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Abstract within 300 words:

The literary endeavours of Indian women writers give voice to the anguish, aspirations, and assertions of women. Indian women in the contemporary times are in a conflicting state where they are trapped between the pressure of traditions and the advancement of modernity. The fictional narratives of Manju Kapur propagate to redefine the status of Indian women and liberate them from the conventional social structures of the past which is the need of the hour. The ultimate goal of Manju Kapur's writings is to eliminate the destructive and claustrophobic socio-cultural restrictions that continue to deny new opportunities for women. Manju Kapur emphasizes the need for emancipation of women from man-made social and cultural principles to lay a strong foundation for a healthy, peaceful, and prosperous world. She expects a transition in Indian society to necessitate a better living environment where every individual enjoys equal respect irrespective of their gender. The novelist, through the representation of her women protagonists, take efforts to break the gender boundaries that cripple women's competency and potential in the familial, professional, and public spheres. She wants to annihilate prejudiced parental upbringing, domestic violence, marital subjugation, and workplace challenges to create a secured familial milieu and safe work environments to preserve women's eminence and integrity. She envisions that the 'Women Power' of India has the ability and authority to adorn the nation with a prestigious status around the globe. The literary contributions of Manju Kapur serve to acknowledge women's selfhood and honour the uniqueness of womanhood that contributes to the enrichment of the country's cultural heritage.

i) Major objectives:

- Parental upbringing has an impact on the personality development and individuality of girl children.
- Exploration of the dilemmas of present-day urban educated middle-class Indian women, trapped in the patriarchal social set-up.
- Promote a dependent-free life for women in the Indian institution of marriage.
- Reformation of women from subservience to prominence.
- Provide better solutions for different kinds of challenges faced by the women characters in the professional sphere.

ii) Hypothesis:

The writings of Manju Kapur attempt to formulate reformations in the prejudiced parenting, outrageous marital strategies, challenges in work environments, and irrational conventions of Indian society for the socio-cultural, economic, and political empowerment of women in the modern era of globalisation.

iii) Methodology:

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iv) Findings:

The fictional narratives of Manju Kapur prove the capability and potential of women to redefine their status in the contemporary world. Through the study of women's lives in the novels of Manju Kapur, the research emphasises that liberation of women from the conventional social structures of the past is the need of the hour. It is important to make the society aware of women's demands, desires, and aspirations so that they can break free from their cocoons and patriarchal constraints. There is a need for transition in the society to necessitate a better living environment where every individual enjoys equal respect, love, and support, irrespective of their gender. 'Nari Shakti' (the women power of India) has the ability to prove their potential in achieving not only their individual life goals but also stride ahead for the holistic growth to uplift the status, respect, and integrity of our Nation. It is essential to recognise, support, and amplify women's voices to uphold their respect and dignity which contribute to the fulfillment of fundamental human rights. A society gains multiple benefits such as increased economic growth, better education outcomes, and enhanced social cohesion when women are empowered.

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