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# **Blend Of Tradition And Modernity In The Novels Of Anita Nair And Namita Gokhale**

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#### **Abstract**

Tradition and Modernity has been unobtrusively taken care of in the enormous work of English books in India. Tradition and Modernity is characterized as social, monetary and political developments that are engaged towards laying out social security and complete equity for the women. In Indian composing custom and innovation has been utilized as a humble endeavor for assessing the genuine social situation, all things considered. The Indian English authors utilize oriental methodologies of Tradition and Modernity. There are a few books in English writing of India that suitably depicts the real status of the women in Indian social orders. In any case, the advanced matured women have understood that they are similarly able like the men and those they are not vulnerable. The present research dwells into Tradition and Modernity in the works of Anita Nair and Namita Gokhale taken up for study in theme of tradition and modernity. Not at all like the previous when men were considered as the bread winner, in the present age, women also have become immediate employees in today's world.

Keywords: Tradition, Modernity, Culture, Empowerment, Women-fiction

#### Introduction

The word culture in most genuine feeling of term is utilized to depict the qualities, convictions what's more, demeanor of a specific spot. It possesses a vital spot in human society. By and large, implies development. It is the entirety of all the customs, establishments and so forth, Acquired by individuals. An individual with great virtues, character and lead is said to have a decent social foundation. The earth has seven mainland which in any case mean enormous areas of land. Each land mass is comprised of a few nations. Individuals living in every country communicate in various dialects and have different culture. They have various methods of life like music, dance, craftsmanship, food, conviction, history, clothing, sports, festivities and so on. The term Diaspora has involved incredible worry from the long past. There are a great deal of hypotheses and overflowing with regards to communicate it recorded as a hard copy and a ton of creators and writers have investigated it in various points across ages. The Indian culture is a finished combination of culture, custom and unique religions which result in a mélange of soci<mark>al gen</mark>eralizations. Indian scholars are extraordinarily impacted by the social class structures, subcultures, territorial societies what's more, its ethnic designs. Each endeavor to get the significant and many have prevailed in this endeavor as well. The majority of the journalists are Diasporas who having moved into different nations have become recognized scholars and intelligent people. The Indian diaspora in America, have in their works, depicted their quandaries, tensions, sentimentality and rootlessness of their reality. Other than these, there have been tests into the social and orientation clashes as word-painted in progress of Anita Desai, Chitra Banerjee, Jhumpa Lahiri, and Bharathi Mukherjee. Stories of history, historiography and imperialism have showed up in numerous different works. Aside from this, Anita Desai and other outsider authors additionally utilized social and fanciful intentions to additional their Indian character. Desai tracked down a spot for herself as a settler essayist because of her multifaceted foundation, and it might not be awkward to say that she has cut a specialty for herself in the structure of Indian Writing in English

### **Analysis**

There is no vulnerability that there is no confirmation in India of a living practice of conveyed in English. All the while, it's unrealistic for anybody to deny the way that the educated Indians use English for their academic articulation. English is everything except an obscure vernacular to us as we talk about say French, German or Russian. English has been genuinely and intellectually implanted in our current circumstance. If regardless of all that anybody holds that English is an obscure vernacular in India, he is clearly too stalwart an individual to be focused on. Furthermore, it is the inventive writer's honor to use a particular language for his demeanor. The choice of language on the piece of the creator need not include polemics. A.K. Ramanujan has something very adroit to state in such way:

"I essentially end up writing in English; it is for others to state regardless of whether it is any benefit. I don't think people who form have a choice in this issue." (Ramanujan, 2013, p. 9).

Kamala Das, one more remarkable Indian English author, in her piece *An Introduction* conveys similar points of view:

"I communicate in three dialects, write in two, dream in one. Try not to write in English, they said. English isn't your primary language. Why not ignore me intellectuals, associates, visiting cousins, All of you? Why not let me convey in any language I like? The language I talk advances toward turning into mine" (Das, 2015, p.4)

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Indian women as reflected in the prior works was restricted to the subjects of home grown and cultural tradeoffs consolidating their personalities with Indian customary qualities. Later on, the women characters in post-pioneer Indian English fiction were displayed as the ones who tried for acknowledgment as unique partners of a family. Individual opportunity for her isn't the name of moving away from one's obligations and social responsibilities. They knew about their cultural and familial obligations with a conspicuous space possessing as an indivisible unit of nature. Indian authors have made fascinating women pictures in their books. They have

represented the unmistakable issues of the Indian women from the cutting edge and customary perspectives depicting their tensions, wants, distresses and satisfaction, disappointments and achievement. They centered the women' in ward world and their situation in the general public

Anita Nair and Namitha Gokhale are Indian authors, imaginative and creative writers of modern age. Their works depict about the social, political, financial imbalance of the fair sex in the ongoing society. Social disparity ought to suspend and conservative balances between both the sexual orientations should be kept up with. Yet, men getting a bigger number of chances than women. In Nair's works one can track down the persecution, extraordinary understanding of fortitude and humor. Woman, who comprises half of the total populace, are constantly consigned to the optional status. The peculiarity of oppression of woman is a typical element India as well as in the entire world. Optional status of a lady has been a quiet acknowledgment for some on the grounds that, to consider uniqueness has been viewed as a 'transgression' and has a heavenly approval as said in strict engravings. Women have been persecuted, smothered and underestimated in each circle of human action. Indeed, many women on occasion voiced the perplexing disparities and confusions hurled on them by the man-controlled society. Consequently, women started to speak more loudly in fortitude and sisterhood that started to be their very own limiting obligation orientation and have been attempting to address and yet again present their 'self.' through their works. Starting from the beginning of times each age there is an unsafe tussle on the idea of domineering character of the individual making due in the front of the word 'custom and tradition'. Custom out performs innovation with the progression of time, however thoughtfully they are reciprocal necessaries for the improvement of a general public. Custom or innovation alone is insufficient phrasing to epitomize living as a way of thinking of human endurance.

Subsequently, any Indian who writes in English is as much an Indian writer as one writing in Hindi, Bengali, Kannada, etc. Consequently, Indian writing in English is a piece of Indian writing. Dr. M.K. Naik has something very adroit and significant to state on this point. Namita Gokhale moreover discusses the subject of female sexuality anyway here too her view is most certainly not feministic, without a doubt not on a very basic level feministic. A part of her women characters appreciates pre-marriage sex yet it isn't in resistance of customary significant quality or the establishment of marriage. Priya in Paro: Dreams of Passion draws in and

tastes the untouchable natural item before her marriage and Gudiya in God, Graves and Grandma moreover values sex with Kalki before marriage. This is regardless, not the eventual outcome of the western liberated lifestyle; it is an undertaking to fulfill her internal need for warmth and correspondence. There are occasions of extramarital sex moreover in Namita Gokhale; Priya's soul mate Suresh in Paro: Dreams of Passion disregards her dire and close to home cravings. This allows us to perceive how different women heroes try to acknowledge themselves in various books of the writer. In Paro: Dreams of Passion, the primary novel of Namita Gokhale, Priya doesn't get the reaction she expects from her affluent genuine companion and her marriage life stays unfulfilled. Regardless of the way that she doesn't defy her marriage, she won't be satisfied with it. She clasps under to loads of all-inclusiveness and endeavors to discover a congruity between her singular cravings and familial and social limits of some sort or another. Perhaps the events are not pleasant to the full turn of events and headway of her qualification. Another huge woman character according to the viewpoint of women' statement of opportunity is Shakuntala who has fallen a lamentable set back to a sex hungry pioneer from the territories of Yavana. It is just Paro among Gokhale's women, who isn't introduced to a danger and values some open door like the women in the West who can have different illegal associations with men. She is what a woman can look to be anyway can be just in an especially extraordinary case like that of hers.

An enormous piece of Gokhale's women is in struggle with ordinariness, which addresses male characteristics and male driven principles. In *Paro: Dreams of Passion* the marriage of Priya and her advertiser life partner Suresh is stacked with strain considering the contention among comprehensiveness and opportunity. *A Himalayan Love Story* offers a minor departure from the subject of contention between women' yearning for full life and male frivolity. Parvati perseveres on account of her soul mate Lalit. So, the contention, anyway, is settled inside the constraints of marriage anyway the assessments of the male overpowered world are very little hurt.

The women protagonists look for singularity and personality, attempting to cut a life for themselves, breaking the deep-rooted customs and standards of the general public in which, they live. They are intense and sufficiently able to settle on new decisions, which the general public ordinarily doesn't acknowledge. However, reality lies in the reality such connections in all actuality do exist undetectable to the eyes of individuals. The

credit goes to the scholars who have sensibly depicted the general public for what it's worth and in the long run demonstrate that writing basically mirrors the cultural circumstances. Practically every one of the heroes investigate additional opportunities past customs to look for individual opportunity and secure close to home freedom and carry on with a day-to-day existence up to their own desires.

The books chose for the review are Anita Nair's *The Better Man* (2005), *Ladies Coupe* (2005), and *Mistress* (2008). It tells us of the meaning of the presence of the female characters who hold the equilibrium of the general public while sticking to different customs and practices. The job of the female characters consequently becomes essential and huge. In all phases of human turn of events, both custom and advancement play had a critical impact as custom alone can bring together or ties individuals for the sake of customs that can genuinely chains an individual undetectably, while innovation makes them empty. In this manner, it can't be either custom or tradition it must be a mix of both. Indian English women writers Anita Nair and Namita Gokhale acknowledged it and combined custom and advancement in their books.

The harsh powers in traditions day to day existences are various signs like a man centric culture and paternalism; sexual public issues in conjugal connections; sexual generalizing with its forced code on female sexuality and a forced meaning of female jobs; the restraint and minimization of women impacted through conventional foundations in the public eye and some more. Then again, the stirrings of revolt in the women start with a feeling of disappointment inside their part. Their consciousness of constraint has driven them into a scrutinizing of the legitimacy of their inconvenience.

The normal result of this course of a consciousness of suppression and a feeling of revolt drives women to specific goals that are strong and lead them to satisfaction. The goals, showed up at through contemplation and the ethical boldness to revolt, are again fluctuated in their appearances. There is intense dismissal of society, convenience and acknowledgment, withdrawal and a clever handling of harsh variables. The entire cycle at long last leads one to an investigation of the quandary of the cutting-edge woman who is gotten among custom and advancement. There is consistently a contention among custom and innovation. There are women who are conventional in their approach to living however present day in their viewpoint and have the ability to hold their

distinction. There is a conflict between arousing people and the predominance of the ordinary social texture where the people think of themselves as defenseless.

Conventional women, who actually hold their distinction and women who face difficulties as they continued looking for self-satisfaction are found in the books of Anita Nair. The women characters of Anita Nair are conventionalist and conservative as well as have an outstanding solidarity to confront the catastrophes of life and are capable at the insight of give and take and change.

Namita Gokhale's works center around the evolving society, the new lady, present day connections, and a lot more contemporary issue. In both her books *Paro: Dreams of Passion* and Priya in an *Incredible Indyaa*, Gokhale addresses the existences of the upper working-class elites and their shallow world. These government officials, arms sellers, social wannabes, Bollywood-has-beens, numerologists and a lot more savage gold diggers depict the fast changes which describe the present society. The striking portrayals of these characters and their condition with affection, connections, vocations and cash is the focal point of Gokhale's imaginary world. In Priya, the writer gets the strings of a portion of the significant characters of her much-condemned book, Paro and presents them in another unique circumstance. Gokhale's essential thought in her new book is to depict the various worries of the developing working-class Indians to secure themselves among the social elites. The novel depicts the thrill ride life of Priya, a young lady from a lower working-class foundation, who moves gradually up through friendly and expert positions to fit as the spouse of a legal counselor turned-legislator, Suresh Kaushal. In portraying Priya's story, Gokhale addresses the existences of numerous different characters, and through their novel portrayals, the readers are given a brief look at the changing Indian culture.

This arrangements with the pitiable situation of the customary women as portrayed in the books of Anita Nair and Namita Gokhale, encapsulating Custom has an extremely impressive hold over the Indian culture and, surprisingly, a more grounded hold over its women people. Besides the general public is essentially a Hindu society where women are given a status lower than that of Men. Customary guidelines and standards tie the Indian women in practically every quarter. Indian custom over the course of the hundreds of years has viewed lady as preserver of the family. She makes a wide range of penances for the government assistance of the family.

Right from her experience growing up she is instructed that her fundamental obligation is to comply. Various social wrongs pervaded the Indian culture in the eighteenth, nineteenth and the early piece of 21<sup>st</sup> century.

These customary women couldn't surface themselves out of the rubbish of male centric spoiled waters. These women have not even dared to be either freed or be autonomous like the contemporary current women. Unfathomable a choice and ignorant about freedom they made due inside the safe house of male centric society for quite a long time. Anita Nair through her works have made the conventional women as obvious agents of the past culture which saw their voicelessness and casual demeanor as the genuine decoration of womanhood. However, there are incalculable women who have made due to be perceived not as an individual but rather as Suhagan (a wedded lady). The unbending cultural standards of the then society never held onto the internal mind of individuals for any event. Characters like Paru Kutty and Anjana in Anita Nair's original *The Better Man*, Akhila's Amma, Janaki, Prabha Devi, Marikolanthu, Ammumma and Padma in Anita Nair's work *Ladies coupe*.

Gokhale has portrayed the responses of casteism in her books. India is as of now a free country anyway it has no an open door from desperation, fear, irregularity and unfairness. Mukul in *A Himalayan Love Story* can't wed Parvati, the young lady he is enchanted by, by righteousness of critical standing biases. Namita Gokhale knows about different dangers to an entryway in India. She is an extraordinary promoter of vote-based system and majority rule respects. Man in Namita Gokhale's epic as in the public eye is more freed and more advantaged than woman. He is objective situated and sometimes can't muster enough willpower to care for other people. In journey for his aspirations, he loses his effortlessness and his reactions become negligent. The smugness for man lies not simply in achieving his desires for him and power anyway in his ability to remove the obstacles which hold him back from relating to other people, from feeling for themselves and setting themselves in the place of others. For this open door from ordinary moral quality and social, strict and social inclinations is significant.

If we look at the male characters of Namita Gokhale, we find two classifications one of the people who lose all mankind in journey for their desires and inclinations and the other of the people who can transcend the boondocks of their enveloped self and relate to other people. Suresh in *Paro: Dreams of Passion* has a place with the fundamental classification. He is a hostage to the regular trinity of cash, impact and respectability. While he,

at the end of the day, participates in extramarital entrapments with Paro after marriage, he can't persist through the way that his significant other had pre-marriage sex contribution with her boss. He is loss from pietism and two-fold standards. Normally he fails to understand his own special critical other and alienates her from himself.

The term women' freedom came to be used in 1910, which showed an improvement of women for their honors and opportunity. Preceding that in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Britain there was an improvement of women for metro freedoms, social open-door, high-level training, social government assistance and proper to project polling form. These women were called Suffragists, who were secured with government help rehearses for women likewise as in an improvement for a distinction to project a democratic structure.

The nineteenth century women emancipation connected with indistinguishable entrance in planning and business, and honors to property. Women's progress by then had no doorway in getting ready and work. They didn't have property opportunities in England. The suffragist headway wound up overall in the essential decade of the 20th century. In England, women activists held road shows and mass walks. In the restorative offices they wouldn't eat and went to hankering strike. The women's role in culture which in this manner started to increment social and political privileges developed a way of thinking which was stamped woman's rights. As the need might arise to change the occupation of women as helper locals and win for them comparable status with men, they took Mary Wollstonecraft the law-based researcher to be their aide, who in her life had tested guidelines of sexual life. The Woman's progress in the 19<sup>th</sup> century was for the progress of women for their political privileges and for high level training with changes brought in cultural paradox. They in like manner required occupations to have their own compensation. Culture and traditions were then impacted on novel writing style, which sounded rather awkward for few more years of history. In this way in the 20th century the literary style of writing and thoughts were came to be used in pulp literature. This new term with its 'ism' suggests that there is a conviction frame work. Tradition and culture don't limit itself to getting an honor to project a voting form for advocating another genre. It seeks win for modern comparable status in shifting social situations with upcoming equal status and appraisal without cultural discrimination in literary compassions.

The traditional activists by and by mentioned the political freedoms, yet also clearing of social and monetary partition practiced against them. They discarded the title gender and writings as an old sounding name and called themselves social activists for whom vote was only a contraption, but their certifiable goal was done social revaluation which ought to engage women discuss totally, with no psychological, social hindrance. They detest two-fold norms of moral quality, one for men and the other for women. They should have opportunity to gain ground in each circle of open life. In the West it is generally acknowledged that women are doing combating for correspondence, which genuinely suggests cancelation of sex chain of significance in the male-directed society.

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One of the significant attributes of the Post-Independent Indian English Writings the rise of women authors. They gave a new breath of life to the writing. The women writer has made sweeping changes in the field of Indian English Books. Begun writing in the last many years of the 20th hundred years, Namita Gokhale is one renowned writer in the world of Indian English Writing. Her determination of topics in her books uncovers her sharp worry for the government assistance of women. Women possess a focal situation in her for the most part books. Namita Gokhale as a cognizant individual has noticed human existence, social design and developed alongside the evolving worldview. This paper investigates the excursion of the rise of new women in the original *God, Graves, and Grandma* by Namita Gokhale. The review centers around the ladylike 'self' and character', as ideas alluding to these ideas appear to be worth focusing on. A person's 'self'' is for the most part alluded to as one's feeling of 'who I am and what I am, and character' can be alluded to as how one sees and how others see one, 'character' is just one's social face. Both these ideas are profoundly interrelated and reciprocal to one another. Oneself' isn't a thing or an element; it is an idea, a representative reflection from the formative course of a person. It alludes to the uniqueness that isolates a singular encounter from those of all others while presenting a feeling of attachment and coherence on the dissimilar experience of that person all through their life.

Erik. H. Erikson characterizes way of life as a major getting sorted out rule continually creating over the course of life:

"Character includes the encounters, connections, convictions, values, and recollections that understand self. This assists with making a steady mental self-portrait that remains moderately consistent in any event, when new parts of oneself are created or reinforced over the long run" (Mishra, Binod, 2019, p.2).

Character development includes self-similarity, and that implies a feeling of coherence with the self in collaboration with the other and uniqueness that separates among self and cooperation with other. *God*, *Graves* and *Grandmother* is an adventure of rise of New Women.

"The women of today are in a fair manner to oust the legend of womanliness; they are starting to avow their freedom in substantial ways; in any case, they don't effortlessly prevail with regards to carrying on with totally the existence of a person. Raised by women, inside a female world, their typical predetermination is marriage, which actually implies basically subjection to man; for manly esteem is a long way from eradication, resting still upon strong, monetary and social establishment" (De Beauvoir Introduction, 1949, p.30).

God, Graves, and Grandmother discusses extremist women's liberation. In the novel, Gokhale gives a world a gynocentric view. She makes women characters self-subordinate. She engages the women characters to tussle with the antagonistic social reality. Women cover the middle stage in the book. The main reality is that the women in the novel are not terrified by the wily, shrewd, and tyrannical guys they come into contact with. Prominently, they prevail with regards to cutting a specialty for themselves in the male-ruled society, and demonstrate that which men can do women can do. They transform themselves into subjects performing acts and craving men and things.

#### **Conclusion**

Tradition is a set of cultural values that are passed down through a culture from one generation to the next. Social norms, religious and cultural customs, and interpersonal connections are only a few examples. These customs have social significance and are beneficial. Tradition has the power to preserve a society's and a nation's culture for tens of thousands of years. The word 'tradition' comes from the Latin verb 'trader,' which means to convey, hand over, or offer for safe keeping. Since the beginning of time, tradition has had a very strong hold on Indian culture, and as circumstances change, new rituals continue to emerge. Modernity can be described as a historical period in which certain socio-cultural standards, viewpoints, and behaviors first emerged during the Renaissance. Tradition is questioned or rejected, which defines modernity. Individualism, freedom, and equality are characteristics of modernity. Modernity can be defined as the beliefs or ideas that continuously change in daily life. When the concepts of tradition and modernity are compared in a societal context, traditions show the true identity of a particular culture, whilst modernity is shown by ignoring parts of them with reason. A tradition denotes a tried-and-true method or behavior that has been passed down through the generations. Namita Gokhale gives the development of current women through her other characters like Phoolwati and Roxanna Lamba. Phoolwati is a widow of Shambhu. After the passing of her significant other; she thrives in her business which even Shambhu proved unable. She forms her tea slow down into a shop which sells incense and blossoms for revering the divinity in the sanctuary of Ammi. Later she records the discourses of Ammi and sold it for the enthusiasts of Ammi. Phoolwati however a town lady enables herself after the passing of her significant other all alone. She even remarries Sundar Pahalwan which is not really acknowledged in this male ruled Indian culture. All in all, the brief tale is a strong and flexible scholarly structure that has a rich practice in writing. Through its capacity to investigate complex subjects and convey the embodiment of human experience, the brief tale structure has demonstrated to be a powerful device for catching the intricacies of human experience. Anita Nair and Namita Gokhale have handily woven the social parts of India in the rich texture of her books. The specialist feels that one can track down the two contentions and blend with respect to Indian and Western societies, in her works, as she is a lady who has lived in her own way of life as well as in an unfamiliar culture too. So, the specialist decided to distinguish a sort of world view that has gone into the surface of her books, uncovering to

the insightful eyes the two struggles and binding together components, in other words, variety and blend of two inverse societies. By putting two distinct social foundations the East and the West in juxtaposition, Anita Desai has endeavored to show to her readers how India can be checked out at by her own kin and by the outsiders. She (appears to) by implication inquires as to whether India is advancing or relapsing by painting clashing examples of the cutting-edge combination of what is called Indian culture.

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