

LITERATURE IS THE MIRROR OF SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT

It is generally accepted that literature reflects the society. Literature reflects society in both ways positive and negative means it has negative and positive characteristics. In the profession literature shows the problems of the society.

Literature also makes to realize the society and its problems and make change in it. It shows the way for people to adopt the good qualities or good values in the society. Literature is the source of imitation of human work that happened in society, also gives a picture of what people think, what say and what to do in the society. In literature, we find stories that based on human life and their works through some characters that performs their words, action and reaction, these characters brings positive messages for the purpose of education, information and entertainment. It is very hard to find a work of literature that prevents the attitudes, moral values of the society, because no writer has been brought up totally hidden to the world. All writers are brought the real-life's events in the society in the form of creative writing and present it to the society as a mirror with the help of this; people can watch their image in this mirror and make necessary change too. So we can say that literature is not only an image of the society but also shown an image of whole world.

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Introduction

There is an attractive relationship between literature and society. Literature is extremely affected by all happenings of the society. A writer is a responsible and sensible creature of the society. By the influence of society, he remains its patron, enjoyer and central part because he remains unaware and untouched by the society. Writer is a skilled painter of the society so the image of society is reflected in his literature. The whole society becomes effective by when giving its in real shape with the help of literature. Not only has this, the unwanted forms of the society also warned us to indicate in the imaginary form of the society. From this point of view, the relationship between literature and society becomes clear, depending on each other. The saying 'Literature is the mirror of society' is cleared the picture that literature is not only a useful picture of the society, but also responsible towards the society It plays its leading and necessary role to fulfill the social responsibilities as commonly. Literature brings out the bad effects of unwanted and anti-social components like dishonesty, disorder, dictatorship spread out in the society. It can change in such as hatred, harshness, space and partition.

Meaning of literature

Literature is that which create ideas in a person's mind to learn more. Literature improves human and social relationships because it is good for the any socialist. The writer promotes his emotions and opinions in society through literature, which is expressed as a social life itself. Literature has lot of means like as preventing, transmitting, and documenting, knowledge and enjoyment, as well as providing a social, psychological, spiritual, or political function. Literature is an art form; it can also include works in various non-fictional forms like biography, diaries, memory, story, short story, poetry letters, and the essay. Literature also has non-fictional books, articles or other informative print material on a particular subject. Non-fiction books, articles, and other forms of literature are considered literature. Literature is classified according to different mode like poetry, prose or drama, and its works are also categorized according to historical periods, or artistic features, or style of fictional books, articles or other printed information on a particular subject.

Literature serves as a reforming mirror in which society can look at them and can take positive action against change. It is compulsory to take a glance at works of literature to understand how literature truly declares the society. Literature puts a major impact on the development of society. It has given so many civilizations, make change the

political systems and show injustice. Literature gives us a detailed explanation of human experiences; it leads to us to join on basic levels of need and emotion.

Different definitions of literature

Dr. Shyamsundardas, while discussing the literature, has written – “Mixed collection of different poetic works is literature”

Munshi Prem chand said that literature is as an "analysis of life". According to him, literature can be in the form of an essay, a story or poetry. He also add that literature criticize and clarify our life style. Matthew Arnold says "literature is to be a criticism of life" and “Poetry delivers from the heart and explains life.”

According to Western scholar, "Literature is the brain of humanity."

In other words we can say that Literature is defined as books and other written works, mainly those have inspired or imaginative merits or permanent values. Literature is the study of human nature. As we see human nature is filled with tragedy and romance, joy and sorrow, in motivation and challenge in bravery and in weakness. Literature teaches us how study a character, allows us to read his or her mind of a particular character so we see what presents a character, how shapes his or her idea and how one connects to others.

It is said by scholar "Literature also arises question of our most famous idea and observe our lives, which gives them deeper meaning”.

On the basis of the previous definitions, we can observe that the poet or writer might be measured to be the messenger of his period. We can understand like that the poet or author collects and illuminates the ideas in the surroundings in the same way as a wireless device collects and changes the electromagnetic waves into words.

Meaning of society

A Society is a system of human made organizations which creates unique cultural design. It usually provides shelter, security, and a national identity for the society and its institutions A society is a group of persons mixed up in regularly social dealings, or a huge social group giving out the same social area, usually content to the same political power and main cultural view. Societies are hold by social relations between personal who share a special culture by their doings and organizations; a society can be shown relationships among its members. In the social sciences, society

often shows division or dominance way in different branches.

The word "society" is taken from French word 'Societe' that means 'company'. It was taken from the Latin word societies that used to describe a link or interaction between groups that are friendly, or civilian.

Different definitions of a society

According to Cambridge English dictionary a large group of people who lives together in a planned way, making decisions about how to do things and sharing the work. All the people in a country, or in several similar countries, can be described as a society.

According to J.H.Fichter:- “A society may be defined as a system of joined major groups viewed as a part and giving out a common way of life”

According to Robertson:-“A society is a group of interacting persons who giving deeds the same territory and in a culture.”

Connection between literature and society

The relationship between literature and society is connected with each other. Literature is a reflection of the society where it is generated. Literature is created only on the base of ordinary life. The beauty of the society, its prosperity and its good manners is based on literature only. There are some factors of social power or essential force, social trouble or dislike and social civilization or bad manners that effect literature.

Both society and literature seem similar to each other, but there is a difference between these two. If we look carefully at literature and society, a serious factor come out that while literature is the mirror of society, it is also that society is the mirror of literature because both are reverse able each other. Because society is constructed on the basis of literature, whatever arises in literature also occurs in society. The Bhakti period of Hindi literature also recommend this. Its construct raising the tide of strong and helpful communication to the situation of downfall and overcome of the society, the devotional poetic works also established a matchless history of their own. So we can say that if literature was not really only a mirror of the society, then the poet or author would not make an irony at the difference or ironies of the society. Then he does not even try to give enough and expected direction to society. So when a poet or author sees the unwanted defects of the society, considers it unnecessary defects and want to the

guidelines to be the only option for basic changing and removing them, then he thinks that it is his first duty to create literature for this change. By performing so he takes the position of the creator, because the creator is the controller of society and the universe, poets and authors also suggest the creation of the essential society through their creations.

Producing hope towards the society is responsibility of the writer, so he gives direction to excitement and spirit of duty, etc. This has been the outstanding tradition of the awareness and awareness of poets and authors from the early poets to today. The true author of literature not only is giving the outline to the path of welfare and pleasure of the society, but also he never shows his back too. He never fails to make successful effort in the battle of social differences. Literature and society are closely connected. Literature is definitely influenced by the activities of the society. A writer is a aware creature of the society. He remains unaware and untouched by the power of society. He remains its users and essential part. That's why he is a trained artist of the society. The image of society is glared in his literature. The entire society becomes tender by presenting its true form. Not only has this, the crafty shape of the society also awakened us by showing its worst picture. So we can state that the relationship between literature and society becomes clear and also make connection with each other.

Culture

It can be said that Culture is all the customs of life together with arts, beliefs and institutions of a population that are run from generation to generation. Culture is the way of life for whole society. It has been made with manners, dresses, languages, religions, customs, and arts. Culture also play important role in the society to change image of the society. Literature gives image of both actual historical events and the culture of people. We can express day to day life through literature. This is the better way to express and learn about their processing and Literature also is a big part for all cultures. Different countries' books which give shape their nations. Children and adults will read them and they will know which thing is made their home. Literature informs their people that history can be shared and becomes the history of the world. Culture is the part of society and mixed with literature. Literature plays important role to

understand culture of any place of the world. Culture and literature are the two sides of the coin which presents the real image of the society.

Relation between Culture and Society

Culture reflects both good and bad ethics of the society. In reflecting the awful principles it makes us to restore and solve the issues. In reflection of good morals in the society it makes us to copy. In Regular mode of expression culture presents a picture of people's thinking, saying and doing in the society. Culture influences society by changing opinions, produce morals and translating experiences across the world. Research has shown that culture affects on the basic sense. Eating, clothing, living style, music, literature and the other cultures are often considered to be the sponsor of a society's ordinary memory.

Relation between Culture and Literature

Literature shows both historical events and a people's culture. We may express everyday life work through literature. We learn about their technologies, way of life, causes of life, prejudices of life, as well as their dreams and worries. It also tells how the culture seems itself. Literature is a powerful tool for searching into the culture of a particular period, class, or social group, as well as a definite region. We can identify the countries and people as they used to show through literature. We watch a variety of climates, languages, and tones in literature. Literature also gives us glimpses of past time. We can use to get

experience of literature through Oral, aural, audio-visual, and other mediums. It is an image of culture because it delivers human knowledge, belief and behavior. Like literature, culture is a challenged aspect which can be understood by different things and different groups. Literature is the mirror of society. Literature serves as a mirror of society' tells that literature is not only a clear image of the society, but it also has taken a responsibility towards the society. It plays his powerful and most necessary role to completing the social responsibilities as we see. "Every country's literature is the real picture of its people's thinking," says Acharya Ramchandra Shukla. Here, the human mind is talked about with great care. Literature becomes a mirror of society when it is produced. The question now is, what does the mirror deliver? Perhaps a mirror is compared to a canvas or a screen in that it is shown whatever is drawn on it. When literature takes on the role of a

mirror. It's a skilled sketch made with a pen on white paper. However, the real social image of a period is beautifully shown in such a way that it attracts us through the artful picture. It works in the same way as a regular image and shows the whole image of society. Nothing matters more than history because it works in the same way as a traditional image and shows the whole image of the society. So nothing is more important than history. "It's an image of the people's way of thinking," adds Acharya Ramchandra Shukla.

Here, the human mind is discussed with great care. Literature becomes a mirror of society when it is born. The question now is, what does the mirror reveal? A mirror is similar to a canvas or a screen in that it may represent whatever is drawn on it. When literature serves as a reflection. This is an artistic sketch is made with a pen on white paper. However, the real social image of a period is beautifully shined in such a way that it attracts us through the artful drawing. It works in the same way as a traditional image and reflects the entire image of a body. Nothing is matters more than history a series of cases and events.

Through history we can come to know the time of that event along with the outer effect on social and political field through history we can know the external impact on the social and political area as well as the timing of that event. However, history doesnot satisfy our interest about the inner effects of that occasion or its impact on people. At that time, literature comes forward to play role through historical events that lead us to the point where we are. The past days take over with the then inhabitants and make us satisfy our hunger of past. Then we may take taste the fresh heartwarming dialogue. In this way, it describes the social situation along with the time and era. Great writers have given us to read interesting literature in the form of drama, romance, falseness, and they also have given every character in their writing with so much efforts that the reader would affect and feel. Their humor and all other feelings which we got through their life style or which we see around us. Stories or acts are carefully and beautifully written based on lives of common people who live surrounding us. Then all common people's real character just taken in their compositions without taking of the actual idea or indication of the story.

If literature is the true mirror of a society, then it effects very well to the younger generations and it would help the younger to know where and how

their family went wrong and how they could cure it and go onward. Literature is the way, in which society could guide their younger generations for tomorrow. Literature always helps to shaping civilizations and changing political systems in the society. Now, we should try to find out the ways how is literature work and help to know the inner condition of an age. We know about the heroic characters like Ram in 'Ramayana' and Shri Krishna along with Arjun in 'Mahabharata' through these beautiful epics. The heroic characters attract us by their deeds. On the other hand, we admit and follow these doings; all these characters had tried hard to withdraw the evils and established the truth and good thing on Earth. With help of these epics, we adopt the socio- political condition of that age and give away the evils. We can see the change between the present and the ancient age through these compositions. We can collect information about the process of exchange views between kingdoms and the process of battles. We can understand this by a example of the dreadful famine of the Bengali era 1176 and 1350 (According to Bengali Calendar) tells the terrible conditions of this age by any composition. Literature represents the deadlock of social-condition very cleverly. As we all know that there was a big social difference between higher and lower classes.

Now we can discuss another example that It remains a theory until we studied Saratchandra. But when we study Saratchandra then we get a practical living image that excites our heart and sheds tears in our eyes and tells how is cruel the human. As we all know what drought conveys. We all this understand by a drama named 'Navanna' by Bijan Bhattacharya, In which he shows a heart-touching fight between man and dog for food has grand features. This also tells about the condition of the society.

Literature indeed reflects the society, its good values and its ills. By its noble work, literature improves the ills of the society and realizing mistakes of the society and makes change. It also develops the virtues or good values in the society for that people to follow it. Literature allows us to convey the deep meanings of a huge culture, its faiths, and forms and collective in sense of right and wrong, a critic creates the possibility of social change that is able to work into the senseless world. Since literature is the mirror of the society, it has a

very important place right from the history. It is mainly image of human work in the society. So person would be able to certainly understand one's own weakness and strengths. Every activity is seen in literature. Like, what do people think, say, and act.

Conclusion

In a nut shell we need to agree that Literature is especially the means of communication which brought the past and present for the future to understand the disadvantage that has happened and to cure it. In the era of fast machinicism like television and internet is made reading slow. On the other hand, there is nothing as good as the knowledge and information that we get through reading so we need to read carefully literatures of different areas that make to understand what and how the people of that particular area are. Reality is that literature effects to the current society. As we know that literature serves as a resource of expression. Some books are mirror of the society so it gives better opportunity to us understand the world in which we live. Though literature also

insists on to understand recent issues like human differences. All the literary compositions like novels, plays, poems, fiction, stories, and biographies and epic etc. are represented to the culture. The writers prove their culture through their literary work.

In precisely there is an interlinked connection between literature and society. If literature is the mirror of society, then society also reflects literature. Both are unfinished without each other. Literature cannot be thought without society and in the same situation without literature we cannot be understood the inner side of society.

So, good literature is that which has been written to show the internal condition of the society and a good society is that where we can be created good literature. Literature should be such as in which we are drawn the whole picture of society in the mind of the reader when it is read.

Overall we can say that culture represents the society. At the same literature is the mirror of the society.

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