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"Shaping of Cultural Heritage of India as Showcased in Indian Writing in English"

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Introduction:

The cultural heritage of India, attempts to make a systematic study of India's great literary heritage preserved in various languages of the country Old as well as Modern.

The knowledge of our past traditions and practices is very important because by understanding these, we can understand our present culture. All these are woven into an integrated whole and lend Indian culture.

Meaning:

Cultural heritage of India is the legacy of physical science artifacts and intangible attributes of a group or society that are inherited from past generations, maintained in the present and bestowed for the benefit of future generations. Culture like monuments, landscape, books, works of art like folklore, tradition, language and knowledge. The act of cultural heritage from the present for the future is known as "preservation"

Indian literature: its basic unity:-

Indian literature in ancient, medival and modern times have remained imbedded in the Upanisads, the Ramayana, the Mahabharata and the Puranas without a knowledge and

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appreciation of Indian literature even for the modern age is possible.

Indian writing in English, it is appropriate to call it "Indo-Anglian" literature. It is not essentially different in kind from Indian literature. It is a part of it, a modern facet of that glory which commencing from the Vedas, has continued to spread its mellow light, the inexorable of time and history, ever increasingly up to the present time of Tagore, Igbal and AurobindoGhose, and bids fair to expand with our humantity's expanding future.

Historical background:

When the British first came to India after the incorporation of the East Indian Company in 1600, they brought with them, not only the tods of trade and the implements of war, but also their language and their literature i,e English.

In 1835 Government adopted Macaulay's scheme of modern Education through English medium and it became the official language of India. With the Indian writing in English a modern Indian literature was born. Indo-Anglian literature is also Indian literation, with a bright tradition and exhibiting signs of abundant life and energy.

The Pioneers:

Ram Mohan Roy (1774-1833) was truly, a pioneering spirit. He was the first great Indian writer of lucid English prose. Henry Louis Vivian Derozio (1809-31) was the first of the Indo-Anglian poets. Michael Madhusadan Dutt, an Indian Christian, was truly gifted poet, even more in Bengali than in English. Another pioneering poet was SashichunderDutt. With Aru Dutt and Toru Dutt, daughters of GovindachunderDutt, One of the contributors to the album.

The Age of Religious and Literary Awakening:-

The advent of Rama Krishna Paramahamsa (1836-86)

was the most significant and ensured the religious and cultural awakening of the country. Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902) his disciple carry his master's message, he turned the English language for the purposes of his exposition of the Vedanta and missionary exhortation.

Several of the evangelists of the Brahma Samaj, AryaSamaj, PrarthanaSamaj and Thesophical society movements too wielded the English language and consummate mastery and ease. The new Indian renaissance was a stir of new activity everywhere-in literature, social reform and in politics.

The flow of Talents: Rabindranath, Aurobindo and others:-

The works rendered a new in terms of Vedic symbolism and Aurobindonian yoga and metaphysics. The command of language, a firm possession of the metrical instrument, an almost blinding gleam and glitter of the wealth of imagination and fancy, supreme poetic utterance of the Indian soul in the rhythms of the English tongue.

Era of the Gandhian Revolution:-

With the coming of Gandhiji on the political scene, not only Hindi and Regional languages, but even English itself saw increasing literary activity. The political pulse of the nation had quickened and sometimes rose to feverish pitch and this too gave an impetus to literature.

More and more young men and women resorted to English as a medium of self-expression and poems stories, essays, playlets, critical appreciations, philosophical and historical monographs all came tumbling after in increasing number and velexity.

Fiction:

During the period between the two world wars, a number of Indians essayed fiction in English, some of it of international standard. Tagore's novels and short stories writers like K.S. Venkataramani, R.K. Narayan, Mulk Raj Anand,

Bhabani Battacharya and Raja Rao were enterprising enough and talented enough to follow his lead and to accomplish triumphs of their own.

Poetry:-

To return to the Indo-Anglian poets who were commendably active during the period between the two wars, the most successful were Govind Krishna Chettur, P. Seshadri, V.N.Bhushan, P.R.Kaikini, Manjeri Isvaran and Subho Tagore and many more their several pieces that are sensuous and richly articulate.

Drama and Other forms of literature:-

The dramas were cultivated with the dramatic form with power and skill. So many worked and made major contributions to our understanding of Indias' past. The works dramatists were considered as a master of English prose, whose sensibility had been nurtured and tempered in English literature. The work, writing speeches, the whole man his culture humanity and integrity were revealed as in a mirror.

Post Independence Era:-

Since independence a number of novelists have gained recognition in India. Like R.K. Narayan, Mulk Raj Anand, Raja Rao and many more have greatly extended their preindependence vogue.

Post independence era had witnessed enthusiastic writers of drama in English.

The Heritage literature of India:-

Great Indians and social reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi and many others turned their attention to a critical examinations of Indian social practices. English educations has also introduced new ideology. Various branches of have took place English literature of an idealism, realism and enlarged global vision. Many writers of English belong

to a galaxy of powerful writes whose works have already entered the realm of heritage was the pioneer in this field.

Conclusion:-

English literature began as a hot-house plant. It has firmed deep root in the Indian soil. It hoped in the past, in the future and aims at projecting a total vision of india-interpreting her aspirations and hopes and recording her ardours and achievements not only before the outside world but also before the diverse linguistic groups within the country. An individual expression of the Indian genius and a means to national is internal understanding.

"To Conclude a nation cannot progress if it merely imitates its ancestors, what builds a nation is creative, inventive and vital activity".