰৰ বাবে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা আঁৰিয়া দুটা শ্ৰৱণ আৰু কীৰ্তন প্ৰতীক। বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মত শ্ৰৱণ আৰু কীৰ্তনক শ্ৰেষ্ঠ স্থান দিয়া হয়। গতিকে বিজুলী পোহৰৰ ব্যৱস্থা থাকিলেও অগ্নিগড়, আঁৰিয়া আদি সম্প্ৰতিক কালত পৰিৱেশিত হোৱা ভাওনাতো ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা হয়। মহাতাও ভাওনাত ব্যৱহাৰ হোৱা এবিধ পোহৰৰ সঁজুলি। মহতা কীৰ্তনৰ প্ৰতীক। (গোস্বামী, ১৯৯৩, পৃ. ২৭) বৈষ্ণৱ সমাজত কীৰ্তনকে শ্ৰেষ্ঠ বুলি গণ্য কৰা হয় আৰু ভক্তই কীৰ্তন কৰিয়েই কৃষ্ণক ভক্তি কৰিব পাৰে। যি কোনো স্থানতে অনুষ্ঠিত হোৱা ভাওনাত আঁৰ কাপোৰ ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা হয়। চৰিত্ৰই ৰংগখলীত প্ৰৱেশ কৰাৰ সময়ত এখন আঁৰ-কাপোৰ দাঙি ধৰা হয় আৰু ভাৰবীয়াই আঁৰ-কাপোৰৰ আঁৰতে সেৱা জনাইহে প্ৰৱেশ কৰে। আঁৰ কাপোৰখন মায়াৰ প্ৰতীক। (গোস্বামী, ১৯৯৩ পৃ. ২৮) আঁৰ কাপোৰ অৰ্থাৎ মায়াক ভেদ কৰিব পাৰিলেহে ভগৱানক পোৱা যায়, ইয়াত এই তত্ত্ব নিহিত হৈ আছে। গতিকে ভাওনাত অগ্নিগড়, আঁৰিয়া, মহতা আৰু আঁৰ-কাপোৰৰ ব্যৱহাৰে সমাজৰ ধৰ্মীয় বিশ্বাসকে দাঙি ধৰে বুলি ক'ব পাৰি। এই ধৰ্মত ব্যৱহৃত প্ৰদীপ, বস্তি, শৰাই আদি ভাওনাত অতি পৰিভাৱে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা হয়।

১.০৭ নাম, দেৱ, গুৰু আৰু ভকতৰ স্থান :

এক শৰণ নাম ধৰ্মত নাম, দেৱ, গুৰু আৰু ভকতৰ বিশেষ স্থান আছে। এই সম্পৰ্কত এটা উক্তি বিশেষ তাৎপৰ্যপূৰ্ণ - Four simple principles throw further light on the tone and subject-matter of the plays. Deva, Guru, Nama, Bhakat are central to Sankardeva's brand of Vaisnavism. (Richmond, 1974: p. 149) ভাওনাত গুৰু আসনক বিশেষ মৰ্যাদা প্ৰদান কৰা হয়। বংগখলীত গুৰু আসন সন্মুখৰ ফালে প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰি বস্তু জ্বলোৱা হয়। গায়ন-বায়নকে ধৰি সকলো ভাৱৰীয়াই গুৰু আসনৰ ফালে মূৰ দোঁৱাইহে বংগখলীত প্ৰবেশ কৰা আৰু গায়ন-বায়নে গুৰুঘাত মৰাৰ বিষয়ে আগতে উল্লেখ কৰি অহা হৈছে। এক শৰণ নাম ধৰ্মৰ এই বৈশিষ্ট্য ভাওনাত অতি গুৰুত্ব সহকাৰে বক্ষা কৰি অহা হৈছে।

১.০৮ শাস্ত্ৰীয় উপাদানৰ প্ৰয়োগ :

ভাওনাত বহুতো শাস্ত্ৰীয় উপাদান সংযুক্ত হৈ আছে। এই উপাদানসমূহেও নাম ধৰ্মৰ প্ৰভাৱকে প্ৰতিপন্ন কৰে। গীত, নৃত্য বাদ্য আদি নামধৰ্মত অতি উচ্চ স্তৰত উপনত হোৱা দেখা যায়। ভাওনাৰ প্ৰতিটো উপাদানতে একশৰণ নাম ধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য নিহিত হৈ আছে। নাটৰ বিয়বস্তুৰ পৰা আৰম্ভ কৰি পৰিৱেশন শৈলীলৈকে, সকলো দিশতে একশৰণ নাম ধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য প্ৰকাশ পোৱা দেখা যায়। সামগ্ৰিকভাৱে ভাওনাৰ বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহেই এক শৰণ নামধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য বা আন কথাত ক'বলৈ হ'লে ভাওনা আৰু এক শৰণ নাম ধৰ্ম একেটা মুদ্ৰাৰে দুটা পিঠি বুলি ক'ব পাৰি। গতিকে একশৰণ নামধৰ্মৰ মূল আধাৰতে ভাওনাৰ সৃষ্টি হৈছে বুলি নিঃসন্দেহে ক'ব পাৰি।

২.০ উপসংহাৰ :

ভাওনাত একশৰণ নামধৰ্মৰ বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহ অতি গভীৰ ৰূপত যুগ যুগ ধৰি প্ৰতিফলিত হৈ আহিছে। ধৰ্মীয় আৰু মনোৰঞ্জনৰ উপাদানসমূহৰ সু-সমন্বয়ে ভাওনাক অসমৰ স্বকীয় আৰু এক সমৃদ্ধিশীলী নাট্য পৰম্পৰাৰূপে গঢ়ি তুলিছে।

শংকৰদেৱৰ সময়ৰ পৰা বৰ্তমানলৈকে এই বৈশিষ্ট্যসমূহ প্ৰায় একেদৰে ৰক্ষিত হৈ থকাটোৱে ভাঙনাৰ মহত্বৰ কথাৰে প্ৰতিপন্ন কৰে। কাহিনী, গীত-নাত্য বাদ্য, পৰিৱেশন কৌশল, ধৰ্মীয় দিশ আদি সকলো দিশতে ভাঙনাৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য আছে। গতিকে অসমৰ সাংস্কৃতিক পৰিচয় উজ্জ্বল কৰি ৰখাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত এই স্বকীয় বৈশিষ্ট্যপূৰ্ণ নাট্যকলাবিধৰ অৱদান সৰ্বাধিক বুলি ক'ব পাৰি। নৱবৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মৰ মূল আদৰ্শসমূহ ভাঙনাৰ সহায়েৰে দৰ্শকৰ মানসত অতি সহজে গভীৰ ৰূপত স্থাপন কৰিব পৰা হেতুকে আমাৰ সমাজখন আজিও যথেষ্ট পৰিশীলিত আৰু শৃংখলিত হৈ আছে। গতিকে এক শৰণ ভগৱতী ধৰ্ম সুকলমে প্ৰচাৰ আৰু প্ৰসাৰৰ কাৰণে ভাঙনাৰ সমকক্ষ আন উপাদান নাই বুলিয়েই ক'ব পাৰি।

প্ৰাসংগিক গ্ৰন্থপঞ্জী :

গোস্বামী, নাৰায়ণ চন্দ্ৰ (১৯৯৩), অসমত ভাঙনাৰ পৰম্পৰা, (দত্ত বীৰেন্দ্ৰনাথ সম্পাঃ) গুৱাহাটী : বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় প্ৰকাশন বিভাগ, গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়।

গোহাঁই, হীৰেন (২০১৪), অসমীয়া জাতীয় জীৱনত মহাপুৰুষীয়া পৰম্পৰা, গুৱাহাটী : আলিবাট।

দেৱগোস্বামী, কেশৱানন্দ (২০১১) অক্ষীয়া ভাঙনা, গুৱাহাটী : বনলতা।

দেৱগোস্বামী, কেশৱানন্দ (২০১৪-ক) অক্ষমালা, গুৱাহাটী : বনলতা।

দেৱগোস্বামী, পীতাম্বৰ (২০০৮), অসমীয়া সমাজ জাৱনত ভাঙনাৰ প্ৰভাৱ, সংস্কৃতি পল্লৱ, পৃ. ৫-৬।

Richmond, F.P.et.al (2007). Indian Theatre : Traditions of Performance. Delhi:Motilal Banarsidas Publishers Pvt. Ltd.

মেদিনী চৌধুৰীৰ 'ফেৰেংগাদাও' উপন্যাসত প্ৰতিফলিত
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অসমীয়া উপন্যাস সাহিত্যৰ প্ৰথম বীজ অংকুৰিত হৈছিল 1848 চনৰ নৱেম্বৰ মাহত 'অৰুণোদয়' কাকতত প্ৰকাশিত ড° নাথান ব্ৰাউনৰ 'জাত্ৰিকৰ যাত্ৰা'ৰ জৰিয়তে। 'জাত্ৰিকৰ যাত্ৰা' ই অসমীয়া উপন্যাস তথা আধুনিক অসমীয়া কথা শিল্পৰ লগত প্ৰথম পৰিচয় কৰি দিলেও প্ৰকৃত অৰ্থত পদ্মনাথ গোহাঞি বৰুৱাৰ হাতত জন্ম হৈছিল উপন্যাসৰ বৈশিষ্ট্যৰে সমৃদ্ধ প্ৰথম অসমীয়া উপন্যাস 'ভানুমতী'। পদ্মনাথ গোহাঞি বৰুৱা, লক্ষ্মীনাথ বেজবৰুৱা, ৰজনীকান্ত বৰদলৈ আদিয়ে অসমীয়া উপন্যাস সাহিত্যৰ যি বৰভেটি নিৰ্মাণ কৰি থৈ গৈছিল তাৰ আলমতে পৰৱৰ্তী সময়ত নতুন নতুন চিন্তাধাৰাৰে অসমীয়া উপন্যাস ৰচনা হ'বলৈ ধৰিলে।

কুৰি শতিকাৰ অন্তিম দহকত ঔপন্যাসিক হিচাপে আত্ম-প্ৰতিষ্ঠা লাভ কৰি শতিকাটোৰ শেষ দহকলৈ উপন্যাস ৰচনাৰ ধাৰা অব্যাহত ৰখা এগৰাকী ঔপন্যাসিক হ'ল মেদিনী চৌধুৰী। মেদিনী চৌধুৰীৰ উপন্যাসসমূহ হ'ল - 'বগুকা বেহাৰ' (1976), 'তাত নদী নাছিল' (1977), 'অৰণ্য আদিম' (1978), 'ফেৰেংগাদাও' (1982), 'যাদুঘৰৰ কীৰ্তিমুখ' (1987), 'খোলাকটিৰ তাল' (1989), 'যুগ যুগ গুৱাহাটী' (1989), 'ফাগুনত আজাৰৰ ফুল' (1993), 'বিপন্ন সময়' (1996) আৰু 'সপোন সপোন লাগে' (1998)। 'তাত নদী নাছিল' উপন্যাসখনৰ বাবে মেদিনী চৌধুৰীয়ে 1987 চনত অসম প্ৰকাশন পৰিষদ বঁটা আৰু 'বিপন্ন সময়' উপন্যাসখনৰ

বাৰে 1999 চনত সাহিত্য অকাডেমী বঁটা লাভ কৰে। তেওঁৰ উপন্যাসৰাজিৰ ভিতৰত উল্লেখনীয় কৃতি হ'ল - কলাগুৰু বিষ্ণু প্ৰসাদ ৰাভাৰ বৈচিত্ৰময় জীৱনৰ আধাৰত ৰচনা কৰা 'ফেৰেংগাদাও'। 'ফেৰেংগাদাও' বিষ্ণু ৰাভাৰ আধাৰত ৰচনা কৰা উপন্যাসে নহয়; অসমৰ ভূমি কপাই যোৱা সশস্ত্ৰ বিপ্লৱৰ এখন দলিল।

আৰম্ভণি :

অসমীয়া উপন্যাস সাহিত্যৰ ইতিহাসত দেখা যায় উত্তৰ স্বাধীনতা কালত অৰ্থাৎ কুৰি শতিকাৰ সপ্তম দশকৰ পৰা জীৱনীভিত্তিক উপন্যাসৰ ধাৰা এটা গঢ় লৈ উঠে। আনকি এই শ্ৰেণীৰ উপন্যাসে পাঠক সমাজৰ সমাদৰ লাভ কৰিবলৈও সক্ষম হয়। নিৰৱচ্ছিন্নভাৱে অসমীয়া সাহিত্যলৈ অৰিহণা যোগোৱা যশস্বী কথাশিল্পী চৈয়দ আব্দুল মালিকৰ 'ৰূপতীৰ্থৰ যাত্ৰী' (1963-65) উপন্যাসৰ যোগেদি অসমীয়া জীৱনীভিত্তিক উপন্যাস ৰচনা কৰাৰ পাতনি মেলা হয়। চৈয়দ আব্দুল মালিকৰ দহ বছৰ পিছত অসমীয়া জীৱনীভিত্তিক উপন্যাস ৰচনা কৰে মেদিনী চৌধুৰীয়ে। অসমৰ একশৰণ বৈষ্ণৱ ধৰ্মৰ প্ৰচাৰক মহাপুৰুষ শ্ৰীমন্ত শঙ্কৰদেৱৰ প্ৰিয় শিষ্য মহাপুৰুষ মাধৱদেৱৰ জীৱনৰ আধাৰত ৰচনা কৰা 'বঙুকা বেহাৰ' (1976) অসমীয়া উপন্যাস সাহিত্যৰ দ্বিতীয়খন জীৱনীভিত্তিক উপন্যাস। পৰবৰ্তী তেওঁ কলাগুৰু বিষ্ণু প্ৰসাদ ৰাভাৰ বৈচিত্ৰময় জীৱনৰ আধাৰত 'ফেৰেংগাদাও' (1982) আৰু অসমৰ নাট্য জগতৰ চিৰস্মৰণীয় ব্যক্তি ব্ৰজনাথ শৰ্মাৰ জীৱনৰ আধাৰত ৰচনা কৰে 'খোলাকটিৰ তাল' (1989) উপন্যাস দুখন। অসমীয়া উপন্যাস সাহিত্যৰ ইতিহাসত 'ফেৰেংগাদাও' এক মাইলৰ খুঁটি ৰূপে স্বীকৃত।

উদ্দেশ্য :

মেদিনী চৌধুৰীৰ 'ফেৰেংগাদাও' উপন্যাসত নায়ক চৰিত্ৰ বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই যেন পুনৰ এক বাস্তৱ জীৱন লাভ কৰিছে। কলাগুৰু, সু-সাহিত্যিক, নৃত্যশিল্পী, অভিনেতা, গীতিকাৰ, সুৰশিল্পী, সাম্যবাদী বিপ্লৱী, ৰাজনীতিবিদ হিচাপে ৰাইজৰ মাজত পৰিচিত বিষ্ণু ৰাভাৰ সমগ্ৰ জীৱনৰ মূল্যায়নৰ এছোৱা মেদিনী চৌধুৰীয়ে 'ফেৰেংগাদাও' উপন্যাসত অংকন কৰি দেখুৱাইছে। সেয়েহে তেনে এখন উপন্যাসৰ ওপৰত গৱেষণামূলক আলোচনাৰ প্ৰয়োজনীয়তাবোধ কৰি উপন্যাসখন নিৰ্ৰীচন কৰি লোৱা হৈছে।

পৰিসৰ :

‘ফেৰেংগাদাও’ উপন্যাসত মেদিনী চৌধুৰীয়ে কলাগুৰুৰ বৰ্ণাঢ্য জীৱন অংকন কৰিছে যদিও গৱেষণা পত্ৰখনৰ আলোচনাৰ কলেবৰতালৈ লক্ষ্য ৰাখি উপন্যাসখনত প্ৰতিফলিত হোৱা বিষ্ণু ৰাভাৰ সংগ্ৰামী জীৱন আৰু সাংস্কৃতিক জীৱন - এই দুটা দিশহে আলোচনাৰ বাবে নিৰ্বাচন কৰা হৈছে।

পদ্ধতি :

প্ৰস্তাৱিত গৱেষণা পত্ৰখন আগবঢ়াই নিয়াৰ বাবে প্ৰাইমাৰী আৰু চেকেণ্ডাৰী তথ্যৰ প্ৰয়োজন হ’ব। প্ৰাইমাৰী তথ্য উৎসৰ সংগ্ৰহ হিচাপে মেদিনী চৌধুৰীৰ ‘ফেৰেংগাদাও’ উপন্যাসখন অধ্যয়ন কৰা হ’ব। চেকেণ্ডাৰী তথ্য সংগ্ৰহৰ বাবে সমালোচনামূলক গ্ৰন্থসমূহ অধ্যয়ন কৰা হ’ব। গোটেই অধ্যয়ন প্ৰক্ৰিয়াটো পৰ্যবেক্ষণ পদ্ধতি (Observation Method) আৰু বিশ্লেষণাত্মক পদ্ধতি (Analytical Method) প্ৰয়োগ কৰা হ’ব। এই অধ্যয়নটো উত্তৰ ঔপনিবেশীক আৰু তাত্ত্বিক দৃষ্টিকোণ (Post Colonial Theory) আৰু সমাজতাত্ত্বিক (Sociological) দৃষ্টিকোণৰ ভিত্তিত বিচাৰ কৰা হ’ব।

মূল বিষয়বস্তু আলোচনা :

‘ফেৰেংগাদাও’ উপন্যাসখনত বিষ্ণুপ্ৰসাদ ৰাভাক অসমৰ জাতীয় জীৱনৰ এগৰাকী সংগ্ৰামী শিল্পী হিচাপে অংকন কৰিছে। জীৱনৰ সকলোবোৰ সুখ-দুখ পৰিত্যাগ কৰি 1945 চনত বিপ্লৱী কমিউনিষ্ট পাৰ্টিত বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই যোগদান কৰি কৃষক বনুৱাৰ মাজত বিদ্ৰোহী চেতনাৰ জন্ম দিছিল। এই কমিউনিষ্ট পাৰ্টিৰ মূল লক্ষ্য আছিল শোষিত ধনীক শ্ৰেণীৰ কবলৰ পৰা শোষিত কৃষক আৰু শ্ৰমিকক মুক্ত কৰি সাম্যবাদ প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰাৰ বাবে সংগ্ৰাম কৰা।

সংগ্ৰামী শিল্পী বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই অসমত গণৰাজ্য প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰি দুখীয়া ৰাইজৰ অৰ্থনৈতিক স্বাধীনতা অনাৰ বাবে সংগ্ৰাম কৰিছিল। ইংৰাজে প্ৰৱৰ্তন কৰা মুদ্ৰানীতিৰ বলি হোৱা কৃষক সমাজ আৰু এই নীতিৰ প্ৰভাৱত প্ৰশাসন কেন্দ্ৰবোৰত সিহঁতক আশ্ৰয় কৰি জন্ম হোৱা মধ্যবিত্ত শ্ৰেণীয়ে কৃষিজীৱী সমাজক সৰ্বহাৰাত পৰিণত কৰিছিল। “মধ্যবিত্ত নগৰাশ্ৰয়ী লোকসকলে ইংৰাজৰ তলত চাকৰি-বাকৰি অথবা ঠিকা-ঠুকলি কৰাৰ ফলত জমা হোৱা মুদ্ৰা বিনিয়োগ কৰিছিল কৃষক শোষণৰ অস্বস্তিকপে। কেৱল মুদ্ৰাই নহয়, সাম্ৰাজ্যবাদী শোষক প্ৰভুৰ

ছত্ৰছায়াত লাভ কৰা বিভিন্ন নতুন শোষণ কৌশলো সিহঁতে প্ৰয়োগ কৰিবলৈ দ্বিধাবোধ কৰা নাছিল। সিহঁতৰ সহায়কৰূপে গাঁৱে-ভূঞা বিয়পি পৰিছিল ধূত নিৰ্দয় দালালবোৰ আৰু তাৰ পৰিণতি স্বৰূপে হেজাৰ হেজাৰ কৃষিজীৱী পৰিয়ালে হেৰুৱাবলগীয়াত পৰিছিল তেওঁলোকৰ একমাত্ৰ সম্বল শেষ আশ্ৰয়স্থল মাটিডৰাকো।” (ফেৰেংগাদাও, পৃঃ 32) সেয়েহে বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই নিজৰ জীৱনৰ সকলো দুখ-সম্ভোগ ত্যাগ কৰি কৃষক বনুৱাৰ মাজত এক বিদ্ৰোহী চেতনাৰ জন্ম দিছিল। লগে লগে বিষ্ণু ৰাভাৰ আৰম্ভ হৈছিল যাযাবৰী জীৱন।

1945 খ্ৰীঃত দক্ষিণ কামৰূপৰ উপৰহালীত অনুষ্ঠিত হোৱা কৃষক সভাত যোগদান কৰাৰ পিছৰ পৰাই ৰাভাই দৰিদ্ৰ জনসাধাৰণৰ মুক্তিৰ বাবে অসমৰ বিভিন্ন ঠাইত সভা-সমিতি পাতি ভাষণ আগবঢ়াইছিল। ৰাভাৰ দৃষ্টিত কৃষক বনুৱা আৰু নিম্ন মধ্যবিত্তৰ অৰ্থনৈতিক মুক্তি অবিহনে দেশৰ ৰাজনৈতিক স্বাধীনতা অৰ্থহীন। কৃষক বনুৱা শক্তিকে দেশৰ চিৰন্তন উৎস। সেয়েহে শোষিত শ্ৰেণীটোক আঁতৰ কৰাৰ মানসেৰে সংগ্ৰামী শিল্পী বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই কৈছিল — “মোৰ হিয়াৰ আমঠু, কলিজাৰ তেজৰ টোপাল আই-বোপাই, ভাই-ভনীটিহঁত। আমি আজি ৰণলৈ ওলাইছোঁ। ঠগ-প্ৰবঞ্চক-শোষকহঁতক মাৰি খেদি পঠোৱাৰ ৰণ। সিহঁত বাকু কোন চিনি পাইছানে? সিহঁতে নিতউ যি ধৰণে ভেশ সলাই আহে, সিহঁতক চিনাই টান হৈ পৰে।” (ফেৰেংগাদাও, পৃঃ 73) আকৌ গাঁৱে গাঁৱে গৈ দৰিদ্ৰ নিপীড়িত জনগণক বুজাই দিছিল — “গাঁৱৰ যে এই মাটিবোৰ, এইবোৰ বাকু কোনে ভাঙিছিল প্ৰথমতে? তোমালোকৰ বোপা-ককাহঁতে নহয় জানো? প্ৰথমতে কোনে খেতি কৰিছিল? তোমালোকৰ বোপা ককাহঁতে নহয় জানো? এতিয়াও তোমালোকে খেতি কৰি আছা। পিছে মাটিবোৰৰ মালিক কোন? মালিক হ’ল সিহঁত, যিয়ে মাটি ভঙা নাছিল, যি মাটিতো কোনো দিন গচকাই নাই, খেতি কৰাটো দূৰৰ কথা। ইপিনে ৰ’দে-বৰষুণে বোকাক বোকা নুবুলি, পানীক পানী নুবুলি জোক-চেৰেপাৰ কামোৰ খাই তেজক পানী কৰি খেতি কৰিবা তোমালোকে অথচ ভৰিৰ ওপৰত ভৰি তুলি ভালৰো ভালখিনি খাব সিহঁতে।” (ফেৰেংগাদাও, পৃঃ 73) আনকি বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই জনতাৰ মাজত বিদ্ৰোহী চেতনা জগাই তুলিবৰ বাবে নিজৰ বক্তব্য দাঙি ধৰিছে। উপন্যাসখনত এনে বক্তব্যৰ উদাহৰণ আছে — “সিহঁতৰ ধন বল আছে; কিন্তু আমাৰ আছে জনবল। আমি দুখীয়া গৰীৰ মানুহ দেশত ইমান আছোঁ যে সিহঁতৰ এটা ওলালে আমাৰ

হাজাৰটা ওলাব। গাঁৱত আমি আছোঁ, চহৰত কলত কাম কৰা বনুৱা আছে, ধোবা আছে, নাপিত আছে, গাৰোৱান আছে, মুচি আছে, দিন মজুৰ আছে। আমি যদি মুঠ বান্ধি ওলাওঁ সাধ্য আছে কাৰোবাৰ আমাক বাধা দিবলৈ।” (ফেৰেংগাদাও, পৃঃ74)

বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই কমিউনিষ্ট পাৰ্টিত যোগদান দিয়াৰ পিছৰে পৰা দেশীয় চৰকাৰখনে ৰাভাৰ মুৰব্বী মূল্য নিৰূপন কৰিলে দহ হাজাৰ টকা। ইয়াৰ ফলস্বৰূপে নিষিদ্ধ ঘোষিত কমিউনিষ্ট দলৰ সদস্য ৰাভাই অসমৰ বিভিন্ন প্ৰান্তত আত্মগোপন কৰি ঘূৰি ফুৰিব লগা হৈছিল। আত্মগোপন কৰি থকা অৱস্থাতো ৰাভাই সৰ্বহাৰা জনতাৰ মাজত স্বাধিকাৰ প্ৰাপ্তিৰ সংগ্ৰামৰ অগ্নিশিখা জ্বলাই দিছিল। বিষ্ণু ৰাভাৰ দৃঢ় বিশ্বাস আছিল এদিন নহয় তেওঁ সংগ্ৰামত জয়ী হ'ব। কিন্তু দিনে দিনে সাংগঠনিক কামবোৰ দুৰ্বল হৈ পৰিছিল আৰু এদিন সেই ভেঁটিটো নিঃশেষ হৈ গৈছিল। পিছত ৰাভাই সাদৃশ্যগত মিল থকা এটি নতুন দলত যোগদান কৰিলে। মুঠতে মেদিনী চৌধুৰীয়ে প্ৰাক্ স্বাধীনতা কালৰ অসমীয়া সমাজ জীৱনৰ ৰাজনৈতিক ক্ষেত্ৰখনৰ বিপ্লৱী ধ্যান-ধাৰণাৰ চিত্ৰ 'ফেৰেংগাদাও' উপন্যাসৰ যোগেদি নিষ্ঠাৰে অংকন কৰিছে।

বিষ্ণু ৰাভা অকল সংগ্ৰামী শিল্পীয়ে নাছিল, তেওঁ আছিল অসমীয়া সংস্কৃতিৰ মনীষী। সৰু কালৰ পৰাই ৰাভাই সংগীত চৰ্চা কৰিছিল। গিৰিজা শংকৰ চক্ৰৱৰ্তী আছিল ৰাভাৰ সংগীত চৰ্চাৰ গুৰু। আনকি ভিনহিয়েক ধাৰাৰাম মেচৰ পৰা তেওঁ বৰগীতৰ শিক্ষাও লাভ কৰিছিল। বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই তেওঁৰ তিনিকুৰি বছৰীয়া জীৱনত বিভিন্ন ধৰণৰ গীত ৰচনা কৰি নিজে সুৰ দি গাইছিল। প্ৰিয়া প্ৰেম, ঈশ্বৰ প্ৰেম, বিশ্ব প্ৰেম আদি ৰাভাৰ গীতৰ মূল প্ৰতিপাদ্য বিষয়। সংগীতৰ যোগেদি ৰাভাই বৃহত্তৰ অসমীয়া সংস্কৃতিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰখন বহল কৰি থৈ গৈছে।

বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই সকলো সংস্কৃতি আগ্ৰহ আৰু শ্ৰদ্ধাৰে শিকি তাৰ চৰ্চা কৰি অসমীয়া সংস্কৃতি সমৃদ্ধ কৰাৰ আগ্ৰহ আছিল। বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই বিভিন্ন ধৰণৰ গীত ৰচনা কৰিলেও 'ফেৰেংগাদাও' উপন্যাসত দৰিদ্ৰ জনসাধাৰণক শোষণ নিষ্পেষণৰ পৰা মুক্ত কৰাৰ প্ৰয়াসেৰে ৰচনা কৰা কিছু সংখ্যক গীত আৰু অসমীয়া কৃষ্টিৰ প্ৰতি থকা অসীম প্ৰেমৰ ভৱধাৰাৰ গীতহে অতি সজীৱ ৰূপত অংকিত হৈছে।

বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই কৃষক, বনুৱাৰ অৰ্থনৈতিক মুক্তিৰ বাবেই যুদ্ধ কৰিছিল।

মানুহ আছিল তেওঁৰ বিপ্লৱৰ একমাত্ৰ হাথিয়াৰ। দুখীয়াৰ কলিজাৰ ৰঙা তেজ শুহি খোৱা জমিদাৰীসকলৰ গৰ্ব, অহংকাৰ নিঃশেষ কৰাৰ বাবে ৰাভাই প্ৰতিবাদ কৰিছিল। শোষিত জনতাক তেওঁ জমিদাৰীসকলৰ বিৰুদ্ধে প্ৰতিবাদ কৰাৰ বাবে জাগ্ৰত কৰিছিল। শোষিত জনতাই ৰাভাৰ লগত একেলগে জমিদাৰীসকলৰ বিৰুদ্ধে প্ৰতিবাদ কৰিবলৈ উদ্যত হওতে অন্তৰ নিগৰি ৰাভাৰ কণ্ঠৰ পৰা ওলাই আহিছিল এই গীত –

“ব’ল ব’ল ব’ল কৃষক শক্তি দল
 অ’ বনুৱা সমনীয়া আগবাঢ়ি যাওঁ ব’ল।
 তোৰ বাহুত আছে লুকাই অসীম শক্তি বল।
 কিহৰ নো ভয় আছে
 অভয় বাণী দেৱতাৰ
 শতৰু চউপাশে বয়
 ধনী জমিদাৰ।
 শোহে কলিজাৰ ৰঙা তেজ
 প্ৰজা দুখীয়াৰ।
 ধবংশ কৰ ধবংশ কৰ ধনীৰ অহংকাৰ
 দয়া মায়া নকৰিবি
 ক্ষমাৰ যে দিন গ’ল।
 হাল-কোৰ-দা হাতুৰী লৈ
 ৰণলৈ যাওঁ ব’ল।” (ফেৰেংগাদাও, পৃঃ75)

অকল এয়ে নহয়, শোষণ নিষ্পেষণৰ পৰা দৰিদ্ৰ কৃষকক মুক্ত কৰাৰ প্ৰয়াসেৰে নিৰ্ভয়ে সৎ সাহস বুকুত বান্ধি কৃষক শক্তিক আগবাঢ়ি যোৱাৰ প্ৰয়াসেৰে সংগ্ৰামী শিল্পীগৰাকীয়ে হৃদয় আৰু কণ্ঠৰ সমস্ত সুধাকণ্ঠ উজাৰ কৰি গাইছে -

“ভয় নকৰ ভয় নকৰ, ব’ল ব’ল আগবাঢ়ি ব’ল
 ভয় নাই, ভয়ৰ কাৰণ নাই -
 আহিছে আহক আমাক আক্ৰমণ কৰিবলৈ
 সংগ্ৰাম আমি কৰি যাম -
 ব’ল আগবাঢ়ি ব’ল - (ফেৰেংগাদাও, পৃঃ 142)

বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই আন্তৰিকতাৰে অসম মাতৃক ভাল পাইছিল, অসম মাতৃৰ

উন্নতিৰ বাবে তেওঁ গীত ৰচনা কৰিছিল। সৰ্বসাধাৰণ জনতাৰ দুখ বেদনা মোচন কৰাৰ বাবে তেওঁ সংস্কৃতিৰ পূজাৰীক আস্থান জনাই গীত ৰচনা কৰিছিল, যি গীত মেদিনী চৌধুৰীয়ে 'ফেৰেংগাদাওঁ' উপন্যাসত অংকিত কৰিছে।

অ' পূজাৰী, আদৰি দিলোঁ এই বৰণ শৰাই
পূজাৰী, দিলোঁ এই বৰণ শৰাই ;
বিয়াপি ধৰণী ; শুনো বিগি বিগি
জগতৰ নানা বিলাই।

পূজাৰী, দিলোঁ এই বৰণ শৰাই
হৰি নাম ভকতি হৰি নাম ৰকতি

হৰি নাম মুকুতি পায়..... (ফেৰেংগাদাও, পৃঃ 38)

বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই অকল অসমীয়া ভাষাতেই যে গীত ৰচনা কৰিছিল তেনে নহয়, বড়ো ভাষাটো তেওঁ বহুত গীত ৰচনা কৰিছিল। উল্লেখযোগ্য যে অসমীয়া ভাষাৰ উপৰিও ৰাভাই 17 টা ভাষা জানিছিল। আনকি 'শান্তি নিকেটন'ত 16 টা ভাষাৰ 17 টা গীত পৰিবেশন কৰি নিজৰ প্ৰতিভা প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছিল। মেদিনী চৌধুৰীয়ে 'ফেৰেংগাদাওঁ' উপন্যাসত বহুতো বড়ো ভাষাৰ গীত সন্নিৱিষ্ট কৰিছে। অৱশ্যে এই গীতখিনিত দৰিদ্ৰ কৃষকক জমিদাৰী মহাজনৰ কবলৰ পৰা মুক্ত কৰাৰ প্ৰয়াস দেখা যায়।

বিষ্ণু ৰাভাই জীৱনৰ শেষ বয়সত ৰচনা কৰা 'এয়ে মোৰ শেষ গান। মোৰ জীৱন নাটৰ শেষ বাগিনী' গীতটোও মেদিনী চৌধুৰীয়ে 'ফেৰেংগাদাওঁ' উপন্যাসখনত বিষ্ণু ৰাভাৰ অসমীয়া কৃষ্টি-সংস্কৃতিৰ প্ৰতি থকা শ্ৰদ্ধা ভাৱ প্ৰকাশ কৰিছে। অসমীয়া সমাজ জীৱনৰ পিতৃ পুৰুষ হৈছে যুগজয়ী মহাপুৰুষ শ্ৰীমন্ত শংকৰদেৱ। ভাওনাৰে গুৰুজনাই অসমীয়া সংস্কৃতিৰ পথাৰখন বিশাল কৰি থৈ গৈছে। অসমীয়া জাতীয় সত্ত্বাৰ নিদৰ্শন আমি ভাওনাৰ যোগেদি পাব পাৰো। ভাওনা আৰম্ভ হয় ধেমালি নান্দীৰে আৰু ইয়াৰ সামৰণি পৰে কল্যাণ খৰমানেৰে। 'এয়ে মোৰ শেষ গান'ত অসমীয়া সমাজৰ বৰবায়ন স্বৰূপ বিষ্ণু প্ৰসাদে নিজৰ জীৱনৰ পাতনিত ধেমালি নান্দী গোৱাৰ আৰু কল্যাণ ৰাগ, খৰমান তালেৰে জীৱন নাট সামৰাৰ উল্লেখৰে অসমীয়া কৃষ্টিৰ লগত একাত্মবোধৰ নিদৰ্শন দাঙি ধৰিছে। (ডেকা, ব্ৰজেন্দ্ৰ নাথ আৰু জালান, গোপাল (সংকঃ) : ৰত্ন ওজাৰ কৃষ্টি সুৰভি, পৃঃ 209)। মুঠতে ক'ব পাৰি এগৰাকী সংগীত শিল্পী

হিচাপে বিষ্ণু বাভাই গীত ৰচনা কৰিলে, নিজে সুৰ দি বাইজৰ আগত গীত পৰিবেশন কৰাৰ লগতে আনকো গীত শিকালে।

নৃত্যৰ যোগেদি অসমৰ সাংস্কৃতিক ক্ষেত্ৰখনত বিষ্ণু বাভাই উল্লেখনীয় বৰঙণি আগবঢ়াই থৈ গৈছে। ঢাকা চহৰত থকা অৱস্থাত বিষ্ণু বাভাই কালাচান্দৰ ওচৰত নৃত্য শিক্ষা লাভ কৰিছিল। কাশী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ত বিষ্ণু বাভাই শিৱৰ তাণ্ডৱ নৃত্য প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰি ড° সৰ্বপল্লী বাধাকৃষ্ণৰ পৰা সোণৰ পদক লাভ কৰিছিল। বেনাৰস বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ত বাভাই জনদিয়েক অসমৰ ছাত্ৰৰ আশ্ৰয়ত থকা অৱস্থাত ৰমনী শৰ্মা, কালীনাথ শৰ্মা এনেদৰে তাৰ অসমীয়া ছাত্ৰ কেইজনমানৰ উদ্যোগত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ নাট মঞ্চত বিষ্ণু বাভাই নাইট পতা হৈছিল। সেই অনুষ্ঠানৰ প্ৰধান সহায়ক আছিল অধ্যাপক কালেনকাৰ, অধ্যাপক মিশ্ৰ এনেদৰে স্থানীয় নাট্য সংঘৰ কেবাগৰাকীও গুণী সজ্জন ব্যক্তি। (ফেৰেংগাদাও, পৃঃ 25) তাতে বিষ্ণু বাভাই নৃত্য প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰিছিল। বাঁহী আৰু মঞ্জিৰাই অপূৰ্ব সংগীত সমলয়ৰ সৃষ্টি কৰিলে। ঔপন্যাসিকৰ ভাষাত – “সি সেইদিনা প্ৰাণ ঢালি নাচিছিল - শিশুলীলা আৰু শিশু তাণ্ডৱ। দৰ্শকৰ উত্তাল অভিনন্দনে উদ্যোক্তাসকলক উল্লাসিত কৰি তুলিছিল আৰু সি বাতাবাতি হৈ পৰিছিল স্থানীয় শিল্পী সমাজৰ মধ্যমণি। বাটে, পথে, উৎসৱে, অনুষ্ঠানে অগনন গুণমুগ্ধজনে তাক জনাইছিল শ্ৰদ্ধাৰ অকুণ্ঠ অভিনন্দন।” (ফেৰেংগাদাও, পৃঃ 25) বিষ্ণু বাভাৰ গণমুখী নৃত্যই অসমীয়া সংস্কৃতিৰ পথাৰখনৰ আয়তন বহু পৰিমাণে বহল কৰি তুলিলে।

অসমীয়া সংস্কৃতিৰ মনীষী বিষ্ণুবাভা অকল অসমৰে নহয়, ভাৰতৰে শ্ৰেষ্ঠ কলাবিদ। তেওঁ চিত্ৰশিল্পৰ যোগেদিও অসমৰ এটি সাংস্কৃতিক বাতাবৰণ সৃষ্টি কৰিছিল। বাভাৰ দৃষ্টিত শ্ৰীকৃষ্ণ, লিওনাৰ্ড দা ভিন্সি আৰু অসমৰ শংকৰদেৱ - এই তিনিজন মহাপুৰুষে আছিল কৃষ্টিৰ আঁকৰ স্বৰূপ। ‘ফেৰেংগাদাও’ উপন্যাসখনত চৌধুৰীয়ে বাভাক এগৰাকী চিত্ৰশিল্পী হিচাপেও অংকন কৰিছে। অসমীয়া জাতিৰ জনক, অসমীয়া সংস্কৃতিৰ সাধক মহাপুৰুষ শ্ৰীমন্ত শংকৰদেৱৰ কাল্পনিক চিত্ৰ আঁকি বাভাই অসমীয়া চিত্ৰকলাৰ ইতিহাসত এক নতুন পদক্ষেপ গ্ৰহণ কৰিলে।

বিষ্ণু প্ৰসাদ বাভা আছিল বহুমুখী প্ৰতিভাৰ আঁকৰ স্বৰূপ। গীত, নৃত্য

আৰু চিত্ৰশিল্পীৰ উপৰি তেওঁ আছিল সুদক্ষ নাট্যকাৰ, পৰিচালক আৰু নিখুঁত অভিনেতা। বাভাৰ নিখুঁত অভিনয়ে অজস্ৰ দৰ্শকৰ অভিনন্দন লাভ কৰিছিল। জয়মতীৰ দিনৰে পৰা জ্যোতিপ্ৰসাদে বাভাৰ ওচৰত যি আস্থা আৰোপ কৰিছিল তাক বাভাই অক্ষুণ্ণ ৰাখিছিল। ভূপেন হাজৰিকাৰ ‘কা শ্বৰাতি’ নামৰ চিনেমাখনতো বাভাই অভিনয় কৰিছিল এগৰাকী চিয়েমৰ। ভূপেন হাজৰিকাই বাভাৰ অভিনয় সম্পৰ্কে মন্তব্য দি লিখিছিল - “জৰাইৰ খেতিয়াকৰ পৰা প্ৰফেচৰ শ্লোৱেনলৈকে, বৰবজাৰৰ ফল বেচোতা বুঢ়ীৰ পৰা চেণ্ট্ এডমাণ্ডচ কলেজৰ খাচী অধ্যাপকলৈ, শ্বৰাতিৰ চিয়েম আপোনাক একেমুখে শলাগিছে। বিদগ্ধ পণ্ডিত মিস্টাৰ প্ৰিমৰোজ গ্ৰ্যাটফোৱে আপোনাৰ অভিনয় বিষয়ে মন্তব্য দি কৈছে — **Only a cultural artist could be such a lovable siem.** (ফেৰেংগাদাও, পৃঃ 279) ইয়াৰ উপৰিও পূৰ্বজ্যোতি থিয়েটাৰৰ ‘শোণিক কুঁৱৰী’ নাটৰ সংগীত পৰিচালক আছিল বিষ্ণু ৰাভা। আচলতে বিষ্ণু ৰাভা, ফণী শৰ্মা, জ্যোতিপ্ৰসাদ আগৰৱালা, ভূপেন হাজৰিকা - আদি চিৰস্মৰণীয় ব্যক্তিসকলে অসমৰ সাংস্কৃতিক জীৱনত যে অপৰিসীম অৱদান দি গৈছিল সেই কথাও ‘ফেৰেংগাদাও’ উপন্যাসত অংকিত হৈছে।

সামৰণি :

গৱেষণা পত্ৰখনত ‘ফেৰেংগাদাও’ উপন্যাসত প্ৰতিফলিত হোৱা বিষ্ণু ৰাভাৰ সংগ্ৰামী জীৱন আৰু সাংস্কৃতিক জীৱনৰ কিছু আভাস দাঙি ধৰাৰ নাম মাত্ৰ প্ৰয়াস কৰা হৈছে। আমাৰ এই অধ্যয়ন একেবাৰে প্ৰাথমিক স্তৰৰ। আনহাতে, গৱেষণা পত্ৰখনৰ সীমাবদ্ধতাইও আমাৰ অধ্যয়নৰ পৰিসীমাক নিৰ্দিষ্টতাৰ মাজত আৱদ্ধ কৰি ৰাখিছে। তথাপি, আমাৰ আশা এয়ে যে, আমাৰ এই অধ্যয়নে সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষয়টোৰ সন্দৰ্ভত ভৱিষ্যত গৱেষকসকলক আৰু অধিক বিশ্লেষণ আৰু অনুসন্ধান সম্পৰ্কে পথৰ সন্ধান দিব। ইয়াৰ উপৰিও উপন্যাসখনত প্ৰতিফলিত অৰ্থনৈতিক জীৱন, ৰাজনৈতিক জীৱন, উপন্যাসখনত অন্যতম বৈশিষ্ট্য হিচাপে দেখা দিয়া ভাষা আৰু শৈলীৰ ওপৰত গৱেষণামূলক আলোচনা কৰাৰ বাবে এখন ক্ষেত্ৰ ৰৈ আছে।

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ইতিহাসৰ দোকমোকালিৰ পৰা আমাৰ দেশখনক প্ৰাগজ্যোতিষ কামৰূপ নামেৰে জনা যায়। প্ৰাগজ্যোতিষ কামৰূপৰ ইতিহাস মানে এটা প্ৰাচীন সভ্যতাৰ ইতিহাস। ইয়াৰ ভিন্ন ৰাজনৈতিক আৰু সাংস্কৃতিক চৰিত্ৰৰ ভেটিত এই সভ্যতা গঢ়ি উঠিছে। এইখন দেশৰ সমাজ-সংস্কৃতি অষ্ট্ৰিক, আলপাইন আৰ্য্য আৰু তিব্বতীয় বাৰ্মা উপাদানৰ অবদানেৰে গঢ়ি উঠিছে। প্ৰাচীন অসমৰ প্ৰাক আৰ্য্য আৰু বৈদিক আৰ্য্যসকলে এটা উন্নত সভ্যতাৰ সৃষ্টিত অৰিহণা যোগাইছে। প্ৰাচীন অসমলৈ বিভিন্ন দিশৰ পৰা নেথ্ৰিটো, অষ্ট্ৰিক, ইন্দোনেচিয়ান, আলপাইন আৰ্য্য, তিব্বতীয় বাৰ্মা আদি লোকৰ প্ৰব্ৰজন হৈছিল। শ শ বছৰ ধৰি এই জনগোষ্ঠীবোৰৰ সংমিশ্ৰণে আৰু তেওঁলোকে অসমলৈ কঢ়িয়াই অনা উপাদানবোৰে অসমীয়া সংস্কৃতি গঠনত অৰিহণা যোগাইছে। অসমলৈ প্ৰব্ৰজন হোৱা তিব্বত বৰ্মীলোকসকল আছিল- কাছাৰী, কোচ, ৰাভা, মেচ, মিকিৰ, লালুং, ডিমাচা, গাৰো, নগা আদি। তেওঁলোকে অসমত প্ৰবেশ কৰি প্ৰতিটো জনগোষ্ঠীয়ে নিজৰ মতে একোখন সমাজ গঠন কৰি সামাজিক জীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰিছিল। প্ৰতিটো জনগোষ্ঠীয়ে কামৰূপলৈ অহাৰ সময়ত লৈ আহিছিল নিজস্ব চহকী সংস্কৃতি। লাহে লাহে সমাজৰ মানুহবোৰৰ মাজত পাৰস্পৰিক সম্পৰ্ক স্থাপন হৈছিল আৰু এটা গোষ্ঠীৰ বা এখন সমাজৰ পৰা আন এখন সমাজলৈ সংস্কৃতিৰ আদান-প্ৰাদন হৈছিল আৰু এখন নতুন বহল সমাজ ভিন্ন গোষ্ঠীৰ সংমিশ্ৰণত গঢ় লৈ উঠিছিল। এই নতুন বহল সকলোকে সামৰি গঠন কৰা বাবে-ৰহেনীয়া সমাজখনত প্ৰতিটো জাতি-জনগোষ্ঠীৰ আচাৰ-ব্যৱহাৰ, মাত-কথা, ৰীতি-নীতি, সংস্কৃতি প্ৰতিফলিত হৈছিল, যদিও প্ৰতিটো জনগোষ্ঠীৰে একোটা নিজস্ব স্বাধীন সংস্কৃতি ভৰা সত্ত্ৰা আছিল। এই লোকসকলে নিজৰ স্বকীয় পৰিচয়, সংস্কৃতি, বৈশিষ্ট্য আদি অতুত ৰাখি এখন

উমৈহতিয়া অসমীয়া সমাজ গঠনত অৰিহণা যোগাইছিল। প্ৰতিটো জনগোষ্ঠীয়ে আগবঢ়োৱা নিজৰ ভাষা, সংস্কৃতি খাদ্য, আচাৰ, বৃত্তি আদিৰ অৱদানেৰে এখন সুস্থ অসমীয়া জাতি গঠনত সাৰ-পানি যোগাইছিল। এনেদৰে কামৰূপত ৰাজ্য গঠনৰ লগে উন্নত চহকী সংস্কৃতিৰে ভৰা এটা জাতি গঠন হৈছিল। এখন দেশ বা এটা সুসংগঠিত জাতি হবলৈ হলে এটা নিৰ্দিষ্ট ভূ-খণ্ড, শাসন পদ্ধতি, আইন, কলা-সংস্কৃতি, ভাষা, ৰীতি-নীতি, ধৰ্ম আদি থাকিব লাগিব। প্ৰাগজ্যোতিষ কামৰূপ আলপাইন আৰ্য্য (অসুৰ বা দানৱৰূপী) সকলৰ ঐতিহ্যবাহী শাসকসকলে আৰু ভৌমবংশীয় ৰজাসকলে ৰাজনৈতিক ইতিহাস সৃষ্টি কৰিছিল। প্ৰাচীন অসমৰ প্ৰথম বংশানুক্রমিক ৰাজবংশ বৰ্মণ বংশই প্ৰশাসনিক গাঠনি, ভাষা, ধৰ্ম আৰু মিশ্ৰিত সংস্কৃতিৰ যোগেদি সমাজ আৰু জাতি গঠনৰ প্ৰক্ৰিয়া আৰম্ভ কৰিছিল আৰু বৰ্মণ বংশৰ উত্তৰাধিকাৰী পাল বংশ আৰু শালস্তম্ভ বংশৰ সময়ত এই কাৰ্য্য ত্বৰান্বিত হৈ পূৰ্ণ গতিত অব্যাহত আছিল। এই তিনিটা ৰাজবংশৰ সময়তে প্ৰাগজ্যোতিষ কামৰূপত অসমলৈ প্ৰব্ৰজিত হোৱা ভিন ভিন জাতি জনগোষ্ঠী ঐক্যবদ্ধ হৈ পৰিছিল আৰু অনাৰ্য্য-আৰ্য্য সংস্কৃতি মিলি গৈ এটা বৃহৎ সংস্কৃতি গঠন প্ৰক্ৰিয়াৰ সূচনা হৈছিল। বৰ্তমান অসমৰ সংস্কৃতিৰ ভেটি ভৌম বংশৰ ৰাজত্বকালতে গঢ় লৈ উঠিছিল। ভৌম বংশৰ ৰজাসকলৰ ৰাজনৈতিক আদৰ্শ, তেওঁলোকৰ পৃষ্ঠপোষকতা, উদাৰতা, নীতি, ধৰ্ম আৰু ন্যায় ব্যৱস্থাই কামৰূপত জাতি গঠন প্ৰক্ৰিয়াৰ প্ৰথমটো স্তৰ আছিল যাৰ ফলত সকলো জাতি জনগোষ্ঠী ঐক্যবদ্ধ হৈ পৰিছিল। এই সময়তে জাতিৰ উপাদানবোৰে গতি লাভ কৰিছিল আৰু পৰৱৰ্তী সময়ত অসমীয়া জাতিয়ে পূৰ্ণতা লাভ কৰিছিল। গতিকে বৰ্মণ বংশ, পাল বংশ আৰু শালস্তম্ভ বংশৰ শাসকসকল অসমত জাতি গঠনৰ কটকটীয়া আছিল। কিয়নো জাতীয় জীৱনৰ সকলো আহিলা তেওঁলোকৰ ৰাজত্বকালতে নিৰ্মাণ হৈছিল।

প্ৰাচীন কামৰূপৰ আদি বাসিন্দা কিৰাত (অসুৰ) সকলে পাহাৰত, গুহা, কন্দৰত একেলগে বাস কৰিছিল। বনবাসী বা অৰণ্যবাসী নামে জনাজাত কিৰাতসকলে গ্ৰাম সমাজ আৰম্ভ কৰিছিল আৰু ইয়াতেই তেওঁলোকে পৰিয়াল জীৱন, ধৰ্ম, সংস্কৃতি, ৰীতি-নীতিৰে জীৱন অতিবাহিত কৰিছিল। মাতৃ প্ৰধান কিৰাতসকলৰ ৰজা আছিল মহীৰুদান আৰু তেওঁ মাতৃভক্ত আছিল।

কিৰাতসকল মদ, মাংস আৰু মৈথুন প্ৰিয় আছিল আৰু অত্যাচাৰী আছিল। কিৰাতবংশীয় অষ্ট্ৰিকসকলে নীলাচল পাহাৰত যোনি পূজা আৰম্ভ কৰিছিল। অত্যাচাৰী শেষৰজন কিৰাত ৰজা ঘটকাসুৰক বধ কৰি নৰকে কামৰূপৰ ৰজা হৈছিল। যিসকল অষ্ট্ৰিকলোক কামৰূপত ৰৈ গৈছিল তেওঁলোকক সন্তুষ্ট কৰিবলৈ নৰকে যোনি পূজা আৰম্ভ কৰিছিল। তেওঁৰ সময়ৰ পৰা যোনি দেৱী কামাখ্যা দেৱীলৈ ৰূপান্তৰ হৈছিল। নৰক ভূমি বা বসুমতীৰ পুত্ৰ বাবে তেওঁৰ বংশটোক ভৌমবংশ বোলে। প্ৰথম শতিকা (বা 2 য় শতিকা) ৰ পৰা কামৰূপলৈ আৰ্য্যসকলৰ আগমন হৈছিল। তাৰ পূৰ্বে কামৰূপত কৈৰাত ধৰ্ম প্ৰচলন আছিল। কিন্তু আৰ্য্য সকলৰ আগমনৰ পিছত কৈৰাত ধৰ্মৰ ঠাইত আৰ্য্য ধৰ্ম বা হিন্দ ধৰ্মৰ প্ৰচলন হৈছিল। নৰকৰ উৎপত্তি আলপাইন আৰ্য্যৰ পৰা হোৱা বুলি কোৱা হয়। তেওঁ আৰ্য্যসকলক কামৰূপত সংস্থাপন কৰিছিল। তেওঁ বৈদিক ৰীতিৰ প্ৰতি শ্ৰদ্ধাশীল আছিল আৰু তেওঁ নিজে বেদত পাৰ্গত আছিল। অসমৰ জাতি গঠনত অষ্ট্ৰিক সকলৰ অৱদান বেছি নাথাকিব পাৰে কিন্তু এইটো স্পষ্ট যে তেওঁলোকৰ সংস্কৃতি অসমৰ বহু অনুষ্ঠান, প্ৰথা আৰু অসমীয়া মানুহৰ আচৰণত এতিয়াও প্ৰতিফলিত হৈ আছে। আলপাইন আৰ্য্যৰ উপৰিও অসমলৈ অহা বৈদিক আৰ্য্যসকলৰ ভিতৰত আছিল উচ্চ শ্ৰেণীৰ আৰ্য্যসকল যেনে- ব্ৰাহ্মণ, কায়স্থ আৰু কলিতা। নৰক আৰ্য্যসকলৰ প্ৰভাবাধীন আছিল আৰু আৰ্য্য ব্ৰাহ্মণসকলক সংস্থাপিত কৰাৰ উপৰিও আৰ্য্য ধৰ্ম প্ৰচাৰৰ বাবে পদক্ষেপ লৈছিল। কিন্তু পিছলৈ তেওঁ অত্যাচাৰী হোৱাত কৃষ্ণই নৰকক বধ কৰি ভগদত্তক কামৰূপৰ ৰজা পাতিছিল।

অসমত প্ৰথম ৰাজনৈতিক বংশানুক্রমিক ইতিহাসৰ সৃষ্টি কৰা বৰ্মণ বংশৰ ৰজাসকলে আৰ্য্য ধৰ্ম প্ৰচাৰৰ বাবে ব্ৰাহ্মণসকলক অসমৰ বিভিন্ন ঠাইত সংস্থাপিত কৰিবলৈ ভূমি দান প্ৰথা আৰম্ভ কৰিছিল। ভূতি বৰ্মণে প্ৰাচীন কামৰূপৰ ময়ূৰশালসল অগ্ৰহৰত 200 ঘৰ ব্ৰাহ্মণক মাটি দান কৰিছিল। বৰ্মণ বংশৰ ৰজাসকলে নিজৰ মানুহৰ মাজত আৰ্য্যসকলক সংস্থাপন দি অসমৰ আদিম অধিবাসীসকলক আৰ্য্যসূতিলৈ আনি তেওঁলোকক আৰ্য্য ধৰ্ম, ৰীতি-নীতি আৰু ভাষা প্ৰদান কৰিছিল। এনেদৰে বৰ্মণ বংশৰ ৰাজসকলৰ পৃষ্ঠপোষকতাত আৰ্য্যকৰণ প্ৰক্ৰিয়াত জনজাতীয়সকলৰ গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ অৱদান আছিল ভিন ভিন

জনগোষ্ঠীৰ মাজত বা ক্ষুদ্ৰ ক্ষুদ্ৰ জাতি সমূহৰ মাজত একতাৰ ভাৱ সৃষ্টি কৰা আৰু এই মিলনৰ বা একতাৰ মূলতেই আছিল সংস্কৃত ভাষা। সংস্কৃত কেৱল ৰাজ সভাৰ বা ৰজাঘৰীয়াৰ ভাষায়ে নাছিল, ই আছিল কবি, দাৰ্শনিক আৰু প্ৰচাৰক সকলৰ ভাৱ প্ৰকাশৰ মাধ্যম। এটা আৰ্য্য ভাষা হিচাবে আধুনিক অসমীয়া ভাষা 10 তম শতিকাত সংস্কৃতৰ পৰা বিকশিত হৈছিল। সংস্কৃত ভাষা কোৱা আৰ্য্যসকল বিশেষকৈ ব্ৰাহ্মণ আৰু কায়স্থসকল মধ্য ভাৰত বিদেহ আৰু কনৌজৰ পৰা কামৰূপলৈ আহিছিল। ভৌগলিক দিশৰ পৰা অসমৰ পশ্চিম সীমা বিহাৰৰ কৌশিক নদীলৈ বিস্তৃত আছিল আৰু কামৰূপীসকল পৌন্দ্ৰ, ওদ্ৰ, অঙ্গ, বংগ আৰু গৌড়ৰ সৈতে প্ৰাচ্যৰ, কলিতাসকলক অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰিছিল। একেদৰে কামৰূপত আৰ্য্যসকলৰ প্ৰভাৱ আৰু প্ৰভুত্ব ইমানেই গভীৰ হৈছিল যে সাধাৰণ বৈদিক প্ৰথা, ৰীতি নীতি কামৰূপৰ জাতীয় জীৱনত সোমাই গৈছিল। ইয়াৰ এটা উদাহৰণ হ'ল ইন্দ্ৰ পূজাৰ দৰে বৈদিক প্ৰথা ভঠেলিৰ ৰূপত অসমীয়া সমাজৰ সাংস্কৃতিৰ অঙ্গ হৈ পৰিছিল আৰু ই আজিও সমাজত প্ৰচলিত হৈ আছে। একেদৰে অসমীয়া মহিলাই পৰিধান কৰা মেখলা বৈদিক সভ্যতাৰ অৱদান। প্ৰাচীন সমাজ চাৰি বৰ্ণ, ব্ৰাহ্মণ, ক্ষত্ৰিয়, বৈশ্য আৰু শূদ্ৰত বিভাজিত আছিল। ৰজাই আছিল ধৰ্ম ৰক্ষক, সমাজ ৰক্ষক, পালক আৰু ন্যায় ৰক্ষক।

প্ৰাচীন কামৰূপত সংস্কৃত সাহিত্যৰ বিকাশ হৈছিল আৰু ই জাতিক প্ৰতিফলিত কৰিছিল। সাহিত্য জাতিৰ জনক, জাতিৰ দাপোন। ঔষধ, পাটি গণিত আদিৰ চৰ্চা হৈছিল। 665 খৃঃত গ্ৰহ নক্ষত্ৰৰ ওপৰত 'কামৰূপ নিবন্ধনিয় খণ্ড সাধ্য' ৰচিত হৈছিল। ৰত্নপালৰ সময়ত বজ্ৰযান গুৰু নাগাৰ্জুনে যোগশতক ৰচনা কৰিছিল। 11 শতিকাত মিননাথে কৌলজ্ঞান নিৰ্ণয়, আকুলবীৰতন্ত্ৰ, কামাখ্যাগুহ্য সিদ্ধি, তন্ত্ৰশাস্ত্ৰ ৰচনা কৰিছিল। 10 তম শতিকাত কামৰূপত ধৰ্মপালৰ পৃষ্ঠপোষকতাত কালিতা পুৰাণ এখন ঐতিহাসিক আৰু সাংস্কৃতিক গ্ৰন্থ ৰচিত হৈছিল। 8 ম শতিকাত কামৰূপৰ হৰ্ষদেৱে ৰত্নাৱলী ৰচনা কৰিছিল। ১। বৰ্মণ ৰজাসকলে সংগঠিত সমাজৰ দ্বাৰা সুসংহত ৰাজ্য আৰু ৰাজতন্ত্ৰৰ প্ৰচলন কৰিছিল। প্ৰজাৰ ধৰ্ম, অৰ্থ, কাম, ৰজা কৰি মোক্ষ প্ৰাপ্তিৰ ৰজাৰ প্ৰধান কৰ্তব্য। ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ উপত্যকাত প্ৰকৃত ৰাজনৈতিক ব্যৱস্থাৰ সূচনা কৰি সুশাসনৰ যোগেদি প্ৰজা পালন কৰি জনতাৰ কল্যাণ সাধন কৰিছিল। তেওঁলোক ৰজা

হৈও একছত্ৰী নাছিল মন্ত্ৰী, ডা-ডাঙৰীয়া, বিষয়া, সামন্ত, সেনাধিনায়ক আদিৰ ব্যৱস্থাবে গণতান্ত্ৰিক পদ্ধতিৰে দেশ শাসন কৰিছিল। বংশানুক্ৰমিক পদ্ধতিৰে পুৰুষানুক্ৰমে অৰ্হতাৰ আধাৰত ৰাজপদৰ গৰাকী হোৱাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছিল। ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ উপত্যকাত প্ৰথম মৎসন্যায় দূৰ কৰি ন্যায়ৰ সাসনেৰে নানা জনগোষ্ঠীক, নানা ধৰ্মক একতাৰে বন্ধা প্ৰথম ৰাজবংশ সহান বৰ্মণ বংশ। ভিন ভিন জনগোষ্ঠীক সকলো মৰ্যাদা, অধিকাৰ, ন্যায় প্ৰদান কৰি এক বৈচিত্ৰময় জাতি গঠনৰ প্ৰক্ৰিয়া আৰু এক শক্তিশালী ভেটি ৰচনা কৰিছিল বৰ্মণ বংশৰ ৰজাসকলে। অকল সেয়ে নহয় বংশ, ৰাজ পৰিয়াল, ধৰ্ম, শাসন, দান, কৰ্তব্য, ন্যায় আদি সকলো লিখিত ৰূপত পৰবৰ্তী সভ্যতালৈ আগবঢ়াই থৈ যোৱা প্ৰথম মহিমাখণ্ডিত ৰাজবংশ বৰ্মণ বংশ। তেওঁলোকৰ শাসনৰ তুলনা নাই। সামসাময়িক ভাৰতবৰ্ষত বৰ্মন বংশৰ স্থান সকলোতকৈ ওপৰত। তেওঁলোকে এখন শক্তিশালী শৃংখলাবদ্ধ ৰাজ্য গঠন কৰি ধৰ্ম, অৰ্থ, সংস্কৃতি, ন্যায়, কলা, শিক্ষাৰে চহকী কৰি পৰবৰ্তী ৰাজবংশক আগবাঢ়ি যোৱাৰ সুযোগ প্ৰদান কৰিছে। আধুনিক ৰাজ্যৰ সকলো উপাদান সৃষ্টি কৰি গৈছিল।

২। বৰ্মন বংশৰ গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ অবদান আছিল সংবিধান সদৃশ তামৰ লিপিবোৰ। লিপিবোৰত ৰজাৰ অৰ্হতা, গুণ, ৰজাৰ অভিষেক, ৰাজপদৰ বংশানুক্ৰমিক পদ্ধতি, ৰাজহ, সেনাবাহিনী, চৰকাৰৰ মন্ত্ৰী বিষয়া আদিৰ বৃত্তান্ত সন্নিবিষ্ট হৈছে। ৰজাৰ কৰ্তব্য ৰজা নিৰ্বাচন পদ্ধতি, ৰাজকোষ, কৰ ব্যৱস্থা, দুৰ্গ বিচাৰ ব্যৱস্থা আদিৰ দৰে সকলো সাংবিধানিক উপাদান তামৰ লিপিবোৰত আছে।

৩। অৱন্তী বৰ্মণৰ পৃষ্ঠপোষকতাত বিশা খাদন্তৰ মুদ্ৰাৰক্ষস কামৰূপত ৰচিত হৈছিল (P.C.C.- 372)। 9 ম শতিকাৰ এজন কামৰূপৰ বৌদ্ধ পণ্ডিত অভিন গুপ্তই শঙ্কৰাচাৰ্য্যৰ সৈতে তৰ্ক যুদ্ধত লিপ্ত হৈছিল। তেওঁৰ এখন গ্ৰন্থ আছিল তন্ত্ৰলোক আৰু তন্ত্ৰসাৰ। বজ্ৰসন সাহিত্যৰ এখন গ্ৰন্থ পূৰ্ব ভাৰতত ৰচিত ই আছিল দাকাৰ্ণৱী। মিননাথৰ শিষ্য গোবৰ্দ্ধনাথে গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ বজ্ৰঘান সাহিত্য যেনে গোবৰ্দ্ধ সংহিত আৰু কামৰত্ন তন্ত্ৰ ৰচনা কৰিছিল। কামৰূপৰ সহজায়োগিনী চিন্তাই ব্যক্তভাবনুগত তত্ত্ব সিদ্ধি লিখিছিল। যোগিনী তন্ত্ৰ আৰু হৰগৌৰী সংবাদ 12 শতিকাৰ পিছত ৰচিত কিন্তু ইয়াৰ গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ বিষয়বস্তু পূৰ্বৰ সময়ৰ। অসমত সংস্কৃতত ৰচিত যোগিনী তন্ত্ৰ ঐতিহাসিক তথ্যৰে ভৰপূৰ।

সেই সময়ত অসমীয়া ভাষা আৰু সাহিত্যই গঢ় লৈ থকা অৱস্থাত। মাত্ৰ কিছুসংখ্যক অসমীয়া লিখক অনিৰুদ্ধ ভট্ট, নীতি বৰ্মণ আৰু পুৰুষোত্তম বিদ্যাবাগীষৰ 12 শতিকাত উত্থান হৈছিল।

৪। প্ৰাচীন অসমৰ ধৰ্মীয় সামাজিক ভেটি নিৰ্মাণ কৰিছিল ইয়াত বাস কৰা নানা জাতিৰ ৰীতি-নীতিয়ে। অসমত হিন্দু ধৰ্মৰ ভেটি শক্তিশালী কৰিছিল বা প্ৰস্তুত কৰিছিল অনাৰ্য আৰু আৰ্যসকলে পালন কৰি অহা উৰ্বৰা প্ৰথা, চিকাৰ আৰু নৰবলি, মাতৃ পূজা (দেৱী), শক্তি ধৰ্ম আৰু অনান্য জড়বাদী বিশ্বাসে। মৌন পূজাৰ এটা উপাদান হ'ল বিগ্ৰহ পূজা বা মূৰ্তি পূজা। ই এটা বড় যাদু-শিল আৰু গছ আদি বিষয়ৰ সৈতে জড়িত। জড় পূজাই অসমত তান্ত্ৰিক পূজাৰ উপাদানবোৰ কঢ়িয়াই আনিছিল। ইয়াৰ কেন্দ্ৰস্থল আছিল নীলাচলৰ কামাখ্যা অষ্টিক আৰু আন উপাদানৰ দ্বাৰা কামাখ্যাত যোনি দেৱীৰ পূজাই বিকাশ লাভ কৰিছিল। প্ৰাচীন অসমত শিলৰ জননায়ৰ পূজাই সেই ধাৰণাকে দিয়ে। কালিকা পুৰাণে যোনি আৰু লিঙ্গ পূজাৰ সংকেত দিয়ে। যোগিনী তন্ত্ৰত কামৰূপত অসংখ্য লিঙ্গৰ অৱস্থিতিৰ বিবৰণ দিয়ে। জনন শক্তিৰ পূজাৰ পাৰ মূৰ্তি পূজাৰ উৎপত্তি হৈছিল।

৫। মূৰ্তি পূজা হ'ল জড়পূজা আৰু ই অনাৰ্যসকলৰ অবদান। কামাখ্যা আৰু শদিয়াত নৰবলিৰ প্ৰমাণ কালিকা পুৰাণ আৰু যোগিনী তন্ত্ৰত পোৱা যায়। অনাৰ্য আৰু আৰ্যসকলৰ মাজত শিৱক নানা ৰূপত পূজা কৰিছিল। যেনে- পশুপতি, মহাদেৱ, মহাকাল, বনমাল বৰ্মাদেৱে তেজপুৰত হেতুকাচুলিন মন্দিৰ নিৰ্মাণ কৰিছিল। কাঃ পু- কামাখ্যাক নৰকে দেৱীৰূপত পূজা কৰাৰ পূৰ্বে শিৱ দেশখনৰ মূল অভিভাবক দেৱতা আছিল। (সাহিত্য আৰু স্থাপত্য প্ৰমাণ)। কিৰাত সকলে পূজা কৰিছিল। জলেশ্বৰ ৰজাই প্ৰথম শিৱ জুজা আৰু মন্দিৰ নিৰ্মাণ কৰিছিল। ভাস্কৰবৰ্মণে শিৱ পূজা কৰা তথ্য বানৰ পূৰ্ণচৰিতত আছে। যোগিনী তন্ত্ৰই লিঙ্গ ৰূপত শিৱৰ পূজাৰ বৰ্ণনা দিয়ে। ইয়াত নানা ৰূপত শিৱ পূজাৰ তথ্য দিয়ে।

৬। লিপিত শিৱ পূজাৰ তথ্য আছে- বনমালা (হেতুকাচুলিন মন্দিৰ), ৰত্নপাল, শম্ভুৰ মন্দিৰ, বল্লভদেৱে মহাদেৱৰ মন্দিৰ, ভগদত্তই শিৱ পূজা, বজ্জদত্ত- শিৱৰ পূজা, ডুবি নিধানপুৰত শিৱ পূজাৰ, তেজপুৰ শিললিপিত হৰ্জাৰক পৰম মহেশ্বৰ,

বৰগাওঁ লিপিত শিৱৰ তাণ্ডৰ নৃত্যৰ তথ্য, গুৱাহাটী লিপিত শম্ভু আৰু পশুপতি, খনামুখী লিপিত অৰ্ধযুৱতীশ্বৰ, কামউলি লিপিত শিৱপূজা, খনামুখীত অৰ্ধনাৰীশ্বৰ, ধংসাৱশেষবোৰে শিৱ পূজাৰ প্ৰমাণ দিয়ে।

৭। প্ৰাগজ্যোতিষ কামৰূপত কিৰাতসকলে মাতৃ পূজা কৰিছিল। তেওঁলোকে নীলাচল পাহাৰত যোনি পূজা কৰিছিল। নৰকে কামৰূপ বিজয় কৰি যোনি দেৱীক কামাখ্যা ৰূপত পূজা কৰিছিল। এনেদৰে কামৰূপত শক্তি পূজাই প্ৰাধান্য লাভ কৰিছিল। পৰবৰ্তী সময়ত শক্তিক নানা ৰূপত যেনে পাৰ্বতী, উগ্ৰতাৰা, ভূৱনেশ্বৰী, কালী, দুৰ্গা আদি ৰূপত পূজা কৰা হৈছিল আৰু ই জাতীয় জীৱনৰ অঙ্গ হৈ পৰিছিল। পৰবৰ্তী কালত পুৰাণ, তন্ত্র শাস্ত্ৰত নানা ধৰণৰ পৌৰাণিক কাহিনীৰে দেৱীৰ উৎপত্তি ব্যাখ্যা কৰা হৈছে। শক্তি পূজা অসমীয়া হিন্দু সমাজৰ সংস্কৃতিৰ প্ৰধান অঙ্গ।

৮। খৃঃ 1 ম শতিকাত ৰচিত পৰাশৰ তন্ত্ৰৰ ভৌগলিক বিবৰণত প্ৰাগজ্যোতিষ আৰু লৌহিত্যৰ বৰ্ণনা আছে। 4 থ-5 ম শতিকাৰ পিছত ৰচিত ৰঘুবংশ হিউৱেন চাঙৰ টোকা আৰু পুৰাণবোৰত ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ উপত্যকাত আৰ্য্য বসতিৰ উল্লেখ আছে। বেছিভাগ সাহিত্যই প্ৰাগজ্যোতিষৰ ৰজা নৰক ভগদত্তৰ সৈতে আৰ্য্য বসতিৰ কথা উল্লেখ কৰে। কালিকা পুৰাণে ক্ষত্ৰীয় হিচাব ৰাজসিংহাসনত অধিষ্ঠিত হোৱাৰ উপৰিও আৰ্য্যসকলক সংস্থাপন দিছিল। ইয়াৰ ফলত প্ৰাগজ্যোতিষত অনাৰ্য্য আৰু আৰ্য্য সংস্কৃতিৰ মিশ্ৰণ হৈছিল। কিছুমান পণ্ডিতে ভগদত্তই কামৰূপত 100 ব্ৰাহ্মণ সংস্থাপন কৰা বুলি কৈছে, আনকি জিতাৰীয়ে সংস্থাপন কৰিছিল। সেয়ে নৰক ভগদত্তই আলপাইন আৰ্য্য বুলি সম্ভৱত কোৱা হৈছে। পি. চি. চৌধুৰীৰ মতে সম্ভৱত খৃঃ প্ৰথম শতিকাত নৰকৰ উত্থান হৈছিল। তেওঁ নৰকৰ অসম আক্ৰমণক অসমত আৰ্য্য সংস্কৃতি প্ৰচাৰৰ প্ৰচেষ্টা হিচাবে বিদেহৰ বৰ্ণনা কৰে। তেওঁৰ আৰ্য্য মানটোৱে তাকে নিৰ্দেশ কৰে। অসমলৈ আৰ্য্য সংস্কৃতি প্ৰচাৰ হোৱাৰ ফলত কামৰূপ ব্ৰাহ্মণ্য শিক্ষাৰ কেন্দ্ৰ হৈ পৰিছিল আৰু কামৰূপৰ ব্ৰাহ্মণক ভূমিদান কৰি সন্মান জনোৱা হৈছিল। বহু ৰজা আলপাইন আৰ্য্য বুলি ধৰিলেও ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ উপত্যকাক আৰ্য্যকৰণ কৰণত প্ৰভূত বৰঙণি যোগাইছিল আৰু জাতি সমূহক হিন্দু ধৰ্মী হিচাবে পৰিৱৰ্তন কৰাৰ বাবে দায়ী আছিল। আনকি বহু তিব্বত বৰ্মীও ৰজাইও হিন্দু ৰজাৰ উত্তৰাধিকাৰী হিচাবে হিন্দু সংস্কৃতি গ্ৰহণ

কৰিছিল আৰু ক্ষত্ৰীয় হিচাবে পৰিচিত হৈছিল। আনকি ইয়াৰ প্ৰভাব প্ৰতিবেশী ৰাজ্য ভূটান আৰু দক্ষিণ পূব এছিয়াতো পৰিছিল।

অসমৰ প্ৰাচীন ৰজাসকল অনা-ইন্দো এৰিয়ান আৰু ইন্দো-এৰিয়ান ৰজাসকলৰ সামন্তৰূপে সংস্কৃতিকৰণ প্ৰক্ৰিয়াও আৰম্ভ হৈছিল। অৱশ্যে সংস্কৃতিকৰণ প্ৰক্ৰিয়া সম্পূৰ্ণ হোৱা নাছিল কিন্তু বহু জনজাতিয়ে ব্ৰাহ্মণ্য প্ৰভাৱৰ পৰা বহু দূৰত বা বাহিৰত আছিল আৰু জনজাতিকৰণ হৈছিল।

৯। ব্ৰাহ্মী আৰু দেৱনাগৰীৰ পৰা পৰ্যায়ক্ৰমে অসমীয়া ভাষাৰ উৎপত্তি হৈছিল। দেৱনাগৰীক অসমত আছিল আখৰ হিচাবে জনা যায়। 4 ত্ৰ শতিকাৰ পৰা 6 ঠ শতিকাৰ আৰম্ভণিতে অসমত আখৰ লিখনিৰ সৃষ্টি হোৱা বুলি জনা যায়। ইয়াৰ প্ৰমাণ উমাচল শিলা লিপি সংস্কৃত গদ্য (মহেন্দ্ৰবৰ্মণৰ ৰাজত্বকালত)। কামৰূপী দোৱান হিচাবে ক্ৰমশ পৰিবৰ্তন হৈ ই মধ্যভাৰতৰ পৰা পৃথক হৈ পৰিছিল। দুয়োটা লিপি আৰু ভাষাৰ ক্ৰমবিকাশৰ প্ৰক্ৰিয়া অব্যাহত আছিল যেতিয়ালৈ ই ব্যক্তিগত আৰু স্বাধীন ৰূপৰ আখৰ হোৱা নাছিল। কানাই বৰশী শিলালিপিত (1127 শক) আৰু আশ্বাৰী শিলালিপিত কিছু অসমীয়া ভাষাৰ নমুনা পোৱা গৈছে। ব্ৰাহ্মীৰ লগতে পুৰণি অসমীয়া লিপি চৰিত্ৰ উদ্ধাৰ হৈছে। 12 শতিকাৰ ভিতৰত অসমীয়া বৰ্ণ বা আখৰে কম বেছি পৰিমাণে বৰ্তমানৰ ৰূপ পাইছে। লিপিবোৰ উত্তৰ ভাৰতীয় ব্ৰাহ্মী আৰু দেৱনাগৰী আখৰ আৰু সংস্কৃত ভাষাত ৰচিত হৈছিল। গতিকে ব্ৰাহ্মী আৰু দেৱনাগৰীৰ পৰা হোৱা ক্ৰমশ ৰূপান্তৰ বা পৰিবৰ্তন হৈ অসমীয়া বা কামৰূপী লিপিলৈ পৰিবৰ্তন হৈছে। এনেদৰে সপ্তম শতিকাত অসমীয়া ভাষাৰ গঠন হবলৈ ধৰিছে (তেজপুৰ শিলালিপি, বনমাল আৰু হৰ্জাৰ বৰ্মণৰ লিপি)। এনেদৰে অসমীয়া ভাষা কেবাটাও ভাষাৰ সৈতে মিলি স্বাধীন ভাবে ওলাই আহিছে।

১০। টোল আৰু গ্ৰাম্য পঢ়াশালীৰ জৰিয়তে ব্ৰাহ্মণৰ দ্বাৰা (অগ্ৰহৰ গাওঁবোৰত) শিক্ষাদান কৰা হৈছিল। কবি, পণ্ডিত, ধৰ্মগুৰু আৰু শিক্ষিত লোকক ৰাজকীয় সন্মান আৰু পৃষ্ঠপোষকতা কৰা হৈছিল। ৰাজ সভা গুণী-জ্ঞানী পণ্ডিতৰ দ্বাৰা শোভিত আছিল। তীৰ্থযাত্ৰী, ভ্ৰমণকাৰীক ৰাজকীয় সন্মান প্ৰদান কৰা হৈছিল। ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ বা প্ৰাগজ্যোতিষ সভ্যতাৰ ৰজাসকল নিজে গুণী-জ্ঞানী আৰু শাস্ত্ৰত পাৰ্গত আছিল। স্থিত বৰ্মণ, পুৰন্দৰ পাল, হৰ্ষ পাল, ধৰ্মপাল আদি ৰজা সকল

সাহিত্যৰ অনুৰাগী আছিল। ভাৰতীয় পণ্ডিত অভিনৱ গুপ্ত, কুমাৰীল ভট্ট, বিশাখাদত্ত, মিননাথৰ কামৰূপৰ সৈতে সম্পৰ্ক আছিল। শিক্ষাদান বেদ উপনিষদ, আয়ুৰবেদ, ধনুৰাবেদ, গন্ধৰ্ববেদ, তন্ত্র, বেদাঙ্গ, ইতিহাস, পুৰাণ, স্মৃতি শাস্ত্ৰ, কামশাস্ত্ৰ, শিল্প শাস্ত্ৰ, অলঙ্কাৰ, কাব্য আদি ওপৰত প্ৰদান কৰা হৈছিল।

এনেদৰে ভৌমবংশৰ ৰাজত্ব কালত কামৰূপত ৰাজনৈতিক ধাৰণা আৰু পৰিবেশ সৃষ্টি কৰা হৈছিল। গতিকে ৰাজ্য গঠনৰ জৰিয়তে আদিম আৰ্য্য-অনাৰ্য্য অসংখ্য জাতিক একত্ৰিত কৰি এক ৰাজনৈতিক চক্ৰৰ অধীনলৈ আনি এক উমৈহতীয়া সংস্কৃতি গঢ়ি তোলা হৈছিল। এই কৃতিত্ব সকলো ৰাজবংশৰ ভিতৰত বৰ্মণ বংশৰ বা ভৌমবংশৰহে কেৱল প্ৰাপ্য। এখন ৰাজ্য আৰু এটা জাতিৰ সুস্থ জীৱন-যাপনৰ বাবে প্ৰয়োজনীয় সকলো উপদান ভৌমবংশৰ সময়তে সৃষ্টি হৈছিল। জাতি এটা জীয়াই থকাৰ বাবে সকলো প্ৰয়োজনীয় মৌলিক উপদান বাৰ শতিকাৰ পূৰ্বে গঢ় লৈ উঠিছিল আৰু পৰবৰ্তী ৰাজবংশই সেই উপাদানৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰি এটা পূৰ্ণাঙ্গ মহান অসমীয়া জাতি গঢ়ি তুলিছিল।

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ভাষা হৈছে বাক্যত্বৰ দ্বাৰা যাদৃচ্ছিক ধ্বনি প্ৰতীকৰ সহায়ত ভাৱৰ আদান প্ৰদান কৰা এক মাধ্যম। ই সাধাৰণতে সংস্কৃত 'ভাষ্' ধাতুৰ পৰা সিদ্ধ হৈছে। ইয়াৰ অৰ্থ হৈছে ব্যক্তিৰ বাণীৰ স্পষ্ট অভিব্যঞ্জনা। ষ্টুৰ্টভেণ্টৰ মতে- "A Language is a system of arbitrary vocal symbols by which members of a social group co-operate and interact"।^১ ইয়াৰ উপৰিও ৰসৰাজ লক্ষ্মীনাথ বেজবৰুৱাই ভাষা সম্পৰ্কে মন্তব্য ৰাখিছে এনে দৰে- "মানুহে মনৰ চিন্তা বা ভাৱ প্ৰকাশৰ সঙ্কেত স্বৰূপে নানা প্ৰকাৰে লগ লগোৱা আৰু সজোৱা যিবিলাক নানা সুৰীয়া শব্দ বা মাত ব্যৱহাৰ কৰে সেই বিলাককে ভাষা বোলা হয়। ভাষা ছাল, ভাৱ তেজ-মণ্ডহ।^২ বৰ্তমান সময়ত পৃথিৱীত প্ৰায় ৪,০০০ তকৈ অধিক ভাষা আছে। তাৰে ভিতৰত ভাৰত চৰকাৰে কৰা ভাষা সমীক্ষা অনুসৰি ভাৰতবৰ্ষত ১৬৫২ টা বিভিন্ন ধৰণৰ ভাষাৰ প্ৰচলন হয়। এই প্ৰত্যেকটো ভাষাৰ মাজত কিছু নগণ্য আদান প্ৰদান থাকিলেও বাক্য গঠনৰ শৈলী কিন্তু সম্পূৰ্ণ পৃথক বুলি ক'ব পাৰি। প্ৰত্যেকটো ভাষাৰ মাজত সৃষ্টি হোৱা সাহিত্যসমূহৰ বিভাগবোৰৰ মাজত সামঞ্জস্য থাকিলেও ইয়াৰ সমলবোৰৰ গঠন ৰীতিয়ে এক নিৰ্দিষ্ট শৈলীক অনুসৰণ কৰিহে ৰচিত হয়।

বীজ শব্দ :

মাতৃভাষা, প্ৰথমভাষা, শৈলী বিজ্ঞান, সাহিত্য।

০.০০ অৱতৰণিকা :

ভাষা হৈছে এক সাংকেতিক প্ৰণালী। পৃথিবীত ব্যৱহৃত এই ভাষাসমূহক কিছুমান ভাগত ভাগ কৰিব পাৰি। সেই ভাগসমূহ হৈছে— “ব্যক্তি ভাষা (Ideolect), পৰিয়ালৰ ভাষা (Family Language), আঞ্চলিক ভাষা (Regional Language), মান্য ভাষা (Standard Language), উপ ভাষা (Dialect), কথিত ভাষা (Spoken Language), লিখিত ভাষা (Written Language), মাতৃ ভাষা বা প্ৰথম ভাষা (Mother tongue or First Language), দ্বিতীয় ভাষা (Second Language), ৰাজ্যিক ভাষা (State Language), ৰাষ্ট্ৰ ভাষা (National Language), মিশ্ৰ ভাষা (Pidgin Language), উমৈহতীয়া ভাষা (Lingua Franca), গুপ্ত বা গোপন ভাষা (Secret Language), আন্তঃৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় ভাষা (International Language)।”^{৩০}

এই বিভিন্ন প্ৰকাৰৰ ভাষা গোটসমূহৰ অন্তৰ্গত অন্যতম গোটটো হ’ল মাতৃভাষা বা প্ৰথম ভাষা (Mother tongue or First Language)। ভাৰত চৰকাৰৰ ভাষা সমীক্ষা অনুসৰি বৰ্তমান ভাৰতবৰ্ষত প্ৰায় ৫৭৪ টা মাতৃভাষাৰ প্ৰচলন হয় বুলি ক’ব পাৰি। মাতৃভাষা হৈছে প্ৰত্যেকজন মানুহৰ জন্মসিদ্ধ বাক ভাষা। এই ভাষাৰ জৰিয়তে গোটেই পৃথিবীখনৰ লগত মানুহ এজনে বাল্য কালতে পৰিচিত হয়। এই ভাষাৰ মহত্বৰ প্ৰসংগত পি. গাৰীয়ে কৈছে এনেদৰে- "Indeed mother tongue is so much apart of our mental lives and of our unreflecting consciousness as well as of our automatic responses to experience, that usually we are not aware of language when we speak or listen or write. We are conscious then only of what we have in mind, what we want to say or to know; and so our mind, concentrate on meanings, not one word as symbols. For language is a vessel carrying a load of meaning; and we donot perceive the words in sound or written symbols, as words but

only as meanings." (Teaching of English as a Foreign language)।^৪ মাতৃভাষা যদিও বা স্বতঃস্ফূর্তভাৱে শিকা এক ভাষা; কিন্তু যেতিয়া ইয়াক একোটা সাহিত্য মাধ্যমত ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা হয় তেতিয়া ইয়াৰ ব্যৱহাৰত বিভিন্ন শৈলীক অনুকৰণ কৰা হয়।

০.০১ অধ্যয়নৰ লক্ষ্য আৰু উদ্দেশ্য :

ভাষা অধ্যয়নৰ ক্ষেত্ৰখনত মাতৃভাষা বা প্ৰথম ভাষা সম্পৰ্কে যথেষ্টখিনি আলোচনা আছে যদিও মাতৃভাষা বা প্ৰথম ভাষাৰ সাহিত্যত ব্যৱহাৰৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানে কেনেদৰে সহায় কৰে সেই সম্পৰ্কে আলোচনা যথেষ্ট নগণ্য। সেয়েহে আমাৰ এই গৱেষণা কৰ্মটিৰ লক্ষ্য আৰু উদ্দেশ্য হৈছে প্ৰয়োগ ভাষা বিজ্ঞানৰ এটা দিশ শৈলী বিজ্ঞানে মাতৃভাষাৰ সাহিত্য ৰচনাত কেনেধৰণৰ ভূমিকা গ্ৰহণ কৰে তাৰ বিচাৰ কৰা।

০.০২ অধ্যয়নৰ পৰিসৰ :

আমাৰ এই গৱেষণা কৰ্মটিত অসমীয়া মাতৃভাষা সাহিত্যৰ ভিতৰুৱা কথন, লিখন, সমালোচনাৰ সমলসমূহ ৰচনাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত শিকাৰূক শৈলী বিজ্ঞানে কেনেদৰে সহায় কৰে, এই দিশ সম্পৰ্কে আলোকপাত কৰা।

০.০৩ অধ্যয়নৰ পদ্ধতি :

গৱেষণা কৰ্মটি সমাপন কৰিবলৈ বিশেষকৈ বিশ্লেষণাত্মক পদ্ধতি অৱলম্বন কৰা হ'ব। ইয়াৰ উপৰি প্ৰয়োজন অনুসৰি বৰ্ণনাত্মক পদ্ধতিৰো আশ্ৰয় লোৱা হ'ব।

০.০৪ অধ্যয়নৰ উৎস :

প্ৰস্তুৰিত গৱেষণা কৰ্মটিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত অধ্যয়নৰ পৰিসৰ হিচাপে 'ভাষা আহৰণ', 'অসমীয়া মাতৃভাষা শিক্ষণ পদ্ধতি', 'প্ৰয়োগ ভাষা বিজ্ঞানৰ ৰূপৰেখা', 'শৈলী আৰু শৈলী বিজ্ঞান' গ্ৰন্থকেইখনক মুখ্য সমল হিচাপে গ্ৰহণ কৰা হ'ব। আনহাতে মাতৃভাষা, শৈলী বিজ্ঞান সম্পৰ্কীয় আলোচনী, প্ৰবন্ধ,

সমালোচনামূলক আলোচনাক গৌণ সমল হিচাপে গ্ৰহণ কৰা হ'ব।

১.০০ মূল বিষয়ৰ আলোচনা :

১.০১ প্ৰথম ভাষা বা মাতৃভাষাৰ আভাস :

প্ৰত্যেক মানুহেই যিকোনো ভাষা এটাক নিজৰ মাতৃভাষা বুলি গণ্য কৰে। মাতৃভাষা বুলি ক'লে আমি ক'ব পাৰো শিশু এটাই ভূমিষ্ঠ হোৱাৰ পিছৰে পৰা নিজৰ মাতৃৰ সান্নিধ্যত লালিত-পালিত হৈ তথা নিজ পৰিয়ালৰ সদস্যবোৰৰ লগত উমলি-জামলি সদস্যবোৰৰ মুখৰ কথা-বতৰা শুনি নিজে আওৰাই যি ভাষা ক'বলৈ শিকে, তাকে মাতৃভাষা বুলি কোৱা হয়। এই ভাষাটোকে শিশুৱে প্ৰথম অৱস্থাত শৰীৰৰ অংগ হিচাপে বিবেচনা কৰি বাহ্যিক জগতখনৰ লগত সম্পৰ্ক স্থাপন কৰে। শিশু এটাই কথা ক'ব পৰা হোৱাৰ লগে লগে নিজ মাতৃভাষাই জীৱনৰ আৰম্ভণিতে আহে বাবে ইয়াক 'প্ৰথম ভাষা' (First language) নাইবা 'L1' বুলিও কোৱা হয়। মাতৃভাষা সম্পৰ্কে ৰায়বাৰ্ণে কৈছে এনেদৰে— "The mother tongue is at once a tool, a source of joy and happiness and knowledge, a director of taste and feeling; and a means of using the highest powers that God has given us, where we come close to him; that is our creating powers" (Suggestions for the Teaching of Mother Tongue in India)৫

মাতৃভাষা সম্পৰ্কে আন এক মন্তব্য দাঙি ধৰিছে কমলাকান্ত ভট্টাচাৰ্য দেৱে। তেওঁৰ মতে— "মানুহক জ্ঞান শিকোৱাৰ কি বুজোৱাৰ আঁদি হৈছে মাতৃভাষা। মাতৃভাষাৰে যেনেকৈ সুগম আৰু সোনকালে ল'ৰা-ছোৱালীক শিক্ষা দিব পাৰি আন কোনো ভাষাৰে তেনেদৰে নোৱাৰি।"

১.০২ শৈলী বিজ্ঞানৰ আভাস :

সকলো ভাষাতে সাহিত্য ৰচনা কৰিবলৈ ইয়াৰ ভিতৰুৱা সমলসমূহক বিভিন্ন ৰীতি-নীতি, কলা-কৌশলৰ প্ৰয়োগেৰে প্ৰাণবন্ত কৰি তোলা হয়। সাহিত্যসমূহত যিবোৰ আঙ্গিকৰ প্ৰয়োগ কৰি ৰচনা কৰা হয়, সেইবোৰ একো একোটা শৈলী হৈ। সাহিত্যিকে যিমান উপযুক্ত শৈলীৰে নিপুন পস্থা অৱলম্বন কৰি ভাষাক ওজস্বিনীভাৱে প্ৰকাশ কৰি পাঠকৰ মন মগজু হৃদয়গ্ৰাহী কৰি তুলিব,

সেই সাহিত্যৰ শৈলী সিমানেই সবল হ'ব বুলি ক'ব পৰা যায়। দৰাচলতে শৈলী মাতৃভাষা আৰু বিদ্যালয়ৰ পাঠ্যক্ৰমৰ প্ৰথম ভাষাৰ মাজত মিল নাথাকিলে তেওঁ বহুত ধৈৰ্য আৰু কষ্টৰ প্ৰচেষ্টাৰে শ্ৰৱণ, কথন, পঠন আৰু লিখন কলাত পাৰ্গত হ'ব লগা হয়।

প্ৰথম ভাষাৰ শিক্ষাত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানে বিশেষভাৱে সহায় কৰে। যদিওবা আমি একাধাৰে কৈ দিব নোৱাৰো কিন্তু ভালদৰে বিচাৰ-বিশ্লেষণ কৰিলে ইয়াৰ সত্যাসত্য আমাৰ চকুত ধৰা দিয়েহি। শৈলী বিজ্ঞান যিহেতু ৰচনাৰ এক শৈলী আৰু এই শৈলীসমূহক বিধিবদ্ধতাৰে বৈজ্ঞানিক দৃষ্টিভংগীৰে বিচাৰ কৰি আলোচনা কৰে; সেয়েহে প্ৰথম ভাষাত লিখা সাহিত্যৰ বিভিন্ন সমলসমূহত ইয়াৰ প্ৰভাৱ অতি সুস্পষ্ট। সাহিত্যৰ বিভিন্ন ভাগ যেনে- কবিতা, নাটক, উপন্যাস, গল্প, প্ৰবন্ধ, ৰম্য ৰচনা আদিৰ ৰূপ গঠন কৰাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত ভাষাৰ সমলসমূহৰ ব্যৱহাৰৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানৰ অধ্যয়নে বিশেষভাৱে সহায় কৰে। তলত সাহিত্যৰ সমলসমূহত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানৰ প্ৰভাৱ সম্পৰ্কে কেইটামান বিভাগৰ মাজেৰে আলোচনা কৰা হ'ল।

১.০৩.০১ কথন শৈলীৰ বিকাশত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানৰ প্ৰভাৱ :

মানুহৰ জীৱনত কথন শৈলীৰ প্ৰয়োজন অতি আৱশ্যক। কথন শৈলীৰ মাজেৰেই মানুহে নিজৰ মনৰ ভাৱ অনুভূতি আন মাধ্যমবোৰতকৈ বৈছি সুস্পষ্টভাৱে প্ৰকাশ কৰিব পাৰে। কথন শৈলীৰ বিকাশৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত এজন শিক্ষাৰ্থীয়ে বিদ্যালয়ত পঢ়ি থকা সময়ত বা ইয়াৰ পিছতো প্ৰথম ভাষাত কথা বতৰা পাতিব পাৰে, প্ৰশ্নকৰণ, উত্তৰ প্ৰদান, নিজৰ জ্ঞানগৰ্ভৰ বিষয়ৰ ওপৰত দুৱাৰাৰ বক্তৃতা দিয়া নাইবা সৰু ল'ৰা-ছোৱালীক যিকোনো বিষয়ৰ ওপৰত জ্ঞান দিয়াত প্ৰথম ভাষাৰ আহৰণে যথেষ্টভাৱে সহায় কৰে। কিন্তু বাস্তৱ জীৱনত; ৰাজহুৱা কাৰ্য যেনে- মেল-মিটিং, সভাসদত, হঠাৎ হোৱা বাক-বিতণ্ডাত কথন শৈলীৰ চাতুৰ্যতাৰ দ্বাৰা এজন ব্যক্তিয়ে শ্ৰোতাক বুজনি দিয়া, শান্ত কৰা তথা মোহ নিয়াব পাৰে, তাৰোপৰি কটু সমালোচকক উপযুক্ত উক্তি-যুক্তিৰ উদ্ধৃতিৰে তেওঁ কৰা সমালোচনা খণ্ডন কৰিব পাৰে। এনে ধৰণৰ কথন শৈলীৰ বাকপটুতা আয়ত্ব কৰিবলৈ ব্যক্তি এজনে শিকি অহা প্ৰথম ভাষাটোৰ একে শব্দ সম্ভাৰ

জ্ঞান, শব্দৰ ক্ৰমৰ পৰিৱৰ্তন, শ্বাসাঘাত, স্থান সাপেক্ষে যতিচিহ্নৰ ব্যৱহাৰ, শব্দৰ ব্যঞ্জনা সৃষ্টি কৰিব পৰা ক্ষমতা, সুৰ লহৰ, শৰীৰৰ বাকযন্ত্ৰৰ সঠিক প্ৰয়োগ আৰু ইয়াৰ ভাৱভংগী, দ্বিৰুক্তিৰ প্ৰয়োগ সঠিক সময়ত, সঠিক ক্ষেত্ৰত প্ৰয়োগ কৰিব পাৰিব লাগিব। এই শৈলীসমূহক কৰণত কৰিবলৈ শৈলী বিজ্ঞানৰ অধ্যয়নে সহায় কৰে। কাৰণ আমি ক'ব পাৰো যে শৈলী বিজ্ঞানে আমাক অৰ্থাৎ শিকাৰুক প্ৰথম ভাষাৰ জ্ঞান দিয়াতকৈ ভাষাটোক শক্তিশালী গুণ সম্পন্ন কৰি কৰ্ম ক্ষেত্ৰত যথোপযুক্তভাৱে প্ৰয়োগ কৰিবলৈ শিকায়। এই ক্ষেত্ৰত আমি প্ৰসংগক্ৰমে ক'ব পাৰো- 'শ্বেক্সপিয়েৰ'ৰ বিখ্যাত নাটক 'Julius Caesar' ৰ বিখ্যাত চতুৰ চৰিত্ৰ 'এণ্টনি'ৰ কথা। নাট্যকাৰ শ্বেক্সপিয়েৰে ৫০০ বছৰ আগতে ভাষাক শৈলীৰ মাধ্যমেৰে ওজস্বীভাৱে প্ৰকাশ কৰি থৈ গৈছে। তেখেতে 'এণ্টনি' চৰিত্ৰৰ মাজেৰে 'চিজাৰ' হত্যা হোৱাৰ পিছত ক্ষুব্ধ হোৱা জনসাধাৰণক প্ৰথমে সমবেদনা জ্ঞাপন কৰি এক দীঘলীয়া বক্তৃতাৰ মাজেৰে ৰাইজৰ প্ৰতিবাদী মনটোক সম্পূৰ্ণ বিপৰীতমুখী কৰি তুলিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছিল। উদাহৰণ স্বৰূপে-এণ্টনিৰ বিখ্যাত বক্তৃতাৰ এটি কলিৰ উদ্ধৃতি দিয়া হ'ল—

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears; I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him. The evil that men do lives after them; The good is oft interred with their bones; So let it be with Caesar. The noble Brutus Hath told you Caesar was ambitious; If it were so, it was a grievous fault, And grievously hath Caesar answer'd it. Here, under leave of Brutus and the rest-- For Brutus is an honourable man; So are they all, all honourable men-- Come I to speak in Caesar's funeral.

He was my friend, faithful and just to me; But Brutus says he was ambitious; And Brutus is an honourable man. He hath brought many captives home to Rome Whose ransoms did the general coffers fill; Did this in Caesar seem ambitious? When that the poor have cried, Caesar hath wept; Ambition should be made of sterner stuff; Yet Brutus says he was ambitious; And Brutus is an honourable man.

You all did see that on the Lupercal I thrice presented him
a kingly crown, Which he did thrice refuse : was this ambition? Yet
Brutus says he was ambitious; And, sure, he is an honourable man.
I speak not to disprove what Brutus spoke, But here I am to speak
what I do know.

You all did love him once, not without cause : What cause
withholds you then, to mourn for him? O judgment! thou art fled to
brutish beasts, And men have lost their reason. Bear with me; My
heart is in the coffin there with Caesar, And I must pause till it come
back to me." (Act III, Scene 2 : Antony's funeral speech)৮

গতিকে শ্বেল্পপিয়েৰৰ 'Julius Caesar' নাটকৰ মাজেৰে ক'ব পৰা
যায় শৈলী বিজ্ঞানে আমাক কখন শৈলীৰ ভাষাক নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ কৰাৰ ক্ষমতাৰ পয়োভৰ
বৃদ্ধি কৰে। আমি এই বিদ্যা বিভিন্ন পৰিবেশৰ অনুকৰণত আয়ত্ত কৰিব পাৰোঁ।

১.০৩.০২ লিখন কলাৰ বিকাশত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানৰ প্ৰভাৱ :

মানুহে মনৰ ভাৱ আৰু বিভিন্ন দৃষ্টিভংগী লিপিবদ্ধ কৰা কলাই হৈছে
লিখন কলা। সাহিত্যৰ ভিতৰুৱা এইবিধ কলাৰ যোগেদিয়েই বিখ্যাত বিখ্যাত
নাটক, কবিতা, গল্প, বৰ্ম্যৰচনাৰ সমলসমূহক জীৱন্ত ৰূপ দান দিয়া হয়। সাহিত্যৰ
ভিতৰুৱা নাটকৰ সমল ৰচনাত লিখন কলাৰ শৈলীৰ ওপৰত যথেষ্ট গুৰুত্ব
আৰোপ কৰা হয়। লিখন শৈলীৰ জৰিয়তে একোখন নাটক হৈ উঠে প্ৰাণবন্ত
তথা দৰ্শক সন্মোহিত। নাটকৰ সংলাপ লিখনৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত কিছুমান নিৰ্দিষ্ট শৈলীৰ
ওপৰত গুৰুত্ব দিয়া হয়। ভাষাৰ শৈলীৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত উপযুক্ত বাক্য বা বাক্যাংশৰ
চয়ন, শব্দ আৰু শব্দ গুচ্ছ, উপমা, অংলকাৰ, পটন্তৰ, সুৰ লহৰৰ উপযুক্ত প্ৰয়োগ,
পূৰ্ণ প্ৰসংগ আৰু খণ্ডিত সংলাপৰ পৰিপূৰ্ণকৰণ, ভাষাক ওজস্বী ব্যৱহাৰ আদিৰ
ওপৰত গুৰুত্ব আৰোপ কৰা হয় তথা নাটকীয় কাহিনীৰ ক্ৰম বিকাশৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত
মুখ, প্ৰতিমুখ, গৰ্ভ, অৱমৰ্শ আৰু নিৰ্বাহণ এই শৈলী কেইটাক নিৰ্ভৰ কৰিয়েই
একোখন নাটকৰ কাহিনীৰ সংলাপে শ্ৰেষ্ঠত্ব প্ৰতিপন্ন কৰিব পাৰে।

নাটকৰ সংলাপ লিখন শৈলীৰ বিষয়ে ক'বলৈ গ'লে আমি ক'ব পাৰো
ৰূপকোঁৱৰ জ্যোতিপ্ৰসাদ আগৰৱালাদেৱৰ নাম। তেওঁ ৰচিত নাটকৰ নাট্য সম্ভাৰ

ৰচনা শৈলীয়ে প্ৰতিখন নাটকক দি গৈছে সম্পূৰ্ণতা তথা পাঠকৰ মনজগতৰ তৃপ্ততা। ৰূপকোঁৱৰ জ্যোতিপ্ৰসাদ আগৰৱালাৰ এখন বাস্তৱধৰ্মী নাটক হৈছে ‘লভিতা’। নাটকখনৰ ৰচনাৰ শৈলী অধ্যয়ন কৰিবলৈ গ’লে প্ৰথম অংকৰ, প্ৰথম দৰ্শনত সন্নিবিষ্ট কংগ্ৰেছ ভলণ্টিয়াৰ দল এটাৰ কণ্ঠয়েদি ভাহি অহা গীতৰ সংলাপৰ শৈলীৰ কথা ক’ব পাৰো। গীতটিৰ এটি কলি এনে ধৰণৰ—

“সাজু হ সাজু হ নৱ জোৱান
সাজু হ সাজু হ নৱ জোৱান।
তই কৰিব লাগিব অগ্নিস্নান।”^৯

ইয়াত ‘সাজু হ’ শব্দটোৱে এক বিপ্লৱৰ চেতনা লভিতা, সোণ, ৰূপ, হীৰাহঁতক দি গৈছে। তেওঁলোকক আহিবলগীয়া বিধ্বংসীতা ৰূপৰ বাবে সাৱধান হ’বলৈ সকিয়াই দিছে।

ইয়াৰ উপৰিও একেখন নাটকৰে তৃতীয় অংকৰ, দ্বিতীয় দৰ্শনত লভিতাই গোলাপক অৱলম্বন কৰি দিয়া আন এটা সংলাপৰ কথা ক’ব পাৰোঁ।

“লভিতা। আজিকালিৰ ডেকা ল’ৰা। আজিকালি উপজিছা,
সেইবুলিয়েই নে?

অকল আজিকালি উপজিলেই আজিকালিৰ ল’ৰা হ’ব
নোৱাৰি। তোমাৰ মনটো

আজিৰ দিনতো আজি দুকুৰি বছৰ আগৰ ডেকাৰ দৰে। এই
কথাটো সত্য বুলি

ভাবা, তাক সমাজৰ ভয়ত ক’বলৈ সাহ নাই, কৰিবলৈ সাহ
নাই।”^{১০}

ইয়াত ‘আজিকালিৰ’ আৰু ডেকা ল’ৰা’ শব্দ কেইটাই ‘গোলাপ’ চৰিত্ৰৰ মাজেৰে তথা কথিত সমাজখনকৈ আঙুলিয়াই দিছে। গোলাপ চৰিত্ৰটোৰ মাজেৰে সমাজৰ ভদ্ৰতাৰ মুখা লৈ শোষণৰ বিৰুদ্ধে মাত মাতিবলৈ সাহস নকৰা একোখন সমাজৰ নাওঁঠ চিত্ৰ অংকিত কৰিছে।

গতিকে এই ক্ষেত্ৰত ক’ব পাৰি যে লিখন কলাত শক্তিশালী শব্দক দক্ষতা সহকাৰে সাহিত্যত উপবিষ্ট কৰাত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানে সহায় কৰে। কম কথাত একোটা গুৰুগুস্তীৰ অৰ্থবহ শব্দ প্ৰয়োগ কৰি বক্তব্য বিষয় অধিক শক্তিশালী

কৰি তোলা দেখা যায়। সেয়েহে শিকাৰুসকলে প্ৰথম ভাষাৰ লিখনৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানৰ যথোপযুক্ত অধ্যয়ন আৰু প্ৰয়োগেৰে সহজে দক্ষতা অৰ্জন কৰিব পাৰে বুলি ক'ব পাৰোঁ।

১.০৩.০৩ সাহিত্যৰ বিভিন্ন সমলৰ বিকাশত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানৰ প্ৰভাৱ :

আমি ইতিমধ্যে আলোচনা কৰি অহা বিভাগ দুটাও সাহিত্যৰ সমলৰ অধ্যয়নৰ ভিতৰত পৰে যদিও আমি আমাৰ আলোচনাৰ সুবিধাৰ্থে এইটো বিভাগত সাহিত্যৰ সুকীয়া দিশসমূহৰহে আলোকপাত কৰিম। সাহিত্যৰ সমলসমূহৰ সৃষ্টি সাধাৰণতে সাহিত্যিকৰ মনজগতৰ আভ্যন্তৰীণ আৰু বাহ্যিক জগতকলৈয়ে কৰা হয়। বাস্তৱ জীৱনত উপবিষ্ট হৈ সাহিত্যিকে শব্দৰ মালা গাঁথি এক সুনিপুণ শৈলীৰে সাহিত্যৰ সমলসমূহক তত্ত্বগধুৰ আৰু পাঠকৰ উপাদেয় কৰি সজাই তোলে। শৈলী বিজ্ঞানে সাহিত্যৰ সমলসমূহ যেনে- কবিতা, নাটক, উপন্যাস, চুটিগল্প, ৰম্যৰচনা আদি কিহৰ দ্বাৰা নামকৰণ কৰা হয়, ইহঁতৰ ঠাল বা গঢ় কেনেধৰণৰ, এই সকলোবোৰ অধ্যয়ন কৰে। শৈলী বিজ্ঞানে সাহিত্যৰ কাব্য সমলৰ ভিতৰত অন্তৰ্নিহিত শব্দ গাঁথনি, ছন্দ, লয়, অলংকাৰ, সুৰ লহৰ, চতুৰ্দশপদী ৰীতি, পদান্তৰ মিল, চৰণ, পদৰ বিভাজন, গদ্য সমলৰ ভিতৰত বাক্যৰ সাজ বা গাঁঠনি, শব্দৰ চয়ন আৰু ব্যৱহাৰ, পটন্তৰ, উপমা, অলংকাৰ, প্ৰবচন, খণ্ডবাক্য, শ্বাসাঘাত, চিত্ৰকল্প, প্ৰতীক, নাটকীয় সংলাপ আদি এই সকলো বিষয় শৈলী বিজ্ঞানে বিচাৰ বিশ্লেষণ কৰে।

সাহিত্যৰ ভিতৰত কবিতা হৈছে কবিৰ এক যাদুকৰী সৃষ্টি। কবিয়ে কবিতা সৃষ্টিত নিজৰ মানসপটত একোটা সাধাৰণ বিষয়কো অসাধাৰণত্ব ৰূপ প্ৰদান কৰে। তলত কবিতাৰ দুটামান কলিৰ উদাহৰণ দাঙি ধৰা হ'ল—

“যাৰ
তেজত তিৰবিৰাইছিল
তৰালি
বুকুত
গুণগুণাইছিল
মৌ মাখি-
সি নিজানে নিতালে
শুই আছে।” (হীৰেন ভট্টাচাৰ্য : ছহিদ)

উদ্ধৃত কবিতাংশ বিচাৰ কৰিলে দেখা যায় সচৰাচৰ অসমীয়া ভাষাত ব্যৱহৃত শব্দ সম্ভাৰে হীৰেন ভট্টাচাৰ্যদেৱে এটা মিশ্ৰ বাক্যক আঠটা শাৰীৰ মাজেৰে ধ্বনি আৰু লয়ৰ ওপৰত গুৰুত্ব প্ৰদান কৰি কবিতাৰ ৰূপ দান দিছে। মিশ্ৰবাক্যৰ ভিতৰুৱা কবিতাটোৰ শাৰীকেইটাই যুদ্ধত ছহিদ হোৱা এজন বীৰ সৈনিকৰ গুণগাঁথাৰ বৰ্ণনা দিছে। কবিতাটিৰ বক্তব্য বিষয়খিনিয়ে পাঠকৰ হৃদয়ত সহাৰি যোগাই তোলাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত প্ৰাধান্য দিয়াৰ বাবে এই মিশ্ৰবাক্যটিকো কবিয়ে এক ভাৱব্যঞ্জক কবিতাৰ শাৰীলৈ পৰ্যবসিত কৰিছে।

ইয়াৰ পিছত ৱাৰ্ডছৱৰ্থৰ 'Resolution and Independence' নামৰ কবিতাটিৰ কলি এটি চোৱা যাওঁক—

"The sky rejoiced

In the morning birth."

ইয়াত কবিয়ে ৰূপক অলংকাৰৰ শৈলীৰে কবিতাটো ৰচনা কৰিছে। কবিয়ে 'Sky' (আকাশ) আৰু 'Morning' (ৰাতিপুৱা) এই শব্দ দুটাৰ মাজত মানৱীয়গুণ অপৰ্ন কৰিছে, যদিওবা 'আকাশ' আৰু 'ৰাতিপুৱা' অমূৰ্ত। re-joiced (আনন্দ দিয়া) আৰু birth (জন্ম দিয়া), আকাশ আৰু ৰাতিপুৱাৰ নহয়, ই মানুহৰহে ক্ষমতা।

গতিকে এনেদৰে অলপ কথাৰ মাজেৰে কেইটামান শব্দ প্ৰয়োগেৰে এক বিশাল ভাৱধাৰা পাঠকৰ মনত সাজ বহাকৈ ৰচনা কৰিব পৰা তথা যাদুকৰী শব্দৰ মাজৰ পৰা প্ৰকৃত সত্যৰ অনুসন্ধান কৰিব পৰাটো শৈলী বিজ্ঞান অধ্যয়নৰ কাম।

১.০৩.০৪ সাহিত্যৰ সমালোচনাত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানৰ প্ৰভাৱ :

সাহিত্যৰ ভিতৰুৱা বিষয়সমূহৰ স্বৰূপাৰ্থৰ বিচাৰ বিশ্লেষণ কৰা কাম সমালোচনাৰ। প্ৰথম ভাষাৰ সাহিত্যৰ ভিতৰুৱা পদ্য সমলেই হওক বা গদ্য সমলেই হওক, ইয়াত থকা পদ, অলংকাৰ, সুৰ লহৰ, ছন্দ, সংলাপ, স্পন্দন, লয়, খণ্ডবাক্য, জতুৱা ঠাচ, প্ৰবচন, পটন্তৰ, প্ৰতীক, চিত্ৰকল্প, শ্বাসাঘাত আদিৰ প্ৰয়োগ যথার্থ ৰূপত ঘটিছে নে নাই, গদ্য বা পদ্যসমূহ কোন শ্ৰেণীত অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰিব পাৰি। ইয়াৰ বিচ্যুতি ঘটিছে নেকি? এই সকলোবোৰ সমালোচনা সাহিত্যই বিচাৰ বিশ্লেষণ কৰে। সাহিত্য সমালোচনাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত গদ্যৰ 'S-O-V' গঠন

শৈলীয়ে কবিতাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত শিথিল হয়, তথা কবিতা যে গদ্যৰ দৰে ৰচিত নহৈ একোটা নিৰ্দিষ্ট চৰণৰ নিয়মত বন্ধা থাকে এইবোৰ দিশকো বিচাৰ বিশ্লেষণ কৰে।

চুটিগল্প ৰচনাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানৰ অধ্যয়নৰ প্ৰয়োজনীয়তা সম্পৰ্কে ক'বলৈ গ'লে আমি উদাহৰণ স্বৰূপে ভবেন্দ্ৰ নাথ শইকীয়াৰ 'ঢোৰা সাপ' গল্পটোত 'ঢোৰা সাপ'ক প্ৰতীকৰূপে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিছে। গল্পটোত 'চন্দ্ৰিকা' নামৰ চৰিত্ৰটোৰ মাজেৰে প্ৰতীকাত্মক ভাষা প্ৰয়োগ কৰি, তাই ভয়, শংকিত, বিষাদ, অশান্তিৰে জৰ্জৰিত মানসিক অৱস্থাৰ চিত্ৰণ কৰিছে এনেদৰে— "এৰিও নিদিয়ে, গিলিও নেপেলায়। ওঁঠখন সামান্য ৰকমে বেঁকা হৈছে, কিন্তু তাই ডিঙি খুলি চিঞৰিব পৰা নাই। ফটোৰ মানুহজনীয়ে পাৰক নোৱাৰক, চন্দ্ৰিকা; আচল মানুহজনীৰ চিঞৰি দিবৰ মন গ'ল।"

কবিতাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত সমালোচনা সাহিত্যত ছন্দ আৰু চৰণৰ সংখ্যা আমি শৈলী বিজ্ঞানৰ সহায়ত নিৰ্ণয় কৰি কবিতাটো কেইচৰণৰ, অক্ষৰ কিমান তথা কি ছন্দৰ এই সকলোবোৰ বিচাৰ বিশ্লেষণ কৰিব পাৰো। উদাহৰণ স্বৰূপে আমি এনেদৰে ক'ব পাৰো—

- ১। "জিলিকা পাখিৰে হাঁহে/ৰবিৰ কিৰণ//
 ৩ ৩ ২ ৩ = ১৪
 জিলিকা পখিলা নাচি/ফুৰে আগণ//)" (প্ৰতিমা)
 ৩ ৩ ২ ২ ৪ = ১৪
- ২। "প্ৰথমে প্ৰণামো/ব্ৰহ্মৰূপী সনাতন//
 ৩ ৩ ৪ ৪ = ১৪
 সৰ্ব অৱতাৰৰ/কাৰণ নাৰায়ণ//)" (কীৰ্ত্তন)
 ২ ৫ ৩ ৪ = ১৪

ওপৰৰ 'প্ৰতিমা' কবিতাটো আৰু 'কীৰ্ত্তন'ৰ শাৰী দুটালৈ দৃষ্টি নিক্ষেপ কৰিলে দেখা যায় যে- 'প্ৰতিমা' আৰু 'কীৰ্ত্তন'ৰ শাৰী দুটাৰ প্ৰথম চৰণত ১৪ টাকৈ অক্ষৰ আছে। যেনে- প্ৰতিমা (৩+৩+২+৩+৩=১৪) আৰু কীৰ্ত্তন (৩+৩+৪+৪=১৪)। আকৌ, দ্বিতীয় চৰণতো ১৪ টাকৈয়ে আখৰ আছে। যেনে- প্ৰতিমা (৩+৩+২+২+৪=১৪) আৰু কীৰ্ত্তন (২+৫+৩+৪=১৪)। ইয়াৰোপৰি

দুয়োটা ৰচনাতে যতিৰ সংখ্যা চাৰিটা। গতিকে প্ৰতিমা আৰু কীৰ্তনৰ চৰণৰ মুঠ আখৰৰ সংখ্যা আঠাইশটা। সেয়েহে ই এটা ‘পয়াৰ’ (couplet) ছন্দৰ অন্তৰ্গত কবিতা বুলি আমি ক’ব পাৰো। প্ৰকৃত অৰ্থত আমি ক’ব পাৰো সাহিত্য সমালোচনাত এক অনবদ্য দক্ষতা শৈলী বিজ্ঞানে প্ৰদান কৰে।

উপসংহাৰ :

ওপৰৰ আলোচনাৰ পৰা আমি সামগ্ৰীকভাৱে ক’ব পাৰো প্ৰথম ভাষা বা মাতৃভাষাৰ শিক্ষণত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানে যথেষ্টভাৱে সহায় কৰে। প্ৰথম ভাষা বা মাতৃভাষাৰ ভিতৰুৱা সাহিত্যৰ সমলসমূহৰ বৈজ্ঞানিক বিচাৰ বিশ্লেষণ, শ্ৰেণীভুক্তকৰণ তথা উৎকৃষ্ট সাহিত্যৰ সৃষ্টি আৰু অধ্যয়নত শৈলী বিজ্ঞানৰ এক সবল ভূমিকা গ্ৰহণ কৰে। যদিও প্ৰয়োগ ভাষা বিজ্ঞানৰ অন্তৰ্গত ‘শৈলী বিজ্ঞান’ এক নতুনত্বৰ অধ্যয়নৰ দিশ, তথাপিহে ইয়াৰ বিস্তৃত অধ্যয়নৰ থল বৰ্তমান সময়ত আছে বুলি ক’ব পৰা যায়।

পাদটীকা :

- ১। দাস, হলিৰাম। অসমীয়া মাতৃভাষা শিক্ষণ পদ্ধতি। পৃ. : ৩।
- ২। গোস্বামী, যতীন্দ্ৰ নাথ। মাতৃভাষা শিক্ষণ। পৃ. : ১।
- ৩। দাস, হলিৰাম। উল্লিখিত উৎস। পৃ. : ৩-৪।
- ৪। গোস্বামী, যতীন্দ্ৰ নাথ। উল্লিখিত উৎস। পৃ. : ১-২।
- ৫। গোস্বামী, যতীন্দ্ৰ নাথ। উল্লিখিত উৎস। পৃ. : ২।
- ৬। গোস্বামী, যতীন্দ্ৰ নাথ। উল্লিখিত উৎস। পৃ. : ২।
- ৭। শৰ্মা, অনুৰাধা। শৈলী আৰু শৈলী বিজ্ঞান। পৃ. : ৮।
- ৮। Shakespeare, William। Julius Caesar। P. : 103-105
- ৯। আগৰৱালা, জ্যোতিপ্ৰসাদ। লভিতা। পৃ. : ৭।
- ১০। আগৰৱালা, জ্যোতিপ্ৰসাদ। উল্লিখিত উৎস। পৃ. : ৫৫।

সহায়ক গ্ৰন্থপঞ্জী :

গোস্বামী, যতীন্দ্ৰ নাথ। মাতৃভাষা শিক্ষণ। গুৱাহাটী : মণি মাণিক প্ৰকাশ, ১৯৯৯ (১৯৬৪)। মুদ্ৰিত।

ঠাকুৰ, নগেন। পৃথিৱীৰ বিভিন্ন ভাষা। গুৱাহাটী : জ্যোতি প্ৰকাশন, ২০১৪ (১৯৮৪)। মুদ্ৰিত।

বৰুৱা, ফনীন্দ্ৰ নাৰায়ণ দত্ত। প্ৰয়োগ ভাষা বিজ্ঞানৰ ৰূপৰেখা। ডিব্ৰুগড় : বিশাল প্ৰকাশন, ২০১৭ (২০০৬)। মুদ্ৰিত।

দাস, হৰিৰাম। অসমীয়া মাতৃভাষা শিক্ষণ পদ্ধতি। গোলাঘাট : সৰস্বতী প্ৰকাশন, ২০১৮ (১৯৮৭)। মুদ্ৰিত।

ভূঞা, নয়নমণি। ভাষা আহৰণ। গুৱাহাটী : পূৰ্বায়ণ প্ৰকাশন, ২০১৮। মুদ্ৰিত।

শৰ্মা, অনুৰাধা। শৈলী আৰু শৈলী বিজ্ঞান। গুৱাহাটী : বান্ধৱ, ২০১৫ (২০১০)। মুদ্ৰিত।

শৰ্মা, নবীন চন্দ্ৰ (সম্পাদক)। অসমীয়া সাহিত্যৰ সাজ। গুৱাহাটী : বাণী প্ৰকাশ, ২০১৬ (১৯৮৮)। মুদ্ৰিত।

হাজৰিকা, বীৰেন্দ্ৰনাথ। অসমীয়া মাতৃভাষা শিক্ষণ পদ্ধতি। যোৰহাট : আস্থা প্ৰকাশন, ২০১০। মুদ্ৰিত।

অসমীয়া সমাজ জীৱনত আঁথৈৰ মহত্ব : এক অধ্যয়ন

শিল্পীশিখা তালুকদাৰ

এম. এ., বি.এড

গৱেষিকা ছাত্ৰী

সংক্ষিপ্তসাৰ :

অতীতৰ পৰা আঁথৈ অসমীয়া সমাজ জীৱনৰ এক প্ৰয়োজনীয় বস্তু হিচাপে পৰিচয় লৈ আহিছে। আঁথৈ ধানৰ পৰা প্ৰস্তুত কৰা হয়। ধানত ৰ'দ লগাই, শুকুৱাই, চৌকাত কেৰাহী বা চৰু দি তাত শুকান বালি দিয়া হয়। তাৰ পিছত বালি গৰম হ'লে ধান দি আঁথৈ ভুঁজা হয়। এই ধানবোৰ লৰাই থকা হয় আৰু লাহে লাহে ফট ফট শব্দ কৰি আঁথৈ ফুটে। তেতিয়া আঁথৈবোৰ চৰু বা কেৰাহীৰ পৰা নমাই কুলা বা ডলাত থোৱা হয় যাতে তাক পৰিষ্কাৰ কৰিব পাৰি। আঁথৈক মুখ্য হিচাপে লৈ বিভিন্ন বিয়াগীত, ফকৰা যোজনা, প্ৰবচনৰ সৃষ্টি হৈছে। লোকবিশ্বাসতো আঁথৈৰ ভূমিকা যথেষ্ট। শুভ কৰ্মত আঁথৈৰ স্থান মন কৰিবলগীয়া। অসমীয়া সমাজৰ সাহিত্যৰ ভঁৰাল টনকিয়াল কৰাটো ইয়াৰ ভূমিকা দেখা যায়।

সূচক শব্দ :

আঁথৈ, অসমীয়া সমাজ, খাদ্য, লোক বিশ্বাস ইত্যাদি।

প্ৰস্তাৱনা :

অসমীয়া সমাজ জীৱনৰ লগত বাৰুকৈয়ে প্ৰচলিত এক শব্দ হৈছে আঁথৈ। আমাৰ অসমীয়া সমাজখনত বহুত কম মানুহ ওলাব হয়তো যিয়ে আঁথৈ নাম শুনা নাই বা আঁথৈৰ সৈতে পৰিচয় হোৱা নাই। অতীতৰ পৰা বৰ্তমানলৈ প্ৰায় প্ৰতি ঘৰ অসমীয়া মানুহে আঁথৈৰ ব্যৱহাৰ এবাৰ হ'লেও কৰি আহিছে।

অধ্যয়নৰ উদ্দেশ্য :

অসমীয়া সমাজ জীৱনত আঁথৈৰ প্ৰয়োগ বিভিন্ন ধৰণে কৰা

পৰিলক্ষিত হয়। অসমীয়া সমাজ জীৱনত আঁখৈৰ ভূমিকা যে বহুত তথা আঁখৈ সম্পৰ্কে পৰিচয় কৰি দিয়াৰ চেষ্টাই এই গৱেষণাৰ মূখ্য উদ্দেশ্য।

গৱেষণা পদ্ধতি :

‘অসমীয়া সমাজ জীৱনত আঁখৈৰ মহত্ব’ শীৰ্ষক গৱেষণাৰ বাবে মূলত দুটা পদ্ধতি লোৱা হৈছে।

- ক) বিশ্লেষণাত্মক পদ্ধতি।
- খ) বৰ্ণনাত্মক পদ্ধতি।

প্ৰমেয় :

- ক) অসমীয়া সমাজ জীৱনত আঁখৈৰ ভূমিকা সম্পৰ্কে জনা যাব।
- খ) লোক বিশ্বাসৰ লগত যে আঁখৈ জড়িত সেই সম্পৰ্কে জনা যাব।
- গ) খাদ্য হিচাপে আঁখৈৰ কথা জনা যাব।

মূল বিষয়ৰ আলোচনা :

আগতে উল্লেখ কৰি অহা হৈছে যে অসমীয়া সমাজ খনৰ লগত আঁখৈ ওতঃ প্ৰোত ভাৱে জড়িত। অসমীয়া সমাজত লোক বিশ্বাস আছে যে যদি কোনোবা সৰু ল’ৰা-ছোৱালীৰ সময় মতে মাত নুফুটে তেতিয়া সেই সন্তানৰ মাকে যদি আঁখৈ ভাঁজে তেতিয়া মাত সোনকালে ওলায়। কিন্তু লক্ষ্য ৰাখিব লাগিব যাতে আঁখৈ খিনি ফুটে।

আকৌ আমি আমাৰ সমাজত বহুতো মানুহ দেখো যিসকল অন্তঃমুখী। তেনে লোকে নিজৰ সমস্যাবোৰ আনৰ আগত সহজে ক’ব নোৱাৰে। এনে মানুহে যদি আঁখৈ ভাঁজে তেতিয়া ভাববোৰ সহজে প্ৰকাশ কৰিব পাৰে বুলি বিশ্বাস কৰা হয়।

আকৌ আন এটা জনবিশ্বাস আছে যে আঁখৈ যদি ভগৱানক আগবঢ়োৱা হয় তেতিয়া আয়ুস বৃদ্ধি হয়। ঘৰত যদি কোনোবা বেমাৰ আজাৰত আক্ৰান্ত হয়, বহু দিন কোনো উপশম পোৱা নাই তেতিয়া যদি তেওঁৰ মংগল কামনা কৰি আঁখৈ ভাজি ভগৱানক আগবঢ়োৱা হয় তেতিয়া ভগৱান সন্তুষ্ট হয়

বুলি বিশ্বাস কৰা হয়।

ছোৱালীৰ তোলনি বিয়াতো আঁথৈৰ ব্যৱহাৰ দেখা যায়। অসমৰ কিছু অঞ্চলত ছোৱালীৰ পুষ্পিতা হোৱাৰ তিনি দিনৰ দিনা মোমায়েকৰ ঘৰত আঁথৈ ভঁজা হয়। যদি আঁথৈ গোটা হয় ছোৱালী জনীয়ে ভবিষ্যতে ল'ৰা সন্তানৰ মাতৃ আৰু পাহি মেলা হ'লে ছোৱালী সন্তানৰ মাতৃ হয় বুলি লোক বিশ্বাস আছে।

অসমীয়া সমাজত বিবাহৰ ক্ষেত্ৰতো আঁথৈৰ ভূমিকা দেখা যায়। বিয়াৰ দিনা কিছু কিছু অঞ্চলত কইনাৰ মাকে আৰু কিছু অঞ্চলত বোঁৱেক, মামীয়েক, খুড়ীয়েক আদিয়েও আঁথৈ ভঁজা দেখা যায়। আঁথৈ যদি ফুটে শুভ আৰু নুফুটিলে অশুভ বুলি কোৱা হয়। ভায়েকে দিনটো উপবাস থাকি ৰাতি হোমৰ জুইক আগত ৰাখি কইনাৰ হাতত আঁথৈ তুলি দিয়ে। তেতিয়া আয়তি সকলে বিয়া নাম গায় -

“আঁথৈ তোলা

আঁথৈ তোলা

মৰমৰে ভাই

আজিৰ পৰা

তোমাৰ লগত

গোত্ৰ চিঙি যায়” (পৰম্পৰাগত)

মুঠতে বিয়া গীতটো আঁথৈৰ ব্যৱহাৰ নুই কৰিব নোৱাৰি। ভাই-ভনীৰ মৰমৰ সুন্দৰ ছবি এখন আঁথৈ তোলা গীত বোৰত দেখিবলৈ পোৱা যায়। উদ্ধৃত গীত ফাঁকিত কইনাৰ হৃদয়ৰ বিৰহৰ কথা আয়তি সকলে খুব সুন্দৰকৈ প্ৰকাশ কৰা দেখা যায়। এখন ঘৰত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰি আন এখন ঘৰলৈ গোত্ৰ চিঙি ভায়েকে বায়েকক বিদায় দিয়াৰ লগত আঁথৈৰ সম্পৰ্ক আছে।

বিয়াত কইনাৰ হাতত তুলি দিয়া আঁথৈ কইনাই নিজে যজ্ঞত প্ৰদান কৰিব লাগে যদিও তেওঁৰ হৈ দৰা জনেও ইয়াক অৰ্পণ কৰিব পাৰে। অৰ্পণ কৰা কালত দৰাই বাঁও হাতৰ বুঢ়া আঙুলিত ধৰি কয় - “হে প্ৰিয়ে, সৌভাগ্য লাভৰ বাবে মই তোমাৰ পানি গ্ৰহণ কৰিলোঁ। তোমাৰ স্বামীয়ে যাতে বৃদ্ধ কাল অৰধি জীয়াই থাকি তোমাৰ দায়িত্ব বহণ কৰিব পাৰে, তাৰ বাবে অৰ্যমা, সৱিতা, পাবন্দি আদি দেৱতাই তোমাক মোৰ হাতত আজি অৰ্পণ কৰিছে।” (সম্পাদক

- দাস নাৰায়ণ, ৰাজবংশী পৰমানন্দ, অসমৰ সংস্কৃতি কোষ, পৃষ্ঠাঃ ৮০)

আকৌ দৰা-কইনাৰ মিলিত হস্তাঞ্জলিৰ ওপৰত সোঁহাতেৰে দুবাৰ আঁখে ভায়েকে দিয়া নিয়ম আছে। সেই আঁখেত ঘিউ দিয়া হয়। পিছলৈ সেই আঁখে তিনিবাৰ জুইত আছতি হিচাপে প্ৰদান কৰা হয়। আৰু কইনা গৰাকীক মন্ত্ৰ উচ্চাৰণ কৰিব দিয়া হয়। এই মন্ত্ৰ তিনিটা। সেইবোৰ হ'ল -

১। “ওম্ আৰ্যম্নং দেৱং কন্যা অগ্নিময়ক্ষত। স নো অৰ্যমা দেৱঃ প্ৰেতো
মুখতু মা পতেঃ স্বাহা ॥ ইদমৰ্যম্ণে অগ্নয়ে - ইদন্ন মম ॥

২। ওম্ ইয়ং নাৰ্যুপব্ৰতে লাজা নাবপন্তিকা। আয়ুত্মানস্ত মে পতিৰে
ধন্তাং জ্ঞাতয়ো মম স্বাহা ॥ ইদ মগ্নয়ে - ইদন্ন মম ॥

৩। ওম্ ইমা ল্লাজা-অনাবপাম্যগ্নৌ সমৃদ্ধিকৰণং তব। মম তুভ্যং চ
সংবননং তদগ্নিৰ নুমন্যতা মিয়তং স্বাহা ॥ ইদ মগ্নয়ে-
ইদন্ন মম ॥” (সম্পাদক -দাস নাৰায়ণ, ৰাজবংশী পৰমানন্দ- অসমৰ
সংস্কৃতি কোষ, পৃঃ ৮০)

আকৌ নলবাৰী জিলাৰ দাঁতি কাষৰীয়া নদলা অঞ্চলত চৌপূজা কৰা হয়। এই পূজা কেঁচাইখাতী মন্দিৰত অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। জনশ্ৰুতি মতে শতিকাপূৰ্বে এই অঞ্চলটোত কলেৰা, মেলেৰিয়া আদি ৰোগ ভয়ানক ৰূপ ধাৰণ কৰাত এই ৰোগৰ পৰা পৰিত্ৰাণ বিচাৰি গাঁওৰ ৰাইজে কেঁচাইখাতী মন্দিৰত চৌপূজাৰ আৰম্ভ কৰিছিল। এই পূজাত পুতলাৰ দৰা-কইনাৰ বিয়া পতা হয়। এই বিয়াখনত মানুহৰ বিয়াত যেনেকৈ নিয়ম পালন কৰে তেনেদৰে নিয়মৰ মাজেৰে বিয়া পতা হয়। জোৰণ, পানী তোলা আদি সকলো পৰ্ব ইয়াত সামৰা হয়। এই বিয়াখনত আঁখেৰ মহত্ব দেখা যায়।

আহোম সকলৰ বিবাহ পদ্ধতি কিছু সুকীয়া বুলি আমি সকলোৱে জ্ঞাত। যাক চকলং বুলি জনা যায়। এই চকলংত এশ এটা ভাগত এশ এগছ চাকি জ্বলোৱা হয়। এই চকলং কৰিবলৈ এশ এপাহ ফুল থকা দুধাৰ মালা, তিনিখন থুৰীয়া তামোল, এখন গামোছা, হেংদাং আদিৰ লগতে আঁখেৰ প্ৰয়োগ কৰা দেখা যায়।

মৃতকৰ দহ দিনৰ দিনা দহা কৰা হয়। এই কৰ্মত নদী বা পুখুৰীৰ পাৰলৈ গৈ মাটিৰ চৰুত আঁখে ফুটাই লাডু বান্ধি মৃতকক পিণ্ড আগবঢ়োৱা বহু ঠাইত দেখা যায়।

আকৌ খাদ্য হিচাপেও আঁখে গ্ৰহণ কৰা হয়। গাখীৰৰ লগত আঁখে খোৱাটো অসমীয়া সমাজত দেখা যায়। ই বৰ সুস্বাদু। আঁখেৰ লাডুও অসমীয়া জনগণৰ বৰ প্ৰিয়। চেনী, গুৰ মিহলি কৰি এই লাডু বনোৱা হয়।

আঁখেক লৈ অসমীয়া জন সমাজত খণ্ডবাক্য, ফকৰা যোজনা জঁতুৱা ঠাচ আদিৰো প্ৰচলন আছে।

উদাহৰণস্বৰূপে -

খণ্ডবাক্য - আঁখে ফুটা দিয়া, আঁখে ফুটি ধান নুফুটা ইত্যাদি।

প্ৰবচন - “আঁখেৰ তপত, তিৰীৰ শপত, লুইতৰ বালি / ইয়াৰ সজাত গ'লে দিনতে চকু খালী।”

(সম্পাদক- দাস নাৰায়ণ, ৰাজবংশী পৰমানন্দ, অসমৰ সংস্কৃতি কোষ, পৃঃ ৮১)

উপসংহাৰ :

আধুনিকতাই স্পৰ্শ কৰা অসমীয়া সমাজখনে বৰ্তমানো আঁখেক পাহৰা নাই। শুভ কাম কাজত ইয়াৰ ব্যৱহাৰ দেখা যায়। যদি নব প্ৰজন্মই ব্যৱসায় হিচাপে আঁখে লব বিচাৰে তেন্তে স্বাৱলম্বী হোৱাত সহায় হব। লগতে বেলেগ বেলেগ ৰাজ্য লৈ এইবোৰ পঠোৱাৰ দিহা কৰিব পাৰি। যিয়ে দেশৰ অৰ্থনৈতিক ক্ষেত্ৰত সহায় কৰিব। এই অধ্যয়নৰ যোগেদি অসমৰ আঁখে সম্পৰ্কীয় কিছু কথা জনোৱাৰ প্ৰয়াস কৰা হৈছে যদিও ভবিষ্যতে এই সম্পৰ্কে গভীৰ অধ্যয়নৰ যথেষ্ট থল আছে।

সহায়ক গ্ৰন্থপুঞ্জী :

দাস, নাৰায়ণ (মুখ্য সম্পাদক) : অসমৰ সংস্কৃতি কোষ অসমীয়া বিভাগ,
ৰাজবংশী, পৰমানন্দ (সম্পাদক) প্ৰাগজ্যোতিষ মহাবিদ্যালয় পৰিবৰ্তিত
দ্বিতীয় সংস্কৰণ, ২০১৪, ছপাশাল-
ত্ৰিনয়ন গ্ৰাফিক অফছেট উদ্যোগপাম,
বামুনিমৈদাম, গুৱাহাটী - ২১

দাস, নাৰায়ণ (সম্পাদক)
ৰাজবংশী, পৰমানন্দ (সম্পাদক)

ঃ অসমীয়া সংস্কৃতিৰ কণিকা প্ৰকাশক গোট
স্নাতকোত্তৰ অসমীয়া অধ্যয়ন কেন্দ্ৰ,
অসমীয়া বিভাগ, প্ৰাগজ্যোতিষ মহাবিদ্যালয়,
গুৱাহাটী - ৭৮১০০৯ ৰ হৈ শ্ৰীৰাজেন
মোহন শৰ্মা আৰু ডাঃ ৰবীন্দ্ৰ মোহন শৰ্মা,
চন্দ্ৰ প্ৰকাশ, পাণবজাৰ, গুৱাহাটী।

ৰায়, নিভা ৰাণী

ঃ অসমৰ লোক ধৰ্ম, বিশ্বাস আৰু ৰীতি-
নীতিৰ ৰেঙণি

“আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাস হিচাপে নৱকান্ত বৰুৱাৰ ‘কপিলী-পৰীয়া’ সাধু” : এটি
অধ্যয়ন।

কংকন পাটোৱাৰী,
সহকাৰী অধ্যাপক (অসমীয়া বিভাগ)
তামুলপুৰ মহাবিদ্যালয়

১.০০ সংক্ষিপ্তসাৰ :

উপন্যাসৰ বিভিন্ন শ্ৰেণীবিভাগৰ ভিতৰত এটা উল্লেখযোগ্য ভাগ হৈছে আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাস। আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসত এটা নিৰ্দিষ্ট অঞ্চলৰ কথা বৰ্ণনা কৰা হয়। সেই নিৰ্দিষ্ট অঞ্চলৰ মানুহবোৰৰ সুখ-দুখ, ধৰ্মীয় বিশ্বাস, ৰীতি-নীতি, উৎসৱ-পাৰ্বন, লোক বিশ্বাস, পৰম্পৰা আদিৰ বিষয়ে বহুল আলোচনা থাকে। এই পিনৰ পৰা চাব গলে আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাস বুলিও ক’ব পাৰি। আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসত কোনো এটা সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ সংস্কৃতি, বৈশিষ্ট্য, গীত-নৃত্য, কলা সামাজিক, ৰাজনৈতিক, অৰ্থনৈতিক চেতনাৰ সামগ্ৰিক চিত্ৰণ অংকিত হয়। আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসত কোনো অঞ্চল বা সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ সামগ্ৰিক সমাজ জীৱনবোধৰ পৰিস্ফুটনৰ পৰিচয় পোৱা যায়।

আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসত দৰাচলতে কোনো নায়ক-নায়িকা নাথাকে। ইয়াৰ নায়ক গোটেই সমাজখনেই আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসত যিহেতু এটা নিৰ্দিষ্ট অঞ্চলৰ ওপৰত গুৰুত্ব দিয়া হয়, সেয়েহে ইয়াত এটা বা দুটা চৰিত্ৰই প্ৰাধান্য নাপায়। ইয়াত প্ৰাধান্য পায় গোটেই সমাজখনেই। আনহাতে সেই সমাজখনত চলি থকা উপভাষাটোৱে চৰিত্ৰ সমূহৰ মুখত স্থান পায়। আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ চৰিত্ৰ আৰু তাৰ বৈশিষ্ট্য বোৰ চমৎকাৰভাৱে চিত্ৰিত হোৱা দেখা যায় আৰু এই চৰিত্ৰবোৰৰ চিন্তা-ভাৱ অনুভূতিৰ প্ৰকাশ পায়। আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসত কোনো বিশেষ অঞ্চলৰ মানুহৰ জীৱন যাত্ৰা, আচাৰ-ব্যৱহাৰ, ৰীতি-নীতি, সামাজিক প্ৰেক্ষাপট, প্ৰাকৃতিক পৰিবেশ আদি এনেদৰে ফুটি উঠে যাতে সেই অঞ্চল বিশেষ এটি স্বতন্ত্ৰ, চৰিত্ৰ হৈ উঠে আৰু সেই অঞ্চলৰ জন জীৱন বসাস্বাদনৰ স্তৰলৈ উন্নীত হয়। আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাস মূল ভাৱনা লোক হৃদয়ৰ বহস্য উদ্ঘাটন

কৰা আৰু লোক-জীৱনৰ দুখত সহানুভূতিশীল হোৱা। অৱশ্যে ইয়াত আঞ্চলিক সাংস্কৃতিৰ বিশুদ্ধতা আৰু বিশিষ্টতাৰ কাৰনে লেখক আঁকোৰগোজ হয়। ওপৰত কৰা আলোচনাৰ ভিত্তিত আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ কিছুমান নিজা ৰূপ ওলাই পৰে-

ক. আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ কোনো নায়ক নাথাকে। ইয়াৰ নায়ক গোটেই অঞ্চলটোৱে।

খ. আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ জৰিয়তে সেই নিৰ্দিষ্ট অঞ্চলটোৰ স্বৰূপ ওলাই পৰে।

গ. আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ জৰিয়তে একোটা অঞ্চলৰ সাংস্কৃতিক বৈশিষ্ট্য, সামাজিক ৰীতি-নীতি বিবৃত হয়।

ঘ. বিশ্বজনীন আৰু সাৰ্বজনীন মহৎ আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসে মাথোঁ আঞ্চলিক পৰিমণ্ডলেই ৰৈ নাথাকে ৰচনাৰ বিশিষ্টতা আৰু শৈল্পিক গুনে তাক সৰ্বজনগ্ৰাহ্য কৰি তোলে।

বীজ শব্দ : আঞ্চলিক, উপন্যাস, সমাজ, সংস্কৃতি, চৰিত্ৰ।

২.০০ অৱতৰণিকা :

অসমীয়া উপন্যাস সাহিত্যৰ এটা উল্লেখযোগ্য ভাগ হৈছে আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাস। ৰজনীকান্ত বৰদলৈৰ “মিৰি জীয়ৰী”, বীৰেন্দ্ৰ কুমাৰ ভট্টাচাৰ্যৰ “ইয়াৰুইঙ্গম”, নৱকান্ত বৰুৱাৰ “কপিলীপৰীয়া সাধু” এই শ্ৰেণীৰ উপন্যাসৰ উৎকৃষ্ট নিদৰ্শন। ওপৰত উল্লেখ কৰা তিনিওখন উপন্যাসতে এটা বাস্তৱ অঞ্চলৰ কথা বৰ্ণিত আছে। “অৱশ্যে আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসে সদায় এটা সঁচা বা বাস্তৱিক অঞ্চলকে প্ৰতিফলিত কৰিব এনে নহয়। এনে একোলানি উপন্যাসো থকা দেখা যায় কোনো এটা অঞ্চলক পটভূমি আৰু বিষয়বস্তু হিচাপে লয়, কিন্তু সেই অঞ্চলটো কাল্পনিক।” আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ প্ৰসঙ্গত সতেন্দ্ৰনাথ শৰ্মাই এটা সুন্দৰ উদাহৰণ দিছিল- “শিৱসাগৰক পটভূমি কৰি কাহিনী ৰচনা কৰিলেই সি উজনি অসমৰ বা শিৱসাগৰ অঞ্চলক প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব কৰিব পৰা আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাস হ’ব নোৱাৰে যদি তাত শিৱসাগৰ অঞ্চলৰ স্বকীয় কালিকা আৰু মহিমা প্ৰকাশ নহয়।”

নৱকান্ত বৰুৱাৰ “কপিলী পৰীয়া সাধু” (১৯৫৩) উপন্যাসখন

আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ এক সুন্দৰ নিদৰ্শন। উপন্যাসখনৰ আগ কথাত উপন্যাসিকে ইয়াৰ কাহিনীটো মনেসজা বুলি কৈছে যদিও কপিলীপাৰৰ ভীৰবন্ধা গাঁৱৰ গঞা সমাজৰ তথা কপিলী পৰীয়া মানুহৰ এখন বাস্তৱ চিত্ৰ অংকন কৰিছে কাব্যিক গদ্যৰীতিৰে। উপন্যাসখনৰ আগকথাত নৱকান্ত বৰুৱাই কৈছিল- “সাধুটো মনেগঢ়া। কোনোৱাই ইয়াত চিনাকি আখাচিনাকি লগ পালে সম্ভৱত তাৰ দোষে মোক নোচোৱে, কাৰণ কপিলী পৰীয়া সাধু এটা গল্পতকৈ বেছি সঁচা নহয়। আনহাতে মই আত্মপ্ৰসাদো লাভ কৰিম প্ৰচুৰ, কিয়নো সাধুটোৰ ৰূপাই আৰু তাৰ সংস্পৰ্শত অহা আন আন মানুহবোৰ মোৰ মনৰ চকুত তেজমঙহৰ মানুহেই।” কপিলীপাৰৰ ব্যক্তিসকলৰ জীৱন-যাত্ৰাক কেন্দ্ৰ কৰি উপন্যাসখন ৰচনা কৰা হৈছে। মানীয় প্ৰেম, প্ৰকৃতি প্ৰেম, জীৱনৰ সংগ্ৰাম আৰু সংঘাত, লগতে ভাগ্য আৰু বাস্তৱতাই জীৱনলৈ নমাই অনা পৰিণতি বৰ্ণিত কৰা হৈছে উপন্যাসখন।

৩.০০ উপন্যাসখনৰ কাহিনীভাগ :

“কপিলী পৰীয়া সাধু” নৱকান্ত বৰুৱাৰ প্ৰথম উপন্যাস। উপন্যাস খনত মানুহ আৰু প্ৰকৃতিৰ এক নিবিড় সম্পৰ্কৰ কথা প্ৰকাশ পাইছে “বাৰপূজীয়া, নেলী, গোভা, খলা, ডিমৰুৱা আদি গাঁৱৰ কপিলীপৰীয়া এই অঞ্চলটো উপন্যাসখনৰ বৃত্তান্তৰ পটভূমি হিচাপে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰোতে কবিৰ কাব্যিক অনুভূতিৰ অস্পষ্টতাৰ মাজত অঞ্চলটো অনুভূত হোৱাৰ সলনি, অঞ্চলটোৰ ভৌগলিক, সামাজিক, সাংস্কৃতিক বাস্তৱতাৰ ফটফটীয়া পোহৰতহে সি বৰ্ণিত হৈছে।” উপন্যাসখনৰ প্ৰধান চৰিত্ৰ মিকিৰ ৰাজপোৱালিৰ বংশধৰ বা ৰূপাই। ৰূপাইৰ জীৱন বৃত্তান্ত আছে উপন্যাসখনত। ৰূপায়ে প্ৰাথমিক শিক্ষা গাঁৱতে সাং কৰি পইচাৰ অভাৱত নগৰৰ বঙালী উকীলৰ ঘৰত একপ্ৰকাৰ চাকৰ খাটি যেতিয়া ওপৰ শ্ৰেণীলৈ উধাব নোৱাৰিলে তেতিয়া এদিন হঠাতে গান্ধীজীৰ সত্যাগ্ৰাহ আন্দোলনত যোগ দি জেললৈ গ’ল। জেলত তেওঁ লগ পালে তিলক গোসাঁইক। তিলক গোসাঁয়ে সিহঁতক গান্ধীজীৰ আদৰ্শৰ কথা, অহিংসাৰ কথা বৰ সুন্দৰকৈ বুজায় কলে। ৰূপায়ে তিলক গোসাঁইৰ কথাবোৰ শুনি তেওঁৰ প্ৰতি ভক্তিত গদগদ হৈ পৰিছিল। জেলৰ পৰা ওলাই তিলক গোসাঁইৰ উপদেশ মতেই গাঁৱৰ সংগঠনমূলক কামত যাওঁতে আকস্মিকভাৱে লগ পায় বানত উটি অহা অৰ্ধচেতন

সোনপাহীক, যি সোনপাহীয়ে তাৰ পৰৱৰ্তী জীৱনত আনি দিয়ে এক অভিনৱ প্লাৱন। এনেতে এদিন হঠাৎ এটা কথাই তাৰ জীৱন উলট-পালট কৰি দিয়ে। বাপেক ধীৰ সিঙৰ মৃত্যুৰ পিছত ৰূপাইক পুত্ৰৰ দায়িত্ব খিনি কৰিব নিদিয়াত সি গম পালে যে সি ধীৰ সিঙৰ ঔৰসজাত সন্তান নহয়, কপিলীৰ বুকুত উটি অহা তোলনীয়া সন্তানহে। সি এতিয়াহে গম পালে কপিলীৰ প্ৰতি সৰু কালৰে পৰাই তাৰ ইমান আকৰ্ষণ কিয় আছিল। কপিলীয়ে তাৰ আচল মাতৃ। সেয়েহে সি কপিলীৰ বুকুত আশ্ৰয় বিচাৰিলে। কপিলীৰ বুকুত জাপ দিয়াৰ পিছতো তাৰ মৃত্যু নহল। কপিলীয়ে তাক সোনপাহীৰহে কাষ চপাই দিলেগৈ। ইয়াৰ পৰাই আৰম্ভ হ'ল তাৰ আৰু সোনপাহীৰ গোসাঁই পুখুৰীত নৈশ অভিসাৰ। সি যেন জীয়াই থকাৰ এক নতুন প্ৰেৰণা পালে। গোসাঁই পুখুৰীৰ জয়াৰ পৰিবেশত, ৰোমাণ্টিক আবেগত সিহঁতৰ মিলন হৈছিল। সি সোনপাহীক পত্নীৰূপে পাবলৈ বা তাৰ ভৱিষ্যত সন্তানৰ মাতৃৰূপে চাবলৈ ইচ্ছা কৰা নাছিল। সি সোনপাহীক প্ৰেমৰ অধিষ্ঠাত্ৰী দেৱী হিচাপেহে বিচাৰিছিল। সাধাৰণ প্ৰেমিকাতকৈ বহু ওখত তাইক স্থাপন কৰি এক আলৌকিক আবেগত সি আকৰ্ষিত হৈছিল। এনেদৰে হঠাৎ সি সোনপাহীৰ ওচৰলৈ যোৱাটো বন্ধ কৰি দিছিল। ৰূপাই সোনপাহীৰ ওচৰলৈ নোযোৱাত সোনপাহীয়ে এদিন নিজে ৰূপাইক লগ ধৰিব ওলাল। কপিলী পাৰতে সোনপাহীয়ে ৰূপাইক লগ পালে। কিন্তু সোনপাহীক দেখি ৰূপাইৰ অলপো ভাল নালাগিল। ৰূপাইৰ মতে সোনপাহী আছিল তাৰ কামনাৰ দেৱী, গোসাঁনী। ৰূপাইৰ মনোভাৱ উপন্যাস খনৰ মাজেৰে এনেদৰে বৰ্ণনা কৰা হৈছে- “কিয়, কিয়, সোনপাহী কিয় আহিব? হঠাৎ সি অনুভৱ কৰে তাৰ কামনাৰ দেৱী, তাৰ বিচৰা গোসাঁনীজনী এজনী অতি সাধাৰণ ছোৱালী। তীৰ্থক্ষেত্ৰৰ পৰা দেৱী নাহে-মহামায়াৰ থানৰপৰা আই ভাগৱতী গাৱলৈ নাহে কোনো ভক্তৰ ওচৰলৈ নাহে।”

(কপিলীপৰীয়া সাধু, পৃ. ৫৮)

ৰূপাইৰ কথাত সোনপাহীয়ে গম পালে সি যে তাইক পত্নী হিচাপে গ্ৰহণ নকৰে। তাই ভৱিষ্যত যাবৰ সময়ত ৰূপাইক কৈ থৈ গল তাই যে এতিয়া তিনি মাহৰ অন্তঃ সত্ত্বা। কথাখিনি কৈ তাই কপিলীৰ বুকুত নাও মেলি দিলে। ৰূপায়ে তাইক গ্ৰহণ নকৰাত তাই কপিলীৰ বুকুত বিলীন হৈ গল। এই কপিলীয়েই

সিহতক এদিন আকস্মিকভাৱে চিনাকি কৰিদিছিল আৰু কপিলীয়েই সিহতৰ বিচ্ছেদ ঘটালে। সোনপাহীক কপিলীত বিচাৰি নাপায় সি ঘৰলৈ উভতি আহি তিতা গাৰেই বসু মাষ্টৰক জগালে আৰু তাৰ বিয়া ঠিক কৰিব নিৰ্দেশ দিলে। উপন্যাসখনৰ শেষত সি বাস্তৱ জীৱনলৈ ঘূৰি আহি বিয়া কৰাই সংসাৰী হবলৈ মন মেলে। ইয়াতেই উপন্যাসখনৰ সফল সামৰণি পৰিছিল।

৩.০১ আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাস হিচাপে কপিলী পৰীয়া সাধু :

আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাস স্বাভাৱিকতে এটা বিশেষ আঞ্চল অথবা এটা বিশেষ সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ বিষয়বস্তু তথা পটভূমিৰ লৈ ৰচিত হয়। এই ফালৰ পৰা “কপিলী পৰীয়া সাধু”ক প্ৰকৃত অৰ্থত আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাস বুলি ক’ব পাৰি। কিয়নো উপন্যাসখনৰ পটভূমি কপিলী পাৰৰ বিশেষ এটা অঞ্চল। সেই অঞ্চলটোৰ লগত কপিলীৰ নিবিড় সম্পৰ্ক। উপন্যাসখনত কপিলীৰ পাৰৰ মানুহবোৰৰ জীৱন ধাৰণা, আশা-আকাংখা, কামনা-বাসনা, আবেগ-অনুভূতি, বিৰহ বেদনা, বিশ্বাস-অন্ধবিশ্বাস ইত্যাদি চিত্ৰ প্ৰকাশ পাইছে। কপিলীয়েই কপিলীপৰীয়া মানুহৰ জীৱন সদৃশ। বাৰিষা কপিলীয়েই সিহতক দুখ দিব, ঘৰ বাৰি উটুৱাই নিব। তথাপি কিন্তু সেই অঞ্চলৰ মানুহে কপিলীক এৰি কতো নাযায়। বাৰিষা বানপানীৰ পিছত কপিলীয়ে সিহতৰ পথাৰত পলাস পেলাই মাটি সাৰুৱা কৰি থৈ যায়। ঔপন্যাসিকৰ ভাষাত- “এইখনেই কপিলী। নগাঁওৰ চকুলো। বাতৰি কাগজে লিখে। কিন্তু কপিলী পৰীয়া মানুহে জানে কপিলী দুখৰো চকুলো আনন্দৰো চকুলো। কপিলীয়ে সিহতক বানপাৰে মাৰে কৰিলীৰ পানীয়েই সিহতৰ পথাৰত জীপ দিয়ে, কপিলীৰ নিৰ্মল পানীয়েই সিহতৰ পিয়াহ গুচায়। কপিলীদিয়েই সিহতৰ বেহা বেপাৰ চলে।”

(কপিলী পৰীয়া সাধু, পৃঃ২)

আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ চৰিত্ৰ আৰু পৰিৱেশৰ সম্পৰ্ক অতি নিবিড়। আমাৰ আলোচ্য উপন্যাসখনটো কপিলী নদী আৰু কপিলী পৰীয়া মানুহবোৰৰ মাজত এক নিবিড় সম্পৰ্ক ঘটিছে। “এই শ্ৰেণীৰ উপন্যাসত স্থানীয় সহজ চৰিত্ৰ অংকন কৰা হয়। বহুত সময়ত আকৌ চৰিত্ৰবোৰক এটা ভিন্ন পৰিৱেশৰ সাজত পেলাই দি তাৰ চাৰিত্ৰিকক বৈশিষ্ট্যখিনি ব্যক্ত কৰা হয়। যিকোনো পদ্ধতিত ৰচা

উপন্যাসে নহওক, চৰিত্ৰ আৰু পৰিবেশৰ মাজত অবিচ্ছেদ্য সম্পৰ্ক। গতিকে উপন্যাসৰ চৰিত্ৰৰ স্তৰ অনুযায়ী তাৰ পৰিবেশো যথোপযুক্ত হোৱা বাঞ্ছনীয়।”

আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ মাজত যি জনগোষ্ঠীৰ জীৱনবোধৰ বিভিন্ন বিষয়ৰ উল্লেখ থাকে তাৰ সামগ্ৰীক ৰূপ ৰূপায়িত কৰিবলৈ সেই জনগোষ্ঠীৰ জীৱন ধাৰণাৰ লগতে বিশ্বাস-অন্ধবিশ্বাস আদিৰ থকা উল্লেখ থকা দৰকাৰ। কপিলীৰ পাৰত খেতি-বাতি কৰি তথা কপিলীৰ বুকুবেদি নাও চলাই জীৱন ধাৰণ কৰাৰ কথা উপন্যাসখনত অতি মনোৰমকৈ বৰ্ণনা কৰা আছে। ভূত-প্ৰেত আদিক লৈ কৰা বিশ্বাস-অবিশ্বাসৰ কথাটো গাওঁবুঢ়া চৰিত্ৰটোৰ মাজেৰে উপন্যাসিকে অতি সুন্দৰকৈ দাঙি ধৰিছে। ৰূপাই এদিন বাতি বিছনাৰ পৰা নোহোৱা হোৱাত হাহাকাৰ লাগিছে। পিছত গাওঁবুঢ়া হতে বিচাৰি বিচাৰি কপিলীৰ পাৰত উই হাফলুটোৰ ওপৰত বহি থকা দেখিলে। গাওঁবুঢ়াৰ লগতে মানুহ কেইজনে আঁতৰৰ পৰা ৰূপাইৰ ছাঁটো পৰিছে নে চাইছে। কাৰণ ভূতৰ ছাঁ নাথাকে বুলি সিহঁতৰ বিশ্বাস। সিহঁতে ৰূপাইক ঘৰলৈ অনাৰ সময়ত গাওঁবুঢ়াৰ মনত হলে সন্দেহটো বৈ গল। সেয়েহে গাওঁবুঢ়াই ৰূপাইক ৰাম নাম লবলৈ কৈছিল। কাৰণ ভূতে কেতিয়াও ৰাম বুলিব নোৱাৰে। ৰূপায়ে ৰাম নাম লোৱাৰ পিছতো গাওঁবুঢ়াৰ মনৰ পৰা কিন্তু ভূতৰ ভয়টো আতৰি নগল। সেয়েহে - “গাওঁবুঢ়াই কোনেও নেদেখাকৈ মেৰতলীৰ তামোল কটা কটাৰীখন উলিয়াই হাতৰ মুঠিত ল’লে। লোহা থাকিলে হেনো ভূতে হানি কৰিব নোৱাৰে।”

(কপিলী পৰীয়া সাধু, পৃঃ ১১)

আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাস যি আঞ্চলিক বা সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ পটভূমিত ৰচিত কৰা হয়, সেই আঞ্চলিক কথিত উপভাষাবোৰকে বিশেষভাৱে চৰিত্ৰ সমূহৰ মাজত ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা হয়। আমাৰ আলোচ্য উপন্যাসখনত ভাঙুৰী ভকতে সঘনাই উচ্চাৰণ কৰা অনুকাৰ শব্দবোৰ যেনে- লেম-চেম, লঠন-চঠন, আৰিয়া-চৰিয়া, লগতে নগাও চহৰৰ দীনবন্ধু উকীল মুখত দিয়া বঙালী ভাষা, উকীলৰ ঘৰত কাম কৰা হাৰিয়াই ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা কামৰূপী উপভাষা যেনে-

“সেইগলাহান কি হা?.....

দিচোন বাপাহাৰে, চবাওঁ চাট্ৰামান”

ইত্যাদি ভাষাৰ ৰূপ ব্যৱহাৰ কৰি উপন্যাসিকে কথিত ভাষাটোক বিশেষ

মৰ্যাদা প্ৰদান কৰিছিল।

উপন্যাসখনত যিহেতু কপিলী পৰীয়া সমাজৰ এটা অঞ্চলৰ জীৱন প্ৰসঙ্গৰ বিষয়টোক মুখ্য আধাৰ হিচাপে লৈ চৰিত্ৰসমূহৰ নানা সংঘাতময় ৰূপ বাস্তৱ দৃষ্টিভংগীৰে উপন্যাসিকে ৰূপায়িত কৰিছে, তাৰ উপৰি কপিলী পৰীয়া মানুহৰ আশা-আকাংক্ষা, ধৰ্মীয় অনুভূতি, ভাওনা সবাহ, প্ৰেম-প্ৰীতি ইত্যাদিৰ বাস্তৱিক ৰূপৰ ছবি অংকন কৰা বাবেই উপন্যাসখন সাৰ্থক আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ শ্ৰেণীলৈ উঠিছে। উপন্যাস খনৰ প্ৰসঙ্গত গোবিন্দ প্ৰসাদ শৰ্মাই এটা সুন্দৰ মন্তব্য আগবঢ়াইছিল- “কপিলীপৰীয়া গাঁৱলীয়া লোক, নগাঁও চহৰৰ উকিল, নগাঁও অঞ্চলৰ স্বাধীনতা আন্দোলনৰ নেতা-যোদ্ধাসকলৰ নিজস্ব প্ৰকৃতি সমসাময়িক বাস্তৱতাৰ পোহৰতেই বাস্তৱানুগ। এনে বাস্তৱতাৰ দৃষ্টিকোণৰ পৰা উপন্যাসখনত চকু দিলে আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাস হিচাপে ধৰা দিয়া এই উপন্যাসখন হয়গৈ কপিলীপৰীয়া বানবিধস্ত অঞ্চলৰ বানপীড়িত লোকসকলৰ প্ৰাকৃতিক ধবংসলীলাৰ মাজত জীয়াই থকাৰ আৰু সৃষ্টি বাসনাৰ এক সংগ্ৰামৰ কাহিনী।” উপন্যাসখন ৰচনা কৰোতে নৱকান্ত বৰুৱাই সেই অঞ্চলৰ জন জীৱনৰ সামগ্ৰিক সকলো ৰূপাই গ্ৰহন কৰিছে। সেয়েহে এই উপন্যাসখন অসমীয়া সাহিত্যৰ অতি উন্নতমানৰ আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাস হিচাপে স্থান লাভ কৰিছে।

৪.০০ সামৰণি :

“কপিলী পৰীয়া সাধু” উপন্যাসখনত কপিলীৰ পাৰৰ মানুহৰ সুখ-দুখ, সামাজিক, অৰ্থনৈতিক, ধাৰ্মিক আদি দিশবোৰ জড়িত হৈ আছে। উপন্যাসখনৰ আৰম্ভণিৰ পৰা শেষলৈকে কপিলী নদীখনক আৰু তাৰে পাৰত বাস কৰা মানুহবোৰৰ কথাৰ স্থান লাভ কৰিছে। কপিলীয়ে সেই অঞ্চলৰ মানুহ বোৰক বাৰিষা দুখ দিলেও কপিলীক এৰি কোনো কতো নাযায়। কাৰণ দুখৰ উপৰি কপিলীয়ে সেই অঞ্চলৰ মানুহবোৰৰ পথাৰত পলস পেলাস সুখো দিছিল। উপন্যাসখনত কপিলীৰ পাৰৰ পৰা অলপ আতৰি গৈ নগাঁও চহৰৰ কথা আৰু তাত হোৱা ভাৰত স্বাধীন আন্দোলনৰ কথাৰ উল্লেখ আছে। ৰূপায়ে স্বাধীনতাৰ আন্দোলনত সোমাই গুৱাহাটীৰ জেলত থকাৰ কথাও উপন্যাসখনত উল্লেখ আছে যদিও এই সকলোবোৰ ঘটনাই আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ কাহিনীত একো

বাধাৰ সৃষ্টি কৰা নাই। পৰিশেষত এইটোৱে কব পাৰি যে এখন আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ থাকিবলগীয়া আটাইবোৰ গুনে “কপিলী পৰীয়া সাধু” উপন্যাসখনত আছে। কপিলী আৰু কপিলীৰ পাৰৰ অঞ্চলৰ বৰ্ণনাৰে উপন্যাসখনৰ আৰম্ভণিৰ পৰা সামৰণি পৰিছে। দুই এঠাইত উপন্যাসখনৰ কাহিনীয়ে কপিলীৰ পৰা অলপ আতৰি গৈ বাহিৰৰ জগত খনৰ কথা কৈছে যদিও সেয়া উপন্যাসখনৰ কাহিনীটোৰ লগত সংগতি ৰাখিহে কৰা গৈছে। গতিকে ওপৰত কৰা আলোচনাৰ ভিত্তিত এইটোৱে কব পাৰি যে “কপিলী পৰীয়া সাধু” আঞ্চলিক উপন্যাসৰ এক উৎকৃষ্ট উদাহৰণ।

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