

The Judicial System Operates as an Instrument in Silencing the Voice of Women

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Abstract

This paper brings out the feminism issues through Vijay Tendulkar's *Silence! The court in session*. As a protagonist in this play Leela Benare portrayed in both optimistic and pessimistic view. The conservative cast of silence! Often brings up the importance of motherhood during the mock trial in order to shame Benare for the false charge of infanticide. It reflects a life that goes against the grain of tradition. This paper explores the importance of patriarchal society through her subjugation.

Keywords: Vijay Tendulkar, *Silence! The court in session*, Silence, infanticide, motherhood, subjugation, mock, shame, patriarchal

This paper focuses on Vijay Tendulkar's "Silence the court is in session". It explains Benare life and how they survive in the society of post-Independence era. Benare is protagonist of the play *Santata Court Chalu Aahe* its written in Marati. Vijay Tendulkar (1928-2008) he is a great Indian writer. He is a very intelligence and focuses in women suffering. He is a television writer, play writer, short story and best translator. He argues voice of women in the play which reveals about the sexual and male domination. Then it explains the lonely women how they suffered in society and then what are the problems faced in society as women. Tendulkar exposes his novel take equal freedom both a man and woman. His play fully depicts the predicament of "she" is an Indian society. It's a victim of society and culture the norms by having relation with a married a cruel game cunningly planed by his co-actor. It's full of mock trial.

The play "Silence! the Court is in Session:" is a landmark in the Indian drama in English. It deals with deep seated instinct of violence against a lonely women and sexual compulsion that lie beneath respectable exteriors. It also about the isolation of individual then its explain the patriarchal society through her subjection. The play runs in three acts and each act is structured very well with the other.

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This play “Silence! the Court is in Session” its mainly focused in violence and male domination society. Then its full of mock-trial being like a stage, theatrical way. The author mainly focused or explores Benare she is the protagonist of the play and she is love teaching and whole play co-actors are accuse for Benare she is one of the teacher and she proud as a good teacher. The author perspective on Benare she is a talent women and she proud her profession in teaching in teaching. She follows perfection in her job and follow timing.

Act one sees a mock trial to be staged. This act explains with mock trial about “Silence! the Court is in session”. And its describe the mock trial and characterization of Benare and Samanth confused Banare why touch her stomach. If Samanth and other co-actor say why touch her stomach, but she says “Nothing”. Act two explains all the co-actor in the mock trial play their roles the defense witness. The mock –trail full of against Leela Benare. She accuses for all co-actor. She stands as witness but no one helps and no one supports Leela Benare, why because that time there was full of male domination by follow the norms of society. They started with rehearsal used theatrical place. Its connection between Benare and professor Damle the witness of Sukhatme. Act three exposes the expression of Benare and exposes her private life in court to explain in open question for Benare. It allows Sukhatme and Kashikar to voice and accusation to the regressive idea about motherhood, instead using mock of women. Benare stiffe where she is, and she winces a bottle of TIK-20 in her purse.

“TIK-20 is a famous powerful bedbug poison”

Vijay Tendulkar puts a character in “Silence! the Court is in Session”. Benare feels lonely and silenct in the court, but Shakespeare play is Macbeth it is a tragic play. Shakespeare introduce the one of the main character is lady Macbeth. Shakespeare exposes lady Macbeth. Shakespeare exposes Lady Macbeth is a villain or angry and more desirable women, she gets angry for her desire, and her desire was crippled for killing mind for the kingdom position. But Leela Benare should not expose her desire and should not open her mouth. She follows only a silence. Even in the court session also she is made to follow only in silence! Silence!

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