

The Themes and Techniques in Vikram Seth's Novels

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Abstract – A writer is assigned based on the socio geological network and culture to which he has a place and those convention, life and language he uses in his works. The writing verbalizes about person's life however it speaks to the whole human methodology towards the society. In undeniable reality, writing molds the mentality of the society and it draws the philosophy and mind of society. The writer's point of view towards society assumes a basic job in safeguarding the history, mirroring the contemporary society and anticipating the future world. In this article the themes and techniques in Vikram Seth's novels has been discussed.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Vikram Seth's novels satirically and gravely look at the issue of national legislative issues, the separation of standing and class, scholastic issues and interfamily relations. Vikram Seth novels manage present social situation, social changes, and the social transformation. The socio-social foundation of the novels drives the perusers to break down genuine authentic foundation of the nation. Therefore, Edward Said attests, —the creators are throughout the entire existence of their social orders, forming and molded by that history and their involvement with various measure. Vikram Seth's novels uncover worry towards society and he anticipates the indecency and criminal operations which had happened in the society. He is the genuine representative of the society so he never wavers to uncover the genuine reality about the society. Wole Soyinka composes, —A writer records the experience of his society and is the voice of vision of his time. He needs to work as social inner voice . . . or something bad might happen, he should pull back to the position an after death specialist. Vikram Seth is conceived on twentieth June 1952 in Calcutta and his family had a place with the upper white collar class society. They lived in numerous urban communities like Batanagar close to Kolkata, 11 Patna, close Danapur and London. Seth was destined to Prem Seth and Leila in Calcutta. His dad was an official in the Bata India Limited shoe organization. Prem Seth relocated to India from West Punjab in Pakistan. Leila, his mom was the main lady judge of the Delhi High Court as additionally the principal lady to become Chief Justice of a State High Court, at Simla. Shantum is the more youthful sibling of Vikram Seth, who sorted out Buddhist meditational visits and his more youthful

sister, Aradhana, was a movie producer who had been hitched to an Austrian representative. Vikram Seth lived in London for a long time however at present he lives close to Salisbury, England. He learned at St Michael's High School in Patna, Welham Boys' School and The Doon School in Dehra Dun. Seth finishes his A-levels at Tonbridge School, a Public School in Kent, England, and afterward went to Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) at Corpus Christi College, Oxford and he sought after his doctoral investigations at Stanford University. He was a famous polymath who had lived in three mainlands: Asia, Europe and Australia.

He composed different types including verse, fiction, true to life, travelog and lyrics. He was knowledgeable in a few dialects including welsh, German, French, Mandarin, English, Urdu, Hindi and the Devanagari language. Leila Seth, was the principal lady judge of Delhi high court. Being profoundly taught, his folks impacted Vikram Seth in various manners. With regards to the impact of English language and writing, Vikram Seth and his sibling had considered the English language during their college days. His mom's impact was increasingly answerable for forming and embellishment his psyche. His mom Leila Seth articulates in her collection of memoirs, On Balance, composes, —We were specific about Vikram's training and we communicated in English at home and we didn't permit Vikram to communicate in any 12 other language however Englishll (10). He was prepared under his mom's ideal perception, which later made him the best novelist among the contemporary Indian novelist in English. Vikram Seth

spends his adolescence in Patna and his folks conceded him into the lofty and elitist Doon Public School in Dehra Doon. Vikram Seth was exceptionally affected by his topography instructor Mr. Gurudayal Singh at the life experience school. He urged and inspired him to learn and acknowledge western traditional music. Vikram Seth had significant enthusiasm for the abstract creation; he starts his scholarly profession by altering the Doon School Weekly.

Vikram Seth's enthusiasm for verse has been perceived by his mom and she instills his advantage. His mom states, —I had imparted in him an adoration for verse and one of the books, which he dominated, was the gooney bird Book of Versell (On Balance 152). At eighteen years old Vikram Seth has been sent to England to proceed with his advanced education at Kent. Vikram Seth began his Doctorate in Economics at the Stanford University of California. His examination point was "On the Economic Demographies of Seven Chinese Villages. But he didn't effectively complete his exploration in Economics. At that point he went to Nanjing University of China during the year 1980-82 to seek after his Doctorate. There his educator Timothy Steel perceived his journey for composing and he gave his steady help to Vikram Seth to turn into an inventive writer. He energized him recorded as a hard copy The Golden Gate and Vikram Seth devoted the novel to Timothy Steel. Vikram Seth likewise had an enthusiasm for interpreting books and this clears an approach to learn numerous dialects. He has top notch wonderful expertise: 13 While officially occupied with postgraduate financial aspects courses at Stanford he additionally attempted lovely investigations. He additionally took a crack at Mandarin Chinese courses at Stanford that later helped him gain familiarity during his stretch in China. In 1980-82 Seth accomplished broad field work in China gathering information for his expected doctoral thesis on Chinese populace arranging; he was connected to Nanjing University and got conversant in Mandarin inside a half year, later deciphering Chinese just as Hindi verse into English. (Fandom n. pag.)

Vikram Seth had been motivated by Steele's generally organized stanza with formal rhyme and meter and he embraces the comparative proper order in his own verse as well. Seth confirms this reality in the meeting, —So I went to this office and inquired as to whether there was any individual who could help with verse. There were two artists there and the one closest the entryway was Timothy Steele, who composes with rhyme and meter. In the event that the other individual had been nearer, I'd most likely have turned out a writer of free versell (Jerney n. pag.). Vikram Seth went through two years from 1980-1982 to do his broad field work in China to accumulate a few information for his proposed doctoral paper on Chinese populace arranging. Later he deciphered Chinese just as Hindi verse into English. He had generally excellent Chinese language familiarity when

he came back to his old neighborhood Delhi. In result he composed From Heaven Lake: Travels Through Sinkiang and Tibet in the year 1983. It was the blend of travelog and diary. Later he went to better places like Britain, China, California, and India and clearly the understanding of his encounters in these various nations had been shown in his novels. His first novel, The Golden Gate: A Novel in Verse, distributed in 1986, 14 featured the encounters of one gathering of companions living in California. A Suitable Boy distributed in the year 1993, depicts the perfect and sensible post-autonomy life of Indians and this novel won the W. H. Smith's Literary Award. An Equal Music distributed in the year 1999. Seth managed two unique cultures and did equity to both the cultures.

In the year 2005, he distributed his diary Two Lives, and it represented the lives of his uncle and auntie. Vikram Seth portrayed his voyaging involvement with his book From Heaven Lake: Travel through Sinkiang and Tibet. His excursion through China, Tibet and Nepal was delineated right now. This book won Thomas Cook Travel Book Award. Vikram Seth composed stories for youngsters as well and his Beastly Tales from Here and There contained ten accounts of creatures. Vikram Seth had five volumes of verse amazingly and in his verse additionally he portrayed his involvement with London and California. Vikram Seth got Thomas Cook Travel Book Award in 1983 for his book Travel book – Heaven Lake, Common Wealth Poetry Prize in 1985 for his popular work Poem Humble Administrator's Garden, Sahitya Akademi Award in 1988 for his novel The Golden Gate Common riches writers prize in 1993 for his novel A Suitable Boy, W H Smith abstract honor in 1994 for his novel A Suitable Boy, Cross Word Book Award in 1999 for the cunning novel An Equal Music, EMMA Award for the best book in 2001 for his most well known novel An Equal Music, Pravasi Bharatiya Samman in 2005, Padma Shri Award in 2007 and 25th Greatest Global Living Legends in India in 2013. Vikram Seth's first novel, The Golden Gate: A Novel in Verse is a totally different sort of novel. It is written in section with 500 and fifty stanzas and it is as poems. The poems rhyming example is a-b-a-b-c-c-d-d-e-f-f-e-g-g. Vikram Seth is profoundly impacted on Alexander's Puskin's Russian epic sonnet Eugene Onegin. 15 The Golden Gate is composed during his school life at Stanford University and this novel turns into the perfect work of art of Indian writing. It had a pleasant comic and basic planned on social issues and furthermore concentrates such a significant number of different issues. He had outlined contemporary existence with apt accentuation on the hugeness of kinship, estimation of individual, self-acknowledgment, and ethnic qualities. The novel caught the culture of west coast society in San Francisco. The novel compared the parody and sentiment and it depicted the excursion of the couple from San Francisco. The novel shows sentimentalism, enthusiasm, relationships, sexual

relationship, prevalence unpredictable, various types of requests, interests, possessive lunacy and political beliefs; through these ideas. Hse gives a message to the society that one ought not waste one's life in such defaming things. Seth draws the characters like Phil and Ed to symbolize the issue of homosexuality and its energy.

Vikram Seth is remarkable for his sensible outline of India, California and Vienna. He focuses on socio-political, recorded and social components of the nation and representations the practical image of the contemporary India. The point of the exploration is to discover the social-social view of Vikram Seth through his three extraordinary novels: *The Golden Gate*, *A Suitable Boy* and *An Equal Music*. *An Equal Music* is Seth's third novel; it is set in London with Western Classical music as its milieu. This novel gets EMMA [BT Ethnic and Multicultural Media 19 Award] in the year 2001. *An Equal Music* centers around the lives of traditional performers. Vikram Seth while composing this novel he sits close to the group of four practices and surely knows the subtleties of music, instruments, and scales. An equivalent music uncovers the spots of Vikram Seth in the field of writing. He viably consolidated a romantic tale with enthusiasm for music. The very much created novel, *An Equal Music* depicts the sincerely unstable artist, Michael Holden and the portrayal mirrors Michael's enthusiastic relationship with music. Seth clarifies about the thought behind his composition: Walking over a London Park on a wet day Seth and his buddy Philippe Honore [to whom he commits the book] see somebody gazing at his own picture in the water of the Serpentine River in Hyde Park. As they wonder about the man, Philippe recommend that he may be a performer, and in this manner the thought for the novel took rooftop.

The target of the exploration is to show how modernization, westernization, globalization and digital culture changes the more youthful age of the world. The heroes in these three novels are the agents of the advanced youths. This sensible depiction of the socio-social perspective makes Vikram Seth's novels arrive at the Zenith. The adolescents go through the greater part of their time on earth in scanning for an occupation and in finding an ideal life accomplice. These two fundamental topics are all around utilized in the novels of Vikram Seth. The motivation behind the examination is to follow the adjustments in the society in two levels. One is the interior piece of the social part and another is changes in the inward psyche of the human. The scientist utilized the SocioCultural hypothesis, Queer Theory, Psychological hypothesis, Feminism and Marxism speculations. 20 The present proposition comprises of five sections. The part one is —Introductionll which gives a nitty gritty portrayal of the development of the three periods of Indian Writing in English. Among the third era Indian writers in English, Vikram Seth's portrayal and contention venture the social and social status of the nation in an energetic way. In the wake of recognizing the

important Indian writers in English, Vikram Seth's one of a kind spot has been followed. Subsequently the basic part gives a full length concentrate on the life story of Vikram Seth. His true to life accounts are trailed by a striking portrayal of his scholarly achievements. The point, goal, reason and extent of the examination and the different methodologies received by the exploration researcher are additionally expressed in detail. The subsequent part, —Socio-Cultural Life of India manages the Indian social and political status. The idea =socio-cultural'encompasses two primary areas: society and culture. Society incorporates various free individuals who have a place with various networks; and culture is only the conduct of the entire society. Socio-social point of view mirrors a specific society's language, brain science, human science, sex issues, race, financial matters, orders, culture, convention, custom, conviction and qualities. Every one of these ideas can be examined through Marxist hypothesis, Sociocultural hypothesis, Cultural brain research and Queer hypothesis. Vikram Seth's *A Suitable Boy* has been assessed by these hypotheses to uncover the view of Indian socio-culture. The foundation of the novel is post-freedom time in India, and the spot, Purva Pradesh is a fanciful territory like Malgudi. Brahmpur is the capital of Purva Pradesh and notwithstanding that Delhi, Calcutta, Kanpur, Lucknow has been depicted as the milieu of the novel. It portrays the way of life of four diverse between associated families in the territory of Purva Pradesh and Brahmpur.

Seth manages the social, 21 strict and familial conventions of India through the four families; Mehra, Kapoors, Khans, and Chatterjis. Among the four families the initial three are Hindus and the fourth is a Muslim. The novel is by all accounts a sentimental one subsequently its center subject is coordinate making; it likewise manages critical issues like Indian history, administrative issues, law, familial conventions, standing, custom, dressing style, games, love, wedding, extramarital relationship, comradeship, and even incorporates shoe making work. Through this depiction Seth gives a whole image of the overall population, with their conventions and taboos inside the period overwhelmingly. Subsequently *A Suitable Boy* communicates the total socio-social image of India with a profound delineation of the Zamindari framework, sexual orientation issues, bigotry, religion, sex, marriage, training, legislative issues and legends of the land. Hero Lata has been impacted by between close to home brain research and social brain science however the progressive character like Malati has been impact by intra-individual brain science; subsequently she sees everything as indicated by her own vision and not on the dreams of the older folks, society and guardians. The Cultural human sciences makes the individuals to follow their predecessor's exercises without examining whether it suits the contemporary society or not. Along these lines Vikram Seth's novels caution the perusers that they ought to dissect the

explanation reasonably and to tail it. In this manner A Suitable Boy magnificently extends the socio-social existence of Hindus, Muslims, lower class, high society, holy people and legislators. Also, the view of socio-culture demonstrates that every single thing on the planet ought to be regarded. It might be an individual, tree, waterway, religion, love, lady and widow, since all these 22 have sentiments and none of the culture on the planet has the option to offend anyone. The third section —Yuppie Culture in Californiall centers around the culture of California especially the culture of Yuppies in California.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

(Green, 2002)

Composing is the techniques for understanding society as it portrays the custom, show, lifestyle, etc of contemporary society in which it is brought into the world that is the explanation Engels approvals Batrac for his presentation of French society. Engels said that one could get acquainted with the French society from him (Batra) "than from all the master curators, budgetary experts, examiners of the period together."7 A specialist, accordingly, stresses over the most devouring requests of the day. The association among composing and society cannot be ignored or neglected in light of the fact that workmanship is a social miracle for various reasons. In any case, in light of the fact that the skilled worker, in any case exceptional his basic experience might be, is a social being; second, since his work, in any case significantly meant his basic experience and in any case fascinating and unrepeatable its externalization or from might be, is continually an augmentation, an interfacing join between the expert and the others from the overall population; third, a showstopper impacts human it adds to the reaffirmation or corruption of their convictions, destinations or characteristics – and is a social force which has its enthusiastic or ideological weight, shakes or moves people. Nobody proceeds as before consequent to having been significantly moved by a certifiable artful culmination.

(Arnold, 2015)

The depiction of the social real factors reality of the events enables a creator to leave lasting effects on the psyche of gave perusers just as the entire society as well. A writer must substance with and reflect reality in his creation. Reality insinuates, the data on life's This watermark doesn't appear in the enrolled variation progression when everything is said in done to its strong wonders about a given time explicitly. Data on life is the essential source from which a work of composing draws its quality and its creator his ability of conviction. A writer also gets by and large relatives appreciation of truth of the particular time allotment in which a book takes first experience with the world. To reflect this reality in his works, a writer, thusly gets the fundamental features of the age's remarkable events – their quality similarly as inadequacy. Tolstoy, for

instance, is extraordinary due to the 'significance and grandness with which the age is described'8 and 'the genuineness with which he rendered the consistent irregularities and the savage isolating of the old set up demand that happened in post change Russia'. The portrayal of this present reality, at the end of the day, incorporates highlighting the critical issues of the people and new pieces of life. In any case a writer isn't altogether stressed over reality, not just bringing direct memory of the outside world into the work in a negligent manner and one who just shows external world taking everything into account, is delineated as history master. Not at all like understudy of history a writer isn't obliged to consider the whole range real factors identifying with a given event or marvel. He can concentrate on a lone truth, a lone event, a lone life.

(Ruffin, 2007)

A writer uses certain events from the history, offers solicitation to them and incorporates something of his own imaginative brain according to the law of probability and need and makes something constant and general. At this moment writer makes his own one of a kind universe, a world wherein through the creation of individual characters-whimsical or certified, or both he explores the social being of man and the activity of explicit portions of society ever, the disputes of their tendencies and the possibility of their contentions and cleavages. It is through the examination of these characters that a writer gives an idea of mentality of the people, their moral viewpoints, their measures and desires. It is with this objective that a Juliet, or a Macbeth, an Okonkwo, or a Gikonyo has been made. Through all of them the writer distils the irrefutably basic marvels and moreover reveals the association among composing and society. Each of the above characters gives us an investigate the various periods of socio-political headway. Thus creator's depiction of the fact of the matter is a method of creation and not of pantomime. It This watermark doesn't appear in the selected adjustment is this exhibition which fills in as a framework, associating the creator to the overall population at given time just as across time and social divisions. Wole Soyinka creates that writer isn't just the recorder of the mores and experiences of his overall population yet moreover the voice of vision time allowing. - However, different writers similarly as scholars have denied any central or in any event, 'appealing' associates among composing and reality in this manner banishing the idea of credibility from the hover of workmanship and composing. To take up a segment of their major fights, one of them is against logical thinker workmanship since it is "a craftsmanship for the plebians, for everybody, for those poor in spirit"11 recommending accordingly that mission for workmanship and composing is essentially an elitist development. "Genuine elements", they charge, "are continually clear watches while symbolists are reliably engineers. Certainties are in the grip of strong life, it washes

over them like the surf and they don't see anything behind it." Such a mindset towards this present reality and its activity in creation of composing prompts spots of subjectivism which start from a thinking that craftsmanship is basically senseless and that ideological, political and social requests are new to its disposition. It is, in particular, the affirmation of a skilled worker's isolated theoretical impressions, whether or not they contrast with the veritable image of the objective world or not. This is basically done to attest the showing up opportunity.

(Wolff, 2000)

Every writer is a writer in authoritative issues. The fundamental request is what and whose administrative issues. A creator propels socio-political extraordinary by assembling his work as for contemporary conditions. The extraordinary composing imparts stunning and critical social musings with astonishing marvelous ease. In Indian English composition, legislative issues has reliably been of focal criticalness. The conviction arrangement of the writer, the writer's mindset to contemporary condition - is a fundamental bit of the association among composing and legislative issues. In Indian English composition, the subject of ideological edge of the writer got observable concerning the distinctive open door fights and it continues remaining noteworthy in the post-self-governance period similarly as the contemporary Indian writers This watermark doesn't appear in the enlisted adjustment - writing in English are diverted with the mean, degenerate and frail administrative issues of their events. It is inside this wide based structure of association among composing and administrative issues and composing and society instead of a specific hypothesis of composing that present research tries to survey the noteworthy creations of Upamanyu Chatterjee and Vikram Seth. Regardless, before we separate the books of Upamanyu Chatterjee and Vikram Seth it is legitimate to consider the progression and improvement of Indian English fiction as a class on the Indian soil and the impression of socio-political conditions in Indian English fiction.

(Ramesh, 2005)

We find evident picture of unadulterated Indianness underway of Tagore, Aurobindo, Sarojini Naidu, Ezekiel, A. K. Ramanujan, Kamala Das and others. Indian creators are no progressively imitative. They are imaginative and exceptional. Indian English composing has a foundation set apart by more than 150 years. Raja Ram Mohan Roy began his calling as a writer writing in English. Mahatma Gandhi wrote in 'Young India' and 'Harijan'. The period between 1820-1900 is known as the Indian Renaissance. It was influenced by English guidance that the Indian writers turned towards forming and deciphering their neighborhood works in English. They were making Indian history just as another composition, too. Today many promising researchers are contributing a lot for the improvement

of Indian writing in English. As demonstrated by Sri Aurobindo, there were periods of the This watermark doesn't appear in the selected structure Indian Renaissance. The first was the get-together of the European contact and reconsideration of various segments of the old Indian culture. The second was the reaction of the Indian soul upon the European effect and the third was that of assimilation and new creation. At first 'novel' is an European sort of craftsmanship. It has spread to the non-European countries like India, nearby the European tongues and culture as a result of colonization. "One of the most noteworthy endowments of the English preparing to India is composing fiction, for anyway India was apparently the wellspring of portraying, the novel as we likely am mindful the structure today was an importation from the West."¹⁴ The epic idea that it was definitely not hard to conform to the changed cultures and strategies for enunciation in different European condition. Indian creators began to use the English language of the colonizers similarly as European structure, yet they talked in their free voices. They made the novel a vehicle for their experiences and cultures. It achieved a novel written in European language and techniques anyway experience of their own. It has Indian substance and western structure.

(Sugandha, 2002)

Indian English fiction is a late headway. In actuality, the novel as structure was new to India. The soonest works of fiction in Indian English were understandings and other propagandistic pamphlets. Raja Ram Mohan Roy, the pioneer of the Indian Renaissance created fine piece, yet no fiction. Surendranath Banerjee, Gopal Krishna Gokhale, Tilak and other open door This watermark doesn't appear in the enlisted structure contenders and reformers wrote in English yet their responsibility is transcendently to composition and paper. In Sanskrit composing, there were synthesis works like Kadambari of Bana Bhatt and Vasavadatta by Subabdh. Nevertheless, the novel right now of the word began to be made influenced by the English composition. Bankim Chandra Chatterjee formed Raj Mohan's Wife (1864), it is the certified beginning of Indian fiction. It was trailed by Raj Laxmi Devi's The Hindu Wife which was dispersed in 1876, Toru Datt's Binaca in 1878, Kali Krishna Lahiri's Rishinara in 1881, H. Dutt's Bijoy Chand in 1888, Khetrapal Chakravorti's Sarata and Hingana (1895). K. R. S. Iyengar opines that these books written in English have for us today near an intellectual or chronicled interest. Bankim Chandra's books like Kapalkundala, Durges Nandini and Krishna Kanta's Will were changed over into English from Bengali. Indian English fiction has been not just a social and political story of the milieu wherein it is set, it has similarly hoped to make a go of taking everything together "their baffling estimations some major socio-social stresses of the age inside the episodic arrangement with the ultimate objective of presenting the human pith of the calculated issues, empowering the

creating of a way to deal with modify their angularities."

(Priyal, 2017)

Vikram Seth is one of the creative figures in Indian English Literature who is immovably settled in the social and political conditions of contemporary India. Vikram Seth's books and poems outline a postindependence Indian life. Subsequently, he has been seen as one of the observable figures all through the whole presence of Indian English Literature. Imagined on twentieth June 1952 in Calcutta, West Bengal, India in Hindi as opposed to Bengali talking family, Vikram Seth took preparing at Corpus Christ College, Oxford, Stanford University and Nanjing University. His dad Mr. Prem Seth was an authority of the Shoe Company called Bata India Limited, however his mom Leila was the essential lady Judge of Delhi High Court and later Chief Justice of the Simla High Court. His increasingly young sibling Shantam has an uncommon excitement for Buddhist Meditational Tours while sister Aradhana is apparently captivated with film culture and field. Vikram Seth's impressive thing is his power over various lingos like Welsh, German, Urdu, Hindi, and French and clearly English. He contributed by far most of a stunning vitality in the journey of various spots like Britain, China, California, and India. Through his works we find the depiction of his experiences in these different countries. We This watermark doesn't appear in the enlisted adjustment - have satisfactory examples of these sorts of depictions, as his first novel, *The Golden Gate: A Novel in Verse* (1986) hurls lights on the experiences of social affair of mates living in California. *A Suitable Boy* (1993) outlines the perfect and handy post-self-rule life of Indians, taking into account such a superb depiction, the novel won the W. H. Smith Literary Award. His third novel, *An Equal Music* was disseminated in 1999. It is the story of two darlings, Michael and Julia. Starting late in Oct 2005, his *Two Lives*, a journal has been dispersed and it is consistent with life family diary made at the suggestion out of his mom. It delineates the lives of his removed uncle and aunt. Vikram Seth's comprehension of journeying is found in his development book, *From Heaven Lake: Travel through Sin Kiang and Tibet* (1883). Vikram Seth's journey through China, Tibet and Nepal is presented at this moment. This book is regarded with the Thomas Cook Travel Book Award. Vikram Seth created *Beastly Tales from Here and There* (1992) for adolescents. It contains ten records of animals which make full and extraordinary preoccupation of the children. Vikram Seth has moreover contributed in the field of stanza. He has five volumes of his section incredibly. His first undertaking was *Mapping* (1980). His inclusion with London and California is portrayed right presently section. This volume involves topics like love, family relationship, downfall, hardship, outcast, nature and social unwavering quality, etc. The epic is mixing of farce and conclusion.

3. SINGULAR SELF IN AN EQUAL MUSIC

The idea of self is a consistently common topic much investigated by practically all the writers of the world independent of time. Vikram Seth is noticeable, as expressed beforehand, to do genuinely well in plotting his characters dependent on the double substance of society and self. His novel *An Equal Music* can be explored on the standards of socially molded self. It is about affection, dejection or more all music. It is an investigation of the hero's excursion through music. Music can change and subsequently impact minds, considerations, feelings and convictions of an artist or any person. Seth utilizes music as the mode of affection for craftsmanship: It's a romantic tale, however it's not just about sentimental love – it's about the adoration for a parent for a kid, love for a wonderful item that can't cherish you back, affection for the immortal work of splendid craftsmen, and a large portion of all, the adoration you have for somebody who doesn't generally exist any longer, either on the grounds that they have kicked the bucket or in light of the fact that they have changed. The sentimental relationship in the book is unpredictably woven with different subtleties of the hero's life so that it's not simply his relationship with the kindred performer that is a sentiment, yet his relationship with the world and with his specialty also. Seth is genuinely a wonderful writer and the manner in which Seth makes this story is unfathomably smart and profoundly moving.

The fundamental subject of the novel is music corresponding to love and love to music. To be progressively accurate, the writer expounds on European old style music formed by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn, and Schubert, which impacts the characters, especially the hero, Michael Holme in various ways and to an alternate degree. He goes gaga for Julia McNicholl, and normally he discovers love in music. He esteems it for its sound yet he feels lost and shouts out in steady quest for both music and love, which has been glorified and supernaturally discovered once more. There is a relationship between his mission for music and quest for his adoration. This fills in as the plot of the entire novel. His affection for music awakens and is caught up with congruity of delicacy. It is his obsession to be secured and controlled by this music and love. He is abundantly fixated on them. Seth's composing is extremely striking and permits one to hear the music and feel the sentiment: The novel is a holding and significant contemplation on affection, music and the unavailability of time. Described in the current state, in an unyielding first individual, this contemplation is seriously close to home; in contrast to Seth's past compositions, the novel is amazingly mental, managing Michael's Psyche, which consistently aches for affection and music. (Akash Kapur) *An Equal Music* is determined to singular clash area. The individual self of the character Michael Holme, the storyteller and the

hero of the novel is unflinching and reluctant to acknowledge others.

Swedish maestro Carl Kall is his tutor. Having high expectations in him and imagining that he would turn into an independent artist, on meeting him in the masterless class in the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, his coach proposes that he should come to concentrate with him in Vienna as a more seasoned understudy outside the educational plan in the Musikhochschule. Carl says, "You invest a lot of 55 energy in orchestral arrangements You could have a superior profession You ought to be guided by me. That is the reason you are here, is it not? You are obstinate. To an extreme so" (AEM 17). Also, to his instructor Michael would not have enlivened the "voices in his grasp", that implies, he will never be up to the desires for his lord in music. Carl Kall needs that the obstinate Michael to be guided by him. Be that as it may, his hesitant self would not permit him to gain proficiency with significantly under his educator. He understands his tutor would be a tyrant. In Michael's words, "May be I could have gained from him in the event that I had gulped my feeling of self" (18). Michael was from a modest community Rochdale in the North England. His childless neighbor Mrs. Formby acquainted him with music when he was just nine.

She took him along any place she would go and demanded that he would accompany her for a wide range of occasions. He remembers the day she took him to hear the incomparable "Savior". He recollects the manner by which he was captivated in his part and needed to pick the music vocation and in this way Mrs. Formby begins showing him with her violin. Michael's fervor has no limits and from that minute onwards, music turns into his lone enthusiasm throughout everyday life: Into my psyche comes a phenomenally excellent sound. I am nine years of age. I am sitting between Mr. what's more, Mrs. Formby in a condition of expectation. On the seats surrounding us are individuals jabbering and stirring projects. Into the bazaar ring enter not elephants and lions but rather a gathering of people, a significant number of them bearing stunning instruments, sparkling and shining. A little, slight man enters to praise, for example, I have never heard, trailed by the peculiar, total quiet of a large number. He cuts down a stick and a tremendous and 56 exquisite clamor fills the world. More than everything else I need to be a piece of such a commotion.

The enthusiasm for music develops as he develops. Also, he develops against his dad's desire. In the wake of completing his school he has a brilliant possibility of heading off to the college where nobody in his family had ever longed for. Though the desire for music makes him express his desire and he says, "What I need to do is to play music". But his folks never wanted their child to be a performer. His dad firmly accepted that music doesn't carry occupation to anybody as he says, "Your mom and me, we've worked and worked

so you could have a superior future – and you'll wind up playing in some bar or dance club. What kind of future is that?". Seth through Michael's dad talks about the troubles that one who isn't from a melodic foundation may need to confront a hazard in picking the melodic calling. They may need to battle a great deal for getting settled. His dad is additionally stressed over his monetary status that if Michael picks a melodic course, he won't be in a situation to get him a violin or bolster him with his poor salary. The conversation among Michael and his dad goes in this manner: And on the off chance that you go to college, you get a required award. Try not to figure I don't have the foggiest idea about all that. Your head needs taking a gander at. See what's befallen us and the shop this last year. Do you figure we can bolster you when you're fiddling ceaselessly? "I'll find a new line of work. I'll take care of myself," I stated, not taking a gander at both of them. "You should restore your violin to the school," said Dad. "Try not to rely on us to get you another."

After Alex left, Tobias Kahn, an odd man with no character, couldn't support as he was completely despised by Helen and Billy. Michael finds a spot in the group of four as a result of the contention among Piers and Alex that made ready for their breaking. The Maggiore Quartet starts every practice with straightforward yet successful custom, the harmony playing of a scale in the key of the piece to be practiced. It is nothing unexpected at that point, that a gathering so musically adjusted will likewise be ultra-delicate to varieties in any part's enthusiastic pitch. This is apparent during the gathering's practice. Michael's edgy good faith to locate his lost love has a prompt antagonistic impact on the 61 unpredictable individual elements of the Quartet also. But it is from such minor beginnings they show up at a comprehension of a work that appears to be both valid and unique. Also, the group of four resembles a nuclear family where the activities or sentiment of one part will influence those of the others. This can be surely known from the expressions of Michael, "However our own is an odd quadripartite marriage with six connections, any of which, at some random time, could be cheerful or nonpartisan or stressed".

The group of four is by all accounts a miniaturized scale world speaking to a society of performers who by implication impact Michael's self. Seth's lovely, suggestive composition and splendid representation of the International music scene is exceptionally obvious. It is through his characters we learn of Seth's extraordinary love and huge information on old style music. His virtuoso radiates through in making open and convincing to the lay peruser, the long lasting drenching in and upkeep of art which is the establishment of all genuine music making. It's an extensive test, as one of the characters just half-tongue in cheek concedes, "at the beginning of today . . . I unexpectedly acknowledged how exhausting artists are. Every one of our companions are

performers and we aren't keen on anything with the exception of music". Be that as it may, in Seth's fit hands this one-track mindedness become the novel's binding together string. He utilizes the different individuals from the Maggiore Quartet as his vehicle to portray how troublesome and tightening the life of a committed group of four player can be and how fundamental every part is to the solidarity of the gathering. He looks at their instruments likewise as a group of four as Michael says, "Our instruments are the other group of four; every ha its equal life".

The Maggiore Quartet has four individuals having their own varieties. Wharfs, is an exemplary first musician who is never a simple individual to be with. He is grating, 62 requesting, contemptuous and used to getting his own specific manner. Be that as it may, where Piers is reserved, his sister Helen, who gives the viola's supporting job, utilizes her purpose to request greater inclusion and plays a superior parts in music and life. Billy, the gathering's cellist, is splendid, caring, anxious to please and far reaching in motion. Ultimately, the touchy storyteller, Michael, the second musician in the group of four, carries with him his own quirks and issues. Michael's character is depicted as a despondent man grieving constantly and perpetually discontent about existence. Just thing that he is upbeat about his life is his having a rooftop over his head, which is just a fantasy for other individual performers. He is found constantly stressed over his lost love and about losing his violin, a Tononi that isn't his own and is loaned to him on credit by the liberal sponsor, Mrs. Formby which is to be come back to her whenever. He is especially appended to this violin. "I have invested more energy with it than with any living soul, in any case, well it's as yet not mine. Also, I'm not its".

Directly from the monetary snugness of battling craftsmen to the elements of their cooperating in music groups, every scene is urgently painted. There are bargains engaged with cooperating. Players have separate spirits yet are constrained to exemplify together. One individual from the gathering proposes to play a specific piece. The other out properly dismisses it. At that point one of them is placated, etc. Such an excess of working is minutely seen by the novelist. Likewise, the thirst of the specialists for thankfulness is additionally portrayed. Michael gripes, "Nobody ever audits us".

A sort of appeal is woven out of words where one feels to be a piece of an incredible melodic execution. Also, the prime character speaks, "Now and again I stop to relax. It is not normal for anything we as a group of four have ever played previously". The players' distinction breaks up in the music that is created by a joint exertion. Worked around the common encounters of some performing artists; particularly Julia and Michael the novel harps on the mind of Michael, a second musician in a London based string group of four, his various states of mind, longings and questions. An Equal Music is a story that sways

between these two interests/torments on affection and music. Normally the structure of the content is appointed to such an extent that shows engrossing interests and terrible misfortune. This basic structure of agony and joy, the misfortune and accomplishment and the assortment of occurrences occurring have been secured very well by the creator. There is love for music from one perspective, and love for the individual playing out the music (Julia) on the other.

"Michael's adoration for Julia was a fixation, yet his affection for his obtained violin was a veritable love. While his relationship with Julia isn't in flawless congruity, he is in ideal solidarity with his violin" (Puppy Talk). Michael communicates his sentiments when he needs to leave behind his adored violin: "Goodbye, at that point, my violin, old buddy. I have cherished you beyond what I can say. We are one being, yet we presently should part and never hear our regular discourse again. Remember my fingers or our voice. I won't hear you, yet recall you". It appears that the violin replaces the nearness of Julia. It is the music which stays genuine and devoted in Michael's life, and he stays consistent with music, anyway neglectful, narrow minded, and self-consumed he may be in different parts of his life.

Considerably following 10 years, the memory of Julia waits and Julia disorder frequents his future sentimental connections as well. In all that he sees and peruses, he reviews her: "I visited exhibition halls, displays, libraries. I strolled all over. I familiar myself with London, yet couldn't have felt less a Londoner. My brain was somewhere else, north 64 and south. In the artworks I saw, in the books I read, I reviewed her, for she had from various perspectives been the creation of me".

Thus, everything helps him to remember her. Indeed, even his current aloof undertaking with his understudy Virginie isn't liberated from this. It is a kind of music official among Virginie and the hero. His childish nature is uncovered in his relationship with her. This relationship makes no difference for him. He isn't keen on imparting his life to her. The motivation behind why he has her is desire and assurance that nothing genuine can leave this relationship. He realizes this is just a transitory relationship and will go on until he discovers Julia, his lost and romanticized love: "She is sixteen years more youthful than I am. She isn't the lady with whom I need to share my life. Be that as it may, having started, what we have proceeds. She needs it to, and I oblige it, through desire and dejection, I assume, and apathy, and absence of center" (6). Be that as it may, the adoration Virginie has for him is valid and she acknowledges him however he is "such an exhausting old git".

Virginie is a lot of capable. As indicated by Michael she doesn't put forth a concentrated effort. He contrasts herself and Julia of that time. Virginie is

youthful, yet she works somewhat dissimilar to Julia. Presently he is showing her, he is likewise offering his life to her. Be that as it may, his brain is considering just Julia. Still he is fixated on her: As for the one I recollect that, I see her with her eyes shut, playing Bach to herself: an English suite. Tenderly her fingers travel among the keys. Maybe I move too abruptly. The cherished eyes turn towards me. There are such a significant number of creatures here, involved, pre-involved. Let me accept that she inhales, that she despite everything exists, some place on this opportunity circle. Virginie accidentally hurries her own outdated nature when she calmly makes reference to the presence of a little known Beethoven quintet, creation 104, 'which was a late vocation revising by Beethoven of his Piano Trio in C minor.

At the point when Michael was tuning in to the music, Beethoven's trio in C minor for pianoforte, violin and violoncello, opus 1 number 3, Virginie calls him. He gets aggravated when she needed to think about the bit of music he has been tuning in to. Virginie asks Michael, "For what reason did that music disturb you with me?" throughout their contention she reveals to him that 'Beethoven orchestrated it himself into a string quintet; it is two violins, two violas and a cello – no change mixes creation. Be that as it may, Michael isn't prepared to accept as it is uncovered by his careless understudy. Virginie smells that this bit of music has such a lot of significant worth and some association for Michael. Her thought is correct. It is this very trio that originally carried Michael and Julia alongside her cellist companion Maria, together in Vienna; it was they who drove Michael into a difficult encounter with his coach Carl Kall and his resulting breakdown. Julia persuades him to remain at any rate for affection. In any case, he leaves with this reasoning, "Yet my contention with him had squeezed itself so profoundly into my skull that her protection of him appeared to me an agonizing treachery on her part: more terrible it might be said than his, for from him I never again anticipated comprehension".

Michael hysterically look through this music collection by Beethoven. He runs from shop to shop, from one library to the next, lastly uncovers a record which nobody accepted existed. He even looks into through basically consistently hand record seller in London looking for that tricky string quintet in C minor by Beethoven, gets his fortune at long last at Harold Moore's, possibly to lose it that day when he spots Julia in a transport that is moving nearby his own in London. During this inquiry he likewise spots Julia, his lost love, on a moving transport. He fiercely pursues her, yet at last, loses both the record just as Julia. He runs 66 frantically in the overwhelming rush hour gridlock of London: "Perspiring, diesel-gassed, unfit to see unmistakably through my most badly designed tears, I run and heave and run".

It is on his path home on the transport from the music store where he had discovered the score and a chronicle of the dark quintet that Michael gets a look at

Julia in the window of the transport adjacent to him, isolated by two sheets of glass and an unbridgeable bay of under five feet before she vanishes in the progression of London traffic. Julia is sitting in a transport legitimately inverse, at the window straightforwardly inverse that has halted at the traffic light. The transports the other way symbolize the contrary nature and characters of these two sweethearts. He plays an outfit though she is an independent entertainer. His preferred fledgling is Lark and Julia's is Nightingale. Warbler sings in the sky while Nightingale sings in dim, imperceptible and inaccessible dwelling place. In spite of the fact that there is an inclination, an aching for affection in these two, it isn't the equivalent. What's more, in one sense there is no possibility of meeting as they go in equal lines. In any case, Michael gets down from his transport, sheets a taxi and guides its driver to follow the transport that goes futile. His energetic love for Julia, which time has neglected to die down, is reflected when he sits and sobs: "Under the bolt of Eros I plunk down and sob."

4. VIKRAM SETH STORY TELLING STYLE

Seth's story strategy is exceptionally considerable. He causes Michael to sit and sob under the bolt of Eros: Eros in Greek religion and folklore was divine force of adoration and sexual want. He was the representation of affection in the entirety of its signs, including physical enthusiasm at its most grounded, delicate, sentimental love, and lively, sportive love. As indicated by certain legends he was one of the most seasoned of the divine beings, conceived from Chaos and exemplifying inventive force and concordance. In many legends he was the child of Aphrodite and Ares and was spoken to as a winged youth furnished with bow and bolts. In Greek verse Eros was regularly a determined and unsympathetic god, indiscreetly apportioning the furors and miseries of affection. (Reference book) From this development onwards the battle for bringing concordance emerges as his individual self wavers between his enthusiasm for the music and his longing for his adoration. The power of his affection for her develops to an ever increasing extent. She is never out of his recollections. In every single activity of his she finds a spot, in the music he plays, tunes in, in the sound of the winged creatures and so forth. The closeness of his adoration is appeared such that he could even make out from the music that he tunes in on the radio. The music causes him to feel that it must be of Julia's. "It was the finish of a preface and a beginning of a fugue: for some odd reason in C minor. This is Julia, I said to myself. This is Julia. Everything talked about her".

The times of Michael go with the contemplations of Julia. Despite the fact that she is in his recollections every one of these years, why every one of these years he never needed to look through her and

proceed with his adoration and settle in life despite everything stays an inquiry. What upset him from discovering her out and persuade her and express his affection for her. May be he trifled with it that she also will sit tight for him for much over 10 years. May be he needed to settle in his vocation and improve his living before settling throughout everyday life, before he could meet her and persuade her about his conduct. In any case, every one of these years, very nearly 10 years, he never gets settled, however he is dealing with his living with the minimal expenditure he gets past the group of four and by method for educating. May be the words he gets as answer – "For the wellbeing of God, Michael, haven't you harmed her enough?" (31), when he rings her father in his interest to locate her out put forth him consider not making any attempt to restore his affection. That push to persuade additionally takes him a year. At that point things have changed a great deal in Julia's life. She is hitched to James Hansen, an investor who is an American and has a multi-year old child Luke Hansen. Furthermore, another most stunning change in her life is that she is gradually losing her hearing. Michael is unconscious of every one of these things. In spite of the fact that this might be the situation, the memory of genuine affection frequents each person, regardless of whether one connects with oneself with something or the other and Michael is no exemption. At some stage, when one is amazingly wiped out with these kinds of recollections, one gets insane and attempts by every single imaginable intend to follow their adoration. For him music and Julia are a basic and indivisible piece of his life. In this manner Michael begins his mission through their specialist Erica Cowan however he is taunted at and harassed about his frenzy after such huge numbers of long stretches of division. Michael's memories dive the peruser incidentally into the past. Michael is the storyteller.

The novel is certainly his perspective. Michael and Julia were understudies in a Music College in Vienna. They shared exceptionally serious and personal minutes together. Yet, after some time because of his own psychological impulses and furthermore because of the overawing and choking out nearness of the instructor Carl Kall, Michael leaves Vienna and Julia. "Carl responded with wrath and anxiety: . . . as though one of the potential jewels on his crown was demonstrating itself to be simply carbon, convertible to its optimal structure just under extraordinary and persistent tension. He applied it and I disintegrated".

Coming to London, he understands that Julia has really become a piece of his character. Leaving Julia was an irreversible mix-up of Michael. He frantically attempts to get in touch with her yet all futile. Julia is lost as is the light of 69 Michael's life. He has a mechanical existence without any glow. Seth definitely portrays that Michael has even lost his feeling of self-personality. With Julia he loses the stay of his character. He is perplexed. 10 years passes however the torment of losing Julia doesn't pass. He thinks: "What befell me such a large number of years prior?

Love or no affection, I was unable to proceed in that city. I staggered, my psyche stuck, I felt the weight of each breath. I disclosed to her I was proceeding to go".

The adoration for music and the affection for Julia go connected at the hip. The idea of any score of music he plays or listens naturally begin spinning around her. These double interests have been meshed into a total and multifaceted relationship however there are numerous passionate exciting bends in the road. During a training meeting at Helen's while playing Beethoven quintet, Michael's considerations go therefore: How great it is to play it, not to work at it – to play for our own bliss, with no compelling reason to pass on anything to anybody outside our ring of recreation, with no desire for a future stage, of the too-prompt sop of commendation. The quintet exists without us yet can't exist without us. It sings to us, we sing to it, and some way or another, through these little high contrast creepy crawlies grouping along five dainty lines, the man who deafly transfigured what he such a significant number of years sooner had hearingly formed addresses us across land and water and ten ages, and fills us here with trouble, here with flabbergasted pleasure.

5. CONCLUSION

Vikram Seth likewise reasonably portrays the social and political image of post free India. In his likeness we prominently locate the amazing mix and blend of the social situation and individual portrayal with loaded with sharp perception and certain aim. He focuses on social, political, recorded and social precision with mental condition of individual and masses as well. While differentiating the political circumstance of the nation, he required exertion to show how different issues social, social, conservative and strict rotate around governmental issues. None of the components can stay discrete and unaffected. Through characters Seth attempted to show the loss of confidence, relationship and solidarity among the differing Indian society. The household life and singularity is being influenced by the political and social changes; which is valid in these days moreover.

In *A Suitable Boy*, Seth amazingly sketched out the political race process, which is the spirit of the political framework for the most part and popular government especially. Satirically he endeavors to show the debasement and sick ways, which are being utilized in the hour of political race. While portraying sensible political circumstances, the novelist additionally centers around the job of administration and how civil servants attempts to utilize the strategy of 'Akarma Sakarma' signifies 'legitimizing unlawful'.

Seth likewise featured a semantic issue which happened after the autonomy in our nation and at last states being separated phonetically. Seth has

indicated how culture, language and society go connected at the hip. Every single perspective rotates around the other. He underscored an entomb connection among organization and legislative issues, among realism and multi-culturalism. The novel *A Suitable Boy* is brimming with Hindi, Bengali, Urdu and English communication, confirming a multi-lingual personality of India and how it matches the multicultural and mainstream adaptation as Nehru's fantasy. Seth outlined Nehruvian patriotism which underscores India's multiculturalism and convention of resilience towards different religions. Nehru's secularism is the early answer for the amicable solidarity in assorted variety is being brought up in the novel with plentiful of reasonable models. Numerous occasions in the novel can be viewed as the emblematic minutes in the country framing process.

Vikram Seth has painted the post free situation of the nation practically the occasions of 1950's, the crack in the congress party, the abrogation of Zamindari framework, strict strain, common mobs and so on. The novel *A Suitable Boy* presents the mosaic of the common and multicultural, multi-lingual and multi-ethnic India. He acknowledges the demand of reproducing microcosm India with different dialects, cultures, social and customary issues.

A Suitable Boy shows up in the verifiable family with ordered occasions which adjusts the anecdotal characters, who goes at the same time following one another. The novelist appears to be rising up out of the content as storyteller of the story and furthermore a character inside the novel. Seth himself conceded that he composed the novel living in his parent's home and around then his consideration was taken by the relatives. It implies legitimately or in a roundabout way he was under the impression of 'family' as a framework and how the term (family) assumes a significant job in the life of somebody's singularity. While portraying the sexuality, Seth appears to be very much aware about the Indian convention and culture with respect to the idea of 'family'. In contrast to discovering mate for the life, the characters offer agree to the ideal accomplice chose by the seniors. There is no any wavering the extent that acknowledgment of the spouse or accomplice is concern.

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