



**Short Review Paper**

## **An Overview on the Sensitive Condition Reflects love, Sacrifice and hate in the Partition Fictions-Train to Pakistan and Azadi**

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### **Abstract**

*In this article I have tried to explain the love, sacrifice and hate as natural emotions which occurred at the particular place and time due to the particular situation. Love gives power to one to stand strong in the opposite conditions. It also increased the strength of sacrifice which not only saved the beloved but the lives of several innocent persons without knowing their religions. Hate could be seen very easily when the question had come about two communities the Hindu and the Muslim. In spite of love and sacrifice many innocent people have lost their lives in the communal fire. Because with respect they have lived together in majority peacefully. On the other hand they were not gratified and satisfied with the decision of government regarding partition of India. I have attempted to look into the emotional condition which has changed due to the declaration of independence and partition. Sometimes people have changed their behavior towards others under the pressure and sometimes they have changed their behavior because they were not of same religion. But it has been also observed that communal war and fear of death were not enough to change the feelings of love towards the beloved or for those who were soul friends from the starting till the end. So that this was only love which empowered the man to commit sacrifice for their loved ones and others. Hate which cannot be vanished by the victims and their relatives as well as love and sacrifice of their friends and relatives which gives strength to victims to start their lives again and it could not be removed by the mind of readers too.*

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### **Introduction**

Several novels have been written by many writers on the theme of partition. But Train to Pakistan by Khushwant Singh and Azadi by Manohar Malgonkar are the prominent novels have been written on the theme of partition of India into two countries Hindustan and Pakistan. Both novels described two different villages Mano Majra and Sialkot with its social and political conditions, which have changed according to the time, places and circumstances. But the emotion of love, sacrifice, and hate are like the supreme power of the writers in critical situation.

These three emotions come serially. Like in Train to Pakistan Juggat Singh loves Nooren and at the time of migration he wanted to send his beloved safely to her nation Pakistan by train. Not only he saved his beloved or the whole train but he sacrificed his life to save the train. Whereas in Azadi Arun loves Nur and sacrificed his love instead of accepting the Islam.

On the other hand, the neighbors from different communities who lived together happily like brothers, changed their behavior towards each other, after the declaration of partition. So this event not only changed the behavior of many people for others but also disturbed the lives of many families.

### **Train to Pakistan**

Train to Pakistan is a partition novel written by Khushwant Singh. Khushwant Singh does not cover much detail about partition but emphasized on the individual nature and social conditions<sup>1</sup>. In this novel many characters depicted with their particular behaviors and characteristics. But the character which impacts most is the Juggat Singh 'Jugga'. Who is uneducated and not very well known name in the village rather he known as a gunda of the village. At present time he was in the prison for the murder charge of the money lender Lala Ram Lal. But it was not proved that Jugga had murdered the money lender but some time police have to arrest someone so that it could be supposed that they were working<sup>1</sup>. Instead of his illiteracy and negative impression Jugga has another part in his life that he loves a Muslim girl Nur and very faithful to her and he can sacrifice his life for his beloved.

It was known by some villagers also. Before the declaration of partition Juggat Singh frequently goes to jail but after the declaration of partition communal riot was at its peak and migration has been started at the big level<sup>1</sup>. When in jail Juggat Singh heard about the train carrying to Muslim refugees from Mano Majra to Pakistan and the train is planned to attacked by the rioters. Juggat Singh wanted to save this train at any cost

because his lover Nur was travelling in the same train<sup>1</sup>. So, he wanted to get released from the jail because he knew that only he can save his love Nur. In a very surprising situation Jugga released from the jail and very heroically he saved his beloved Nur but at the cost of his life. He has not only saved the Nur but the whole train. All the refugees migrated safely to their nations Pakistan. It could become possible because of Jugga. Jugga was illiterate and famous as a gunda of the village. But his love for Nur made him a hero and a true person.

This could be an example of love and sacrifice, and Khushwant Singh presented it by the two characters Juggat Singh and Nur very obviously. In another case when the condition of Mano Majra has become worst and many ghost trains have been come from Pakistan full of the dead bodies of Hindus. People of village never seen anything like that and never thought to happen like this, so they all were scared. Trains full of corps were not coming from Pakistan only but in the reply same trains were leaving from India too. But some Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs, were still loyal and faithful to each others, so that the Hindus, the Muslims and the Sikhs assembled at the place of lamardar where Hindus and Sikh said that you all Muslims are our brothers and till then we all are alive nobody can touch you<sup>3</sup>. The emotional statement of Hindus and Sikhs made the atmosphere sentimental. The love and care were the main power to survive in the sensitive situation for the people of village. This was the loyalty of the communities that they have pampered from the starting and now the time to prove loyalty for each others, beyond the boundaries of religions. Once they have been lived together in unity with peace<sup>1</sup>. Besides it at many places writer has to write about the hate which comes after the declaration of partition. Mano Majra, a small village there Hindu, Muslim and Sikh communities lived in a majority like brothers. They have spent good time as well as bad time together but never thought to hate each other but now for some people hate was a small word rather they were ready to kill each others. The trauma to leave the homeland and to migrate for a newly formed state was just like a severe punishment for the Muslims. They had to leave to the refugee camp and then to the newly formed state Pakistan. Where they had to start lives from the starting. With the lost hope, several wounds physical and mental wounds, destroyed house and money. So the partition affected social, political and economical conditions<sup>3</sup>.

Partition was the event which not only declared the migration but it also snatched everything from the Hindus, the Sikhs as well as from the Muslims whatever they have earned till the day. Mosque had desecrated by the slaughter of pigs and the holy Koran being torn up<sup>4</sup>. In the same way Temple had desecrated by the slaughter and the holy Granth had also been torn in bits<sup>1</sup>. From both sides people were ready to kill each others because it was communal riots. Many other wrong activities have been done for their personal satisfaction Very vividly Khushwant Singh described the atmosphere and the mentality of the villagers who were not ready to migrate but they knew that they had to move from here forever. Because the

condition was enough to provoke Hindus in Pakistan and Muslims in India. They knew that now this place is not for them and they had to leave it as soon as possible. They knew that they are not save here and anytime they could be looted, their children could be kidnapped and women could be abducted and raped. So the people from both sides were ready to leave their homeland.

He explained the situation and circumstances, in which people lived, loved, hated, died and left. Khushwant Singh has pointed that everyone was responsible and the blame could not go to any single group rather both groups were responsible. So the Train to Pakistan, with its several gruesome incidences reflects the love, sacrifice and hate too.

### Azadi

Azadi written by Manohar Molgonkar on the theme of partition. The important thing about the novel is that it started with the announcement of the partition. The partition announced on the radio by the British Viceroy Lord Mountbatten<sup>2</sup>. In Sialkot everyone wanted to listen the announcement but nobody wanted to hear the partition. Even then partition announced and a cyclone came in the lives of people of Sialkot. Specially for the Hindus of Sialkot, because it announced the part of Pakistan. It was not a good news for the Hindus of Sialkot but on the other hand this announcement brought a zeal of happiness for the Muslims of Sialkot.

Muslims of Sialkot have started to celebrate. They were in groups with drums and sticks, dancing, shouting, and firing crackers in enthusiasm. Hindus were shocked and just starring as suddenly they have been uprooted from their homeland<sup>2</sup>. After the declaration of partition Hindus were not able to accept the reality that just an announcement gives a reason to Hindus not to celebrate and Muslims to celebrate. Before the declaration of partition all three communities were living peacefully. They all were together in unity with different communities like a single family. But now the Hindus were scared to the Muslims, with whom they have lived together like brothers. Therefore the love, sacrifice and hate were the prominent element in the novel Azadi. Lala Kanshi Ram and Chaudhary Barkat Ali were soul friends. They were deep followers of Mahatma Gandhi and his theory of non-violence. Arun the son of Lala Kanshi Ram was in love with Nur the daughter of Chaudhary Barkat Ali<sup>2</sup>. They usually spent quality of time, always went to college and came back together. They shared good and bad experiences with each other that means life was going peacefully. Whatever happened after the declaration of partition, this event didn't only disturb and change the lives of Hindus in Pakistan and Muslims in Hindustan but also spoiled the love and relations of those who did not follow any religion but they have followed the love. In spite of great hatred peaceful people did not leave the path of love and peace. But they had to leave their homeland and place of their ancestry. Love relations got separated forever. Actually, they had taken a decision to leave their place peacefully not only for themselves but for them to whom they loved so much.

So, the partition ruined the love relation of Arun and Nur too. After knowing the partition and the migration Nur got emotional and insisted to Arun to accept the Islam, but Arun denied because the communal fire was on its peak and in that condition, if for love shake he does accept the Islam then it could be more dangerous for others. This was the love which existed last time in Sialkot. No matter that they were from different communities but they loved and lived together as human beings. After the announcement of partition the migration, disaster, riots, loot, deaths, mutilation, abduction have been the routine of daily. So now the love and affection were the story to narrate and just to sooth the wounds of partition. Many innocent lives have been sacrificed but the communal conflict was not stopped. Rather people were ready to kill each others with same force. Neither Muslims wanted to tolerate Hindus in Sialkot as now it was the part of Pakistan, nor the Hindus were ready to leave the Sialkot because they said that it is our homeland, we and our ancestral have born and raised here. Now, how could we become refugee here? This was the contradiction and clashing of communal rights. Everyone was stood to achieve their rights that was for some extent right too but the way they have chosen to achieve it, was wrong. Sometime they have decided and attempted wrong knowingly but sometime it happened wrong unknowingly due to the impression of others rioters. Abdul Ghani an another character who had his shop next to Lala Kanshi Ram's shop. Abdul Ghani made hookahs and in the starting he was very good with Lala Kanshi Ram<sup>2</sup>. They took interest in each other's matters and nobody could raise his voice on Lala Kanshi Ram in the presence of Abdul Ghani. But after the declaration of partition Abdul Ghani changed his behaviour towards the Lala Kanshi Ram. On the other hand Lala Kanshi Ram was not ready to move to the refugee camp so that one day Abdul Ghani indirectly commented on him to move to the refugee camp. After listening from Abdul Ghani these lines Lala Kanshi Ram was shocked. He thought that a word partition has changed all the equations of human relations and beliefs. At the same time Lala Kanshi Ram's daughter and son-in-law have killed in partition massacre<sup>2</sup>. When Arun went to search the bodies of his sister and brother-in-law, he heard a familiar voice of Abdul Ghani who uttered that I am a khaksar volunteer and helping to keep city clean by cremating the kafir dead, he also added that who told you that your sister was killed? I put her and her husband into the fire with my own hands and they are now on their way to Dozakh<sup>4</sup>. He has been feeling-less now and

has forgotten the relations of past with Lala Kanshi Ram and his family. The communal war and circumstances made Abdul Ghani and many others stone hearted. That much stone hearted that they could hurt anybody. Therefore, the partition and the formation of new state Pakistan has given rise to communal feelings and rights, for that they have fought and hated to each other at the great extent. It was sufficient to ruined many good relations, who have lived together once.

## Conclusion

Many events which occurred due to partition and readers could know about these events through the eye of fictions. Love, sacrifice and hate we have studied just as an important element presented in both the novels. Therefore, some characters who taught us that in critical conditions they followed the way of love and sacrificed. They not only thought about their loved ones but they saved others too. On the other hand killing, abduction, mutilation, massacre was the sad event of the partition due to communal hate. Which resulted into the twelve million people uprooted from their homeland from both sides. In all these activities many people have participated so the blame does not go to any single person or single group rather everyone deserve to blame.

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