

## “Exposition of Contemporary Social Consciousness in Chetanbhatgat’s Selected Novels”

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### ABSTRACT

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India’s Youth Icon ChetanBhatgat, who is well-known for his depiction of actuality in the contemporary Indian society. All the works of Chetan, portrays the problems that, Indians have been facings and also creates awareness to the youngsters in the society. Since from his first Novel “Five point someone” which was written years ago, he has been taking these problems into consideration and deal with it in his writings. Through his novels Chetan, reflects the reality of the society and influenced the youth much. In most of his novels, he penned the problems, like Negative impacts of Urbanization, post-truth politics and illusory democracy, communalism, issues in educational systems, competitive entrance exams, academic pressure, Lack of practical knowledge, unfulfilled aspirations and sufferings of middle class youngsters. He also deals with caste and culture, Inter-caste marriage, parents’ conservative mentality, corruption and narrow-minded people over love. The present paper brings forth, how ChetanBhatgat’s novels, creates awareness among youngsters and educate them to lead a better life and extraordinarily depicts what young India really wants.

**Keywords:** Contemporary Issues, Modern Culture, Educational System, Conservative Mentality, andInter-caste Marriage.

### I. INTRODUCTION

### **“Art is born from the reality”**

Art is born from the reality, however later artist mixes some of their own imaginations to show, their art more presentable. In the same way, writing is extraordinary art. The Actuality of the novel satisfies the readers' thirst. Through the realistic novels, readers get to know about the sufferings, mentality of the people, problems, atmosphere, and better understanding of life, etc. ChetanBhagat is known for his explanation of reality in the modern society. Though he paid much attention to the entertainment, he also covered the problems of the contemporary society. He also focused on youngsters' issues, modern culture, love, hate, friendship, marriage etc. In some places, Chetan directly or indirectly shows his interest in modern society. Most of his novels depicts that, his intention is to create the social consciousness among youngsters and tries to bring forth their suffering to light.

#### **SELECTED NOVELS OF CHETAN BHAGAT:**

- ❖ Five Point Someone (2004)
- ❖ One Night @ the Call Centre (2005)
- ❖ The 3 Mistakes of My Life (2008)
- ❖ Revolution (2020)
- ❖ Two States (2014)
- ❖ Half Girlfriend (2017)

#### **SOCIAL CONCIOUSNESS IN FIVE POINT SOMEONE:**

Five Point Someone is Chetan's debut novel (first novel). He begins his novel in quiet different way, like

#### **“This is not a book to teach you how to get into IIT or even how to live in college”**

He focused on Indian Educational system, philosophy of life, faculty system, Grading system, students narrow mind and the concept of rote learning which is known as mugging up or rote learning. For this novel Chetan achieved society young Achiever's award in 2004. It is very rare to get award for the debut novel, which is a milestone. Five point someone reveals the reality of the IIT life, it barely shows how it dumps the students life. Many students fail to tolerate the Academic pressure and lead them to commit suicide. He also emphasized that the practical studies are much more, important than the theoretical studies. This novel creates great impact among youngsters in India.

#### **ONE NIGHT @ CALL CENTRE:**

One Night @ the Call Centre focuses on the lives of the youth in BPOs and Call Centre. Though the call centers and BPOs provide more salary for the workers, it won't let them to learn more or fails develop their skills further. It shows the influence of youngster towards modern technology and western culture. There are few draw backs in this novel, they are call from god, which is slightly unaccepted and seems dramatic too. In this novel conversation of god and the characters is bit dramatic and god listen to the problems of the characters, which make both the readers and characters surprised. This novel didn't adore the readers' heart much, but it contains many realistic things about life and love. It also deals with the stress of the people, who are all working in the call centres and BPOs.

### **THREE MISTAKES IN MY LIFE:**

At the beginning of the novel, Three Mistakes in my life, Chetan, make us sure that, the story of this novel is no more like IIT and Call Centre but it deals with the some aspects of Indian society, like Religion, Politics, Cricket and Business. It also deals expresses the youngsters addition and attention over cricket. They are represented as cricket-obsessed youngsters. The Title of the Novel, “Three Mistakes of My Life” represents the mistakes done by the character of the novel Govind. His first and foremost mistake is to fall in love with Vidya, his close friend’s sister and has physical relationship during her birthday. Second one is govid adamantly buying a shop without listening to his friends’ advice, which will destroyed later, due to earthquake. Thirdly the character Ali’s wrist will wounded because of govind’s selfishness.

### **TWO STATES:**

It is a story about a couple, who belongs to two different states. Chetan begins this novel by quoting that, “The Story of My Marriage”, through this readers can come to know, it is a story partly covers the life of the author itself. Though Chetan wrote about his life in this book, he focused on “inter-caste marriage” or “inter-cultural marriage” in India. Generally Inter-caste marriage is considered as an offense in India, but chetan boldly deals with it. He also touched the theme of Love-Hate relationship through the characters of krish and Ananya. Like the novel Five Point Someone, this novel also deals with the fault in educational system, parents’ conservative mentality. Through krish’s mother chentan gives voices to the mentality of the Indian parents’ and their perspective about marriage.

### **REVELUTION 2020:**

This story deals with the triangle love, corruption in educational field and journey of self-discovery. Chetan mostly considered the problems of the young Indians, who suffered to discover themselves in the society and work hard for their family and get triggered by the corrupted educational institutions.

### **HALF-GIRLFRIEND:**

The novel, Half Girl Friend interprets the problem as a class conflict between elite English speakers and non - English types in the country. Madhav is a middle-class Indian with poor English knowledge and Riya is complete contrast to madhav, she is rich class and highly English knowledgeable person. Both of them become friends through sports, they are basketball players. Later, Madhav falls in love with Riya but she looks their relationships in a different way. Finally Riya likes to be Madhav’s Half-Girlfriend. Through this novel Chetan covers the area of low-class youngsters’ sufferings and unacceptable love. He also shows that low-class youngsters unfulfilled aspirations and intentions. They fail to cope with the English speaking experts. It also shows the impact of English language on Indian society as well as all over the world.

## **II. CONCLUSION:**

All the above novels of the ChetanBhagat, creates some of the social consciousness in every possible way. Usually Chetan is considered as a light bearer of Indian society as well as the Indian youngsters, so here, I conclude that most his novel, surely shows the contemporary social consciousness in Indian society.

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