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**MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT**

**TITLE: THE PORTRAYAL OF WOMEN IN TAMIL NOVELS IN THE WAR PERIOD**

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**ABSTRACT**

This research focuses on the portrayal of women in Tamil novels written during the war period.The second World War is recorded as a mammoth event in the pages of world history.Writers of history and literature all over the world were influenced by it to record their impressions and to create their masterpieces.Though the war was not fought on the native soil of the Tamilians, the Tamilians living in the war-torn countries all over the world had to bear the brunt of the war. Agruesome incident which testifies to this fact was the involvement of the Tamilians in the construction of the Molmin railway bridge. Most of the soldiers who served in the INA led by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose were also Tamilians. The Tamil people living in the East Indies were also affected by the war.They confronted the war in their own way.

Fiction written during and after this period was based on the World War.Novels are the best reflection of human life. Therefore writers of literature chose this medium to express their sentiments.

The feelings of women in particular and the torture undergone by them gains attention in these works.

The project is constructed in five chapters. Introduction of the thesis is first chapter. Second chapter reveals the relation between History and Literature. Third chapter reveals the war period novels in tamil. It explain how tamilians faced the second world war. Fourth chapter describe how portrayed the women in war period novels. It reveals how many problems were faced by the women in war period novels.

### **Objectives**

1. Collect the datas and creative works based on the war period novels.
2. Analyse the relation between history and Literature.
3. Analyse the War period Novels in tamil
4. This research spotlights the ways by which the Tamilians encountered the events during the war.
5. This project analyses the portrayal of the realistic emotions of women in the novels.

### **Findings**

1. History fails to register and analyse the emotions of human beings during the war period. But on the otherhand, the Literature accomplished this clearcut analysis to a great extend.
2. War period Novels exposed the manners in which the tamilians handled the problems during the war period.
3. Women encountered somany problems in the war period.