

**THE TRAUMA OF DALIT EXISTENCE: COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF *MURDAHIYA*
AND *GOVERNMENT BRAHAMANA***

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ABSTRACT

Dalits, in Indian hierarchal caste society have been deprived of basic rights of human beings and oppressed in various ways. The present research paper highlights the pathetic condition of Dalits, who are discriminated, exploited, marginalized, and subjugated at every walk of life as they belong to the lower strata of society. Dalit, in the late nineties, started to resist from sharing traumatic lived experience in Dalit autobiographies. This research paper is a comparative study of the ArvindMalagatti's *Government Brahamana* and Tulsi Ram's *Murdahiya*. Dalit autobiography in contrast to mainstream life writing in terms of subject matter puts up the real experiences of Dalit society and attempts to trace the aspect of social, cultural and economic life. Dalit autobiographies exhibit, how hard it is to resist the existing practices and utilize the potential.

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