

## **GURU GOBIND SINGH COLLEGE FOR WOMEN**

SECTOR 26, CHANDIGARH - 160019

(Affiliated to Panjab University Chandigarh)





## 100.WOMEN'S BODY AS THE SITE OF VIOLENCE: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF MAHASWETA DEVI AND JULIA ALVAREZ!

Crossref Approved Journal International Journal of English Language, Literature in Humanities Indexed Peer Reviewed (Refereed) Journal Oertificate of Achievement This certificate accredits that Lovleen Kaur Baidwan has got successfully published the research paper entitled Women's Body as the Site of Violence: A Comparative Study of Mahasweta Devi and Julia Alvarez in IJELLH Volume 6, Issue 4, April 2018. For UELLH entificate No: LIELLINGOI

IJELLH

581

Lovleen Kaur Baidwan

Ph.D Research Scholar

Department of English and Cultural Studies

Panjab University, Chandigarh India

lovleen 15@hotmail.com

Women's Body as the Site of Violence: A Comparative Study of Mahasweta Devi and Julia

## Abstract

The portrayal of women in literature has always shown the docile version of the female gender, but there are stories that need to be told from the other side of the coin. Women as perpetrators of violence, not for any politically motivated reasons but solely for personal rights and freedom. Mahasweta Devi's Draupadi presents the story of a woman fighting for her rights as much as her man and towards the end becoming its victim Julia Alvarez in her path breaking work In the Time of the Butterflies vividly reflects the story of four sisters fighting for the betterment of their country against a dictatorial regime and getting murdered towards the end. This paper would focus on how violently the bodies of the women protagonists of both the texts are treated and the role of public state apparatus in it. Bodies of revolutionary or naxalite women become a site of physical torture, rape and violence of all forms. The strengths that women lay bare throughout these texts and the reversal of the power structures towards the end is done with a purpose to debunk them as victims. The paper aims at a comparative study of Mahasweta Devi's Draupadi and Julia Alvarez's In the Time of the Butterflies and bring out the similarities in both the novels which are otherwise set in completely different and non comparable zones

Keywords- Feminism, Violence, Power, Patriarchy

"Women and camels need to be beaten"

Total Principal

Guru Gobind Singh College For Women Sector 26, Chandigarh

Phone: 0172-2792757, 2791610, Website: www.ggscw.ac.in, Email: principalggscw@yahoo.in, principal@ggscw.ac.in