



**GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN ARUNDHATI ROY'S
*THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS***

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ABSTRACT

Arundhati Roy is an Indian novelist, social campaigner, cultural critic and a popular political figure who has been fighting a non-violent war through words and protest against violence done to the human beings all over the world. *The God of Small Things* deals with the horrors of the gender discrimination in India and how women in general are marginalized and oppressed at the hands of patriarchy. The novelist gives exposure to the caste difference, gender discrimination, colour and racial distinctions through social institutions and she strongly professes how they influence human relations and individual behaviour of people. The old traditions gave rise to rebellious thoughts and Roy has raised a voice of protest through her characters and the way injustice is done to these socially downtrodden people because of their gender is emphatically portrayed.

KEYWORDS

Gender Discrimination, Patriarchy, Male-dominated Society, Marginalised