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Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in K. R. Meera's *Hangwoman*

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Abstract:

The writer has shed a light on the life style of Chetna Garda Malik, newly appointed is a hangwoman. The entire story of the protagonist revolved around the revolt of Chetna against the bureaucracy of the male dominant society; that has tried to keep the male dominance in the society. The same circumstance has seen throughout the entire social structure of Indian social background. This situation has become very worse for the women in the days of India's transition from generation to generation. These revolutionary changes occurred from social, cultural, social sciences and sciences areas. This diversity leads the person to adjust himself in those days of cultural, social and scientific invention of the India's transition period. The same rapid changes has skilfully evaluated by K. R. Meera throughout her novel *Hangwoman*. This change has included the progress of the Indian social structure with the help of scientific ways. The scientific invention has leads the nation towards the peaceful atmosphere into the social structure of the nation. The overall transition experienced by the nation has depicted by the writer in her entire fictional works.

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Announced that Grddha Mullick's demand that his job be given to his daughter is unacceptable." followed by the minister's face: 'No, no, no. this is not a woman can

do... it requires a lot of strength... (Meera,
18).

Indian social background doesn't allow female to work along with male employee in government department. Thus, the dawn of modernity in India has seen revolutionary change in this entire social surrounding; but still the out-dated ideology of male and female bias has tempted the male domination to exploit feminine race. That's why the family, the Government employees and the political leader have tried their level best to suppress joining of Chetna as a hangwoman. Thus, society has tried to force the government strategy as well as opposed the appointment of Chetna as hangwoman. The appointment of Chetna is one of the revolutionary decisions taken by the government. India has become capable to accept each and every person without any discrimination as a human being. At last Chetna has achieved her final destination to become a government servant especially in Indian jail; this place compared with a hell for the criminal.

When I was born, people in our village
commiserated with my mother and
nobody congratulated my father. I arrived
at dawn as the last star blinked out
(Malala, 13).

The birth of the feminine gender as an ominous act. The Indian social background has always criticized the birth of feminine gender and compared it as a sin for the family. The ancient as well as the modern age have compared the birth of feminine gender as subordinate to male. This thinking has always existed into Indian social surrounding because the role of females have restricted by the male up to cooking and reproduction; such type role restricted by the Indian society. This out-dated ideology has seen to the Indian at the time of the opposition of



the society for the appointment of Chetna as a hangwoman. The opposition of the Indian society has become very worse for the woman in this modern age, whereas Panibhushan Grddha Mulik, the father of Chetna has revolted against the governments passive approach towards the employments of a woman.

Grddhaji, you must file a case. The Constitution promises equal opportunities to women and men. Don't let this pass.... But Chetna must not lose this opportunity just because she is a girl (Meera, 23).

There are few good people available in Indian social surrounding those have worked for female's progress. They have fought to achieve their ambitious goals of the life. Thus, one of the colleagues of Chetna's father has motivated him to fight for his daughter. He told him that doesn't let this opportunity pass away. He has always motivated Grddha to file a case for her girl as well as motivated him to fight for the opportunity to his daughter. Further, he has filed a case against government for his daughter and demanded his job to his daughter and; the government has helplessly accepted this demand of Grddha. The victory of the case is nothing but a sign of equality in front of constitution; because it has provided equal opportunity to the male and female without any partiality.

Chetna Mulick, do you wish to work as a hangwoman?' Sumati Singh with her long nose, high forehead and red lips asked me. 'I have neither a wish nor a non-wish. Is your father putting pressure on you?' 'It is

no use putting any pressure on me if it is
something I can't do (Meera, 24).

Everyone in Indian society has enquired Chetna about her decision as to become a young hangwoman. The news reporter has also inquired this young woman about her decision. She has taken the decision by her own Chetna being the modern woman has taken this decision to work as hangwoman. That's why the decision of Chetna has praised by each and every person in India social background. The decision of Chetna has proved that she has accepted modernity as it is. The revolutionary decision taken by the protagonist has created a sensation among the entire feminine race in India. The news reporter has asked regarding her decision and working strategy for the future. Even the reporter has enquired her message to the upcoming generation of feminine gender; because she has become a milestone for the upcoming generation of women. Generally, female race compared with weaker race of humanity, that's why the decision of Chetna appointment as hangwoman proved that the modern age has unquestionably accepted the existence of women in this Indian social background.

You are useless, you ill-omened female!
Women ought to love their husbands if
they are women at all! A woman who's of
no use to her husband shouldn't be alive
(Meera, 185).

Aristocratic point of view has been presented by K. R. Meera because as per the traditional standpoint is concerned the old person doesn't allow the females work outside the threshold of the house as per the orthodox point of view the wives of the husband needs to sacrifice their entire life for the Welfare of their husband. This type of orthodox point of view has still



existed into the mentality of orthodox person; whereas the revolutionary appointment of Chetna has disclosed the acceptance and resistance of feminine gender in this Indian social background. The struggled of entire feminine race for the identity has created feeling of sensation into the mind of every Indian. This struggle of female breaks down the barriers of the society. Thus, the new way of hope has knocked the mind of each and every woman in this Indian social background; that has proved their existence in Indian social background. The rise of feminism in this modern age has created a platform for the feminine race of humanity. Female have taken strong decision like Chetna's work against traditional thinking of Indian people. Gradually, the contemporary time has challenged the oppressive policy of male domination for women. They have started to think beyond the orthodox opinion of social restrictions.

Post-mortem report confirmed that she hadn't died by drowning. She'd been thrown into the water only after she was dead. Telltale signs of brutal torture and unspeakable suffering were visible all over her body. Her breasts and thighs bore marks of severe whacks (Meera, 131).

The feminine race has tried to revolt against orthodox thinking of male oriented society. Thus, the male dominant society likes to suppress such kind of thinking of the female. This kind of clashes tempts the male dominant society to kill or brutally torture the feminine gender; because silence of the females leads them towards the acceptance of brutal torture from the hands of male dominant society. The example of murder scene in this novel of has deep correlation between the contemporary situation in Indian social surrounding as well as the social circumstances described by the writer throughout the entire outline story of the novel.

To conclude in brief, the Indian social surrounding has always display the strong decisions of feminine race to revolt for the sake of equality; because in this diversity of regional area, languages, gender, ritual, traditions, Creed, culture and many other circumstances have become the main obstacles for women. Yet females have tried to prove themselves as an equal human race. The represent scenario of Indian social structure has also accepted the quality of feminine gender in this diversity of social, religious, political and economic circumstances these circumstances have adopted and accepted the existence of each and every human being without any discrimination. It has included each and every person without any discrimination of gender race cast and religion etc. It has become a subordinate thing for the human. The humanity have accepted and included the principles of multiculturalism that has created special platform for the women. That's why the protagonist of the novel Chetna has become capable to take such a rational step against the restrictions. This efforts of Chetna has made her a model example for the enter woman race. She has proved to be a best example and milestone for the enter upcoming generation of human and gender.

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