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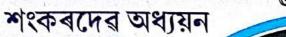
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## সংক্ষিপ্তসাৰ

সমালোচনাৰ উদ্দেশ্য হৈছে সত্য উদ্ঘাটন।
সমালোচকে মৌলিক ৰচনাৰ ব্যাখ্যা আৰু সেই ৰচনাৰ
ওপৰত মন্তব্য কৰে। সেই মন্তব্যকো পুনঃ পৰীক্ষণৰ বাবে
পথ খোলা থাকে। প্ৰাচীন লেখকৰ ৰচনা সমালোচনা কৰাৰ
ক্ষেত্ৰত আকৌ কিছু সীমাবদ্ধতাও থাকে। বহু সময়ত প্ৰাচীন
লেখকে প্ৰয়োগ কৰা শব্দ, পদ আদিৰ সহায়ত তেওঁলোকৰ
অভিজ্ঞতাৰ স্বৰূপ উপলব্ধি কৰা টান হৈ পৰে। প্ৰাচীন
লেখকৰ ৰচনাত তেওঁৰ সমকালীন সামাজিক আদৰ্শৰ প্ৰভাৱ
ইতিহাসৰ জলঙাৰে নিৰীক্ষণ কৰা হয় যদিও তাক নিৰ্ভুল
বলি দাবী কৰিব নোৱাৰি।

অসমৰ বৌদ্ধিক জগতত সমাজ সচেতন সাম্যবাদী চিন্তাবিদ ৰূপে পুৰোধা ব্যক্তি ড° হীৰেন গোহাঁইৰ ১৮ টি প্ৰবন্ধৰ সংকলন 'সাহিত্য আৰু চেতনা' (১৯৭৬) গ্ৰন্থৰ অন্তিম প্ৰবন্ধটি আছিল "বাণীকান্ত কাকতি, নাৰী আৰু প্ৰেম" শীৰ্ষক। এই প্ৰবন্ধত ড° গোহাঁয়ে বাণীকান্ত কাকতিয়ে ৰচনা কৰা 'Mother Goddess Kamakhya' শীৰ্ষক পুথিখনৰ সমালোচনা আগ বঢ়াইছিল। আলোচনাৰ সামৰণিৰ ফালে ড° গোহাঁয়ে প্ৰসঙ্গক্ৰমে মন্তব্য কৰিছিল যে— 'শংকৰদেৱৰ মতামত জাতিভেদৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত পৰিষ্কাৰ নহয়।… তেওঁৰ ৰচনাতো অসমৰ বিভিন্ন অনাৰ্য

জাতিসমূহৰ প্ৰতি অৱহেলা নাইবা কৰুণাৰ ভাব ফুটি উঠিছে— সেইবোৰ জাতিৰ আচাৰ আৰু বিশ্বাসক তেওঁ নীচ বা হীন বুলি ভাবিছে।...।' উদাহৰণৰূপে তেওঁ শংকৰদেৱৰ কীৰ্ত্তনৰ অন্তৰ্গত 'হৰমোহন' লৈ আঙুলিয়াই কৈছিল— 'নাৰীৰ দেহ সৌন্দৰ্যত উদ্বাউল হোৱা অসমৰ আদিম জাতিসমূহৰ উপাস্য দেৱ শিৱক "হৰমোহন''ত উপহাস কৰা হৈছে।।'

হীৰেন গোহাঁইৰ মন্তব্যৰ সৈতে একমত নহৈ সমালোচক ৰঞ্জিৎ কুমাৰ দেৱ গোস্বামীয়ে তাৰ প্ৰত্যুত্তৰত 'হৰমোহনৰ সামাজিক উৎস' শীৰ্ষক প্ৰবন্ধটি ৰচনা কৰিছিল। উক্ত দুয়োটি প্ৰবন্ধ দুয়োগৰাকী দিগ্গজ লেখকৰ ব্যাখ্যা, বিশ্লেষণ, যুক্তি আধাৰিত। কিন্তু দুয়োটি আলোচনা মনোযোগেৰে অধ্যয়ন কৰাৰ পিছত ৰঞ্জিৎ কুমাৰ দেৱ গোস্বামীৰ সমালোচনা অধিক পতিয়নযোগ্য বুলি বুজিব পাৰি। এই গৱেষণা পত্ৰত ৰঞ্জিৎ কুমাৰ দেৱ গোস্বামীৰ মত কিয় সমৰ্থনযোগ্য তাৰ ব্যাখ্যা আগ বঢ়াবলৈ প্ৰয়াস কৰা হৈছে।

সূচক শব্দ ঃ শংকৰদেৱ, ড° হীৰেন গোহাঁই, হৰমোহন, শিৱ, সমাজ, ৰঞ্জিৎ কুমাৰ দেৱ গোস্বামী, সমালোচক, সমালোচনা।

## **Abstract**

A critic analyses original texts and arrives at a reasonable conclusion, although such conclusion may not be free from all loopholes of criticism. Particularly while studying the texts and digestions of literary compositions like 'Haramohan' of Sankardeva; number of hindrances appear in the way of understanding the erstwhile population composition, economy, culture and social behavior.

Dr. Hiren Gohain a critic of repute in an article 'Banikanta Kakati, Nari aru prem' remarked that Sankardeva intentionally underminded Siva, the prime God of the erstwhile tribal societies of Assam and depicted an insulting image of Siva in his Haramohan' a chapter of the 'Kirtan Ghosha'.

Contrary to that Ranjit Kr. Dev Goswami refutes Hiren Gohain's argument in his article entitled 'Haramohanar Samajik Utsa'. Here Dev Goswami gives his convincing argument that Sankardeva was quite aware of the importance and influence of Siva among both the tribal and non

tribal societies. Hence he showed equal honor and respect towards both the heavenly persona of Hari and Hara. In support of his argument Deva Goswami quotes a number of verses from the literary works of Sankardeva.

After a careful reading of the two aforesaid digestions, the present author attempts a peep into the Sankardeva's attitudes towards his contemporary societies both tribal and non-tribal and his probable intention of portraying Siva's character with partially popular description. It appears that Hiren Gohain's observation is one sided and mostly a theoretic approach while Ranjit Kr. Dev Goswami's one is more believable with detailed analysis of the erstwhile society and the role of Sankardeva, from the historical and sociological point of view.

Key words: Sankardeva, Dr. Hiren Gohain, Haramohan, Siva, Ranjit Kr. Deva Goswami, Criticism, critic. ISSN 0976-2132

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## RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND TABOOS OF THE MISINGS OF ASSAM

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## Introduction:

The word 'Taboo' derived from the Polynesian word 'tapu' means a ban on use of certain resources. Ineverysociety taboos are connected with place, person beliefs and tradition. As MacDonald' states, 'historically taboos have been used to impose restrictions for social wellbeing and their legacy is passed on from one generation to another.' So, Freud<sup>2</sup> rightly observes, 'taboos symbolize key cultural values with a high level of adherence that have deep rooted social ethics.' In an ancestral worshipping society such as the Misings the religious activities revolve round a series of rituals. Ancestors are linked to their descendants by a chain of rituals, thus affirming the continuity of social relations through time.

## Data and Methodology:

The research follows an analytical method of investigation within the framework of historical methodology. It also attempts to incorporate sociological and anthropological approaches to understand the subject from a wider perspective. The study is conducted using combined methods (qualitative and quantitative) of Social Sciences - their integration in appropriate methods of data collection keeping in mind the scope of the study. Both primary and secondary sources have been used in the research work. Field-based study is crucial in collecting data regarding religious rituals. Personal interviews have been conducted which form an important data base for the research. The information gathered from questionnaire will supplement the study. Oral traditions such as myths, legends, folktales, folksongs etc. have also enriched the present work. Primary sources include relevant materials from the Archives, Government Proceedings, Census Reports, Gazetteers, Statistical Handbook, Journals etc. Secondary sources include books, articles in magazines, newspapers etc. related to the study. E-resources such as e-books have also been consulted for the study.

## Traditional Religious beliefs of the Misings:

Assam hosts approximately 15.64% of tribal people among the total population 3.09 crores of the state.<sup>3</sup> The Misings who belongs to the Mongoloid stock and speaks of Tibeto-Burman language<sup>4</sup> are the second largest tribal group in Assam with a population of 6,80,424.<sup>5</sup> At present their inhabitation are mainly concentrated in the ten districts of Upper Assam *viz*; Tinsukia Dibrugarh, Sivasagar, Jorhat and Golaghat in the southern bank of Brahmaputra River and Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Majuli, Biswanath and Sonitpur districts in the Northern bank of Brahmaputra Rive.

The traditional religious philosophy of the Misings is based on polytheism and animism. In most traditional societies cosmogony myths are prevalent. Like other primitive society, the Misings have also unique myth about the creation of the universe and their repositories of Creation Myth are found in the religious verses that preserved as oral tradition and that is known as known as Mibu Aa:bangs. Their worldview consists of three major aspects, viz; the creation of the universe (keyum), existence of spirits (Uie) and that of the human soul (Ya:loo). The Misings believe that there are three worlds in the universe which include the Regi-Regam i.e. heaven or kingdom of Gods, the earth known as Dong-Aamong and the abode of spirits called Uie-A:mong. Myths say that the Regi-Regam and the Dong-Aamong remain within the orbit of the solar panorama whereas Uie-A:mong exists outside it and it is in perpetual darkness. Misings believe that the universe was created by

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## ROLE OF ASSAMESE WOMEN IN THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT OF IN 1914 WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE BRAHMAPUTRA VALLEY OF ASSAM

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#### **Abstract:**

The advent of the British East India Company to the Revolt of 1857 was a period where a mere foreign trading company turned itself into a major political free in India. After the transfer of power from British East India Company to the crown in 1858, the colonial rule of the Britishers left a harmful impact on the lives of Indian people resulting anti-imperialist movement in the latter half of 19th century. The intellectual resurgence of India during the century felicitated the rise of modern Indian Nationalism, Assam, situated in the northeastern corner of India was the latest victim of British imperialism. She lost her independent status with the signing of the treaty of Yandaboo in 1826. However she was one of the earliest one to raise a revolt against the shackles of British rule and join the mainstream of freedom movement. Gandhi's visit in 1921 gave fillip to nationalist movement in Assam. Along with their male counterparts the women of Brahmaputra Valley contributed significantly to the Nationalist Movement in Assam. They made history by sacrificing their homes to free themselves from the domination of the British administration. Their contribution was also marked by the formation of Assam Mahila Samiti, the acquisition of women franchise and their participation in All India Congress Session of 1926 at Pandu. The overwhelming participation of women of Assam in 1930-34 was notable too as their intense devotion to the various programmed was chalked out during this period. In the Quit India Movement the Assamese women Brahmaputra Valley surpassed all other women in terms of their courage and sacrifice.

So this paper is a humble attempt to highlight the participation of women of Brahmaputra Valley of Assam in the national movement.

### **Introduction:**

The freedom movement in India is a glorious chapter of Indian history. It was a mass movement which developed in India as a result of the clash of interest between the British rulers and Indian people. The movement gained momentum under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi. The Britishers under the aegis of British East India Company was a mere trading Company and within a hundred years, it turned into a major political force in India. After the transfer of power from the British East India Company to the English crown in 1858 they started ruling India independently. Various section of population felt suffocated under Colonial rule of the Britishers, resulting initially resistance and later intellectual resurgence which facilitate the rise of modern Nationalism. Assam, situated in the North East was one of the last

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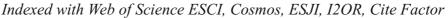




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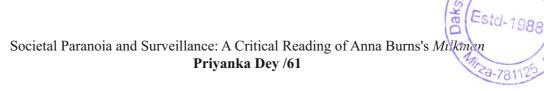
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# Speciesism and Ecology: Interplay and Interpretations Venita Coelho's AIA Trilogy

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#### Abstract

The manifestations of speciesism throughout socio-environmental history reflect the biopower politics endorsed by human/animal binaries that celebrated human supremacy. Following this, the Anthropocenean has witnessed innumerable ecological tragedies, ecophobia and ecocide that have paralysed the ecosystem. This realisation by ecocriticism with animal studies and Posthumanism aimed to re-orientate our interaction and interpretation of animals conditioned by speciesism; a variety of anthropocentrism that generated tension between humans and animals. In this regard, the article shall explore the structural presence of humans and animals commissioned by speciesism in Coelho's AIA Trilogy to open necessary scope for inter-species dialogism. Further, ideas like anthropomorphism and theriomorphism shall be discussed to challenge and deconstruct the human(ity)/animal(ity) binary; along with concepts such as 'subhuman' and 'companion-species; which would be explored as quintessential to look at nonhumans with compassion, reverence, ethical responsibility and stewardship. Such a stance appears relevant in the Anthropocene for the untimely extinction of animals has accelerated the impending Apocalypse.

**Keywords**: Ecocriticism, Anthropocentrism, Speciesism, Anthropocene, Animal Studies, AIA Trilogy.

#### **Introduction: Understanding Speciesism in Ecological Considerations**

While the term speciesism seems to have gained popularity through the latter part of the Twentieth century with the steady emergence of several anti-discriminatory camps for nonhumans as advocated by ecocriticism and Animal Studies; it would be misleading to deny it presence as an ancient mechanism that was closely rooted to the western conception of anthropocentrism but has gradually grown as an independent area of research; through its association with the modern animal liberation movement which has allowed its scholars to explore the conventional yardsticks to morality, rights, entitlements, ethical responsibility and welfare of animals. The term "speciesism", however was introduced by Richard Ryder in the year 1975; whose conceptual framework was further elaborated by Peter Singer in his seminal work, Animal Liberation (1975) which attempted to trace the speciesist attitude of biased interests towards humans, while keeping all other species against them as an inferior category, irrespective of their cognition, emotions, mutations and perceptual faculties. The renewed interest in Animal Studies accelerated with its growing association with other mainstream theories and prevailing forms of discriminations like classism, anthropocentrism, racism and sexism. Following this trend, ecocriticism also traced its conceptions to animal liberation in both theory and practice, as both essentially are forums of resistance to

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## Anthropocentrism and Ecology: Intersections and Interactions in Shubhangi Swaru Estd-1988

Latitudes of Longing

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#### Abstract

The increased visibility of ecological concerns in contemporary literary and theoretical efforts has witnessed a widespread exploration of anthropocentrism which has often been considered as the biggest influence in intensifying the nature/culture binary. Recognizing this, several ecocritical scholars have attempted to expand the concept of anthropocentrism as they realize its growing relevance in the Anthropocene which has witnessed endless human-engineered catastrophes. Following this, there has been an urgent need to redirect timely warnings, dialogism and awareness regarding the impending Apocalypse. Keeping this in consideration, the article shall attempt to interrogate the concept of anthropocentrism throughout socio-environmental history and its theoretical emergence while engaging with Shubhangi Swarup'snovel, Latitude of Longing (2018) to address issues like capitalism, urbanism, technology, cultivation, development, consumerism and overpopulation that have played an influential role in reinforcing the interventionist aspect of anthropocentrism. These factors have not only domesticated 'first nature' into 'second nature' but alsoincreased tension between humans and nature. This 'postnaturality' in the Anthropocene further allowed scholars to locate the dismantling of the nature/culture binaryas advocated by "new" anthropocentrism whichemphasized on additional responsibility, solidarity, sustainability and stewardship for the nonhumans, thereby making it an emancipatory project of ethics.

**Keywords:** Anthropocene; Anthropocentrism; Ecocriticism; Latitudes of Longing; Modernism; Post-nature.

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#### Anthropocentrism: An Introduction

As the contemporary period witnesses a heightened engagement with ecological concerns and considerations in the Anthropocene, liverity and theoretical efforts have undergone a 'green' reorientation following the 1960s that visibly interrogated the ideological dimensions of anthropocentrism that had paralyzed our interactions and interpretations of nature through the nature/culture binary. In this effort, the celebration of the "human-centered elitism" attached 'intrinsic value' to humans while the nonhuman world was attached with secondary 'instrumental' value (Callicott and Frodeman58). This reductive orientation of anthropocentrism played a central role in misbalancing the eco-centric equation between humans and the ecology. Keeping to the idea of "human chauvinism", there has been a cultural and political contestation of bio-power arising from the nature/culture binary that intensified the fundamental tension in our society for the world beyond humans had been perpetually 'othered'. While this positioned human "as the central element of the universe", it also made him a claimant to "superiority and mastery of nature". In this regard, anthropocentrism became "a priori presence" that deeply conditioned our moral, political, economical, social, religious and ethical considerations towards nonhumans and the environment.

This, in fact, resulted in "the domination of [the] external world", that consequently led to the "domination of the inner nature of humans, which [led] in turn to the domination of humans over humans" (Boodice1 and 17;Krebber 322 and 324). Such an anthropocentric response in the Anthropocene intensified the sense of ecophobia that resulted in extreme fear, anxiety, anger, hatred, denialism and hostility and produced "a kind of ecological blindness" which was "driven by an irrational desire for mastery and control" of nature by humans (emphasis added) (Brennam and Lo 756-757; Deyo 195 and 202; Gorke 245). Such a biased internalization of humans against nature had systematically legitimized Man's commission to dominate, (ab)use, control, manage and transform nature for his singular benefits. This, thereafter justified human(ity)invasive manipulation and dangerous alteration of the ecological and geological imprints of the planet. Such a trend further ignited the increased capacity and intensity of the ongoing environmental genocide of the Anthropocenean which has substantially reduced the regenerative capacities of the environment. In fact, the Anthropocene has led to the realization of human(ity)'s failure to extend moral considerations and ethical responsibilities towards nature and the nonhumans. In fact, the anthropocentrically scaled attitude of humans' appears to be an immediate outcome of Man's overarching egoism