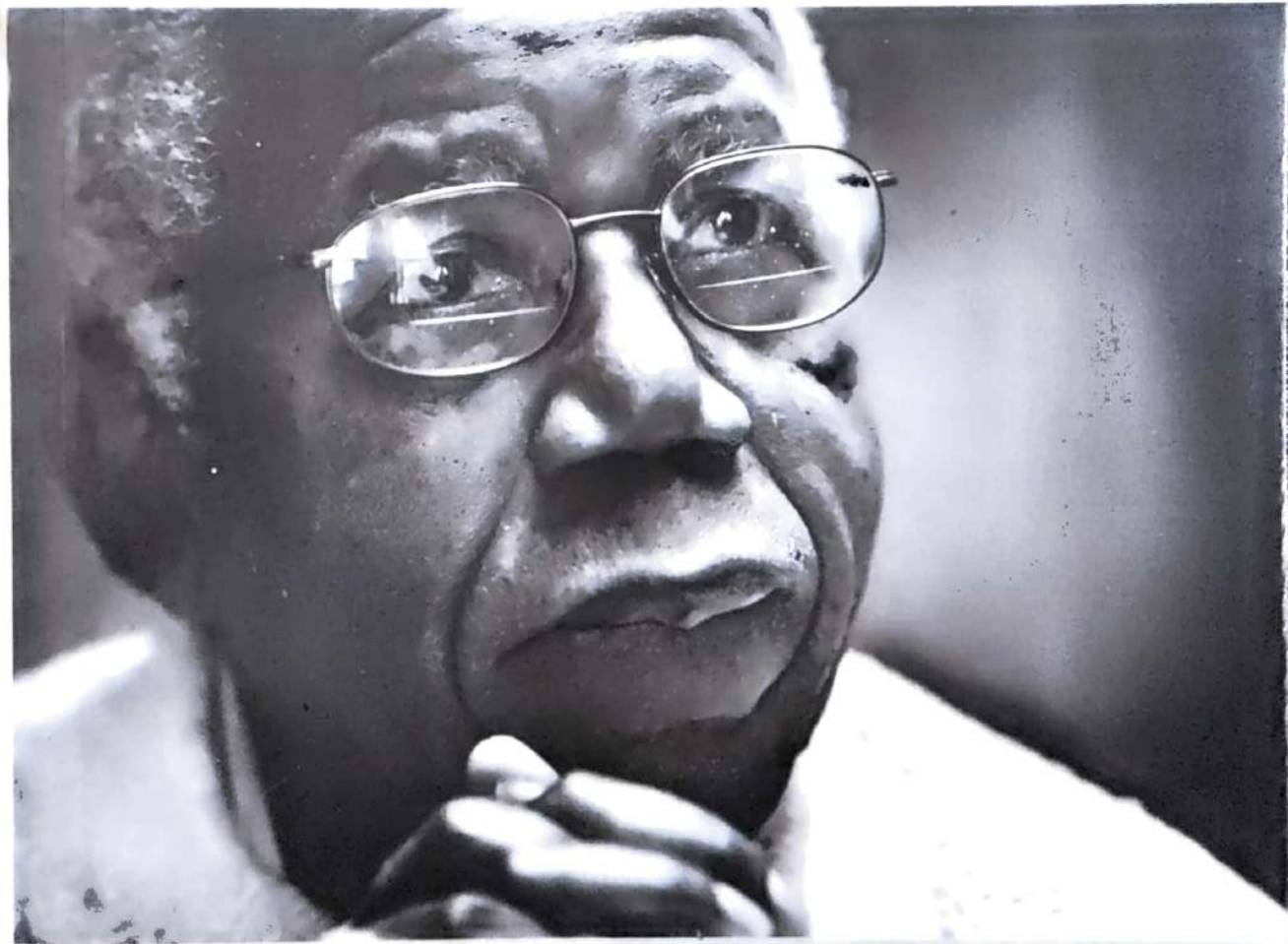


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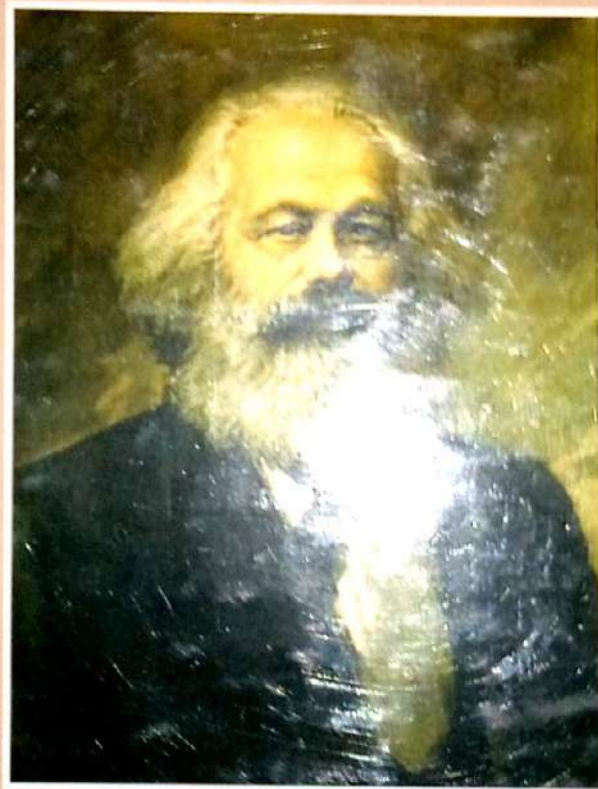
Post colonialism is generally taken to be a term associated with repression, subjugation, silencing, othering, reaction and revolt. But in this work I intend to argue that colonisation is not just a repressive term, nor colonial relationship a process of subjugation and reaction alone but a relation that involves interdependence and exchange of cultural and political ideologies between the colonizer and the colonized. It is a relationship that also requires a certain degree of willingness or consent on the part of the colonized to allow the overtaking of a dominant culture. There is strangely enough an element of glorification of the colonizer by the colonized. There is a reciprocity of desire between the two countries. The desire of the colonizer for the colonized is understandable because the colonized is generally a nation rich in natural resources. But there is a queer desire of the colonizer for the colonized that amounts to a gaze for the 'Imperial Other' which is the source of nurturance. The intention of the work thus is to light upon a new angle of postcolonial relationship where the colonizing nation becomes a 'Mother Nation' or 'Father Nation' and the colonized in spite of being rich in resources looks upon it for nurturance. In such circumstances there grows a dependence between the two nations. Even in the postcolonial era this dependence exists through a process of cultural exchange that results in the emergence of a hybrid state.

This leads to the idea of adaptation. The colonising power gradually infiltrates into the colony through such machineries as the church, the school, family and later through political institutions. It engages the colonized to adapt and appropriate these foreign tools like colonial education, religion, governmental control and effect a total changeover of the traditional indigenous system. In the field of politics specially for the unreachable tribal areas in the colonisers like England used the tribal chiefs to act as 'puppet chiefs' on their behalf. England for instance, ruled the tribal nations through



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# **Karl Marx and the Theory of Surplus Value**

**Simanti Bandyopadhyay**

The everlasting contribution of Karl Marx to the theory of economics is that he drew attention to the problem of reproduction of the entire social capital. In the history of economics, two significant attempts have been made at an exact exposition of this problem: one by Quesnay—the father of physiocrats—at the beginning and at its final stage by Karl Marx. The bourgeois economists in the interim had never been able to formulate this problem precisely as they were not aware of this problem.

The literal meaning of the word reproduction is repetition or the renewal of the process of production. However reproduction is something more than mere repetition in so far it presupposes certain standard of labour productivity.

In a primitive communist agrarian community, reproduction is determined by the community of all workers and their democratic organs. The decision to re-engage in labour, the arrangement of reproduction and the determination of its volume are all results of a planned co-operation in which everybody within the community takes part.

In a slave society reproduction is enforced by personal relations of domination. In every society known to history, other than a capitalist one, reproduction recurs in a regular sequence as far as its preconditions, the existing means of production and labour power make it possible.

The capitalist methods, however, present a different picture. Reproduction here depends on purely social considerations. Only those goods are produced which can be expected to sell with certainty at a customary profit. Therefore, profit is the decisive factor which determines not only production but also reproduction.

## **The Capitalist Mode of Production**

The capitalist reproduction comprises not only production but also circulation or exchange. It is organized primarily by innumerable

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# The Concluding Hymn of the Vāmadeva-*maṇḍala*(RV IV.58)–A New Appraisal

Dr. Suchismita Khanra (Joardar)

## Introduction

The Ṛgveda, the oldest literary monument is divided into ten *maṇḍalas*. Amongst them the *mandals* ranging from II to VII are commonly designated as 'Ārṣamaṇḍalas' or 'Family Books', since each of them is ascribed by tradition to one particular seer or one particular family of seers. Thus, *mandala* IV, consisting of fifty eight hymns, is traditionally attributed to seer Vāmadeva and his family. Each of the Family Books has its own characteristics and peculiarities which clearly distinguish one from the other. Like the other Family Books *maṇḍala* IV also is endowed with its own charm and is characterised by its peculiarities. This paper presents a modest deliberation on the main theme of the concluding hymn of the Vāmadeva-*maṇḍala* (IV.58) and attempts also to reveal the philosophical spirit and mysticism involved therein.

## Conception of the Terms *deva* and *devatā*

The hymns of the Ṛgveda are all praises and prayers addressed to various gods, who, according to the Western scholars are mostly personifications of different powers of nature



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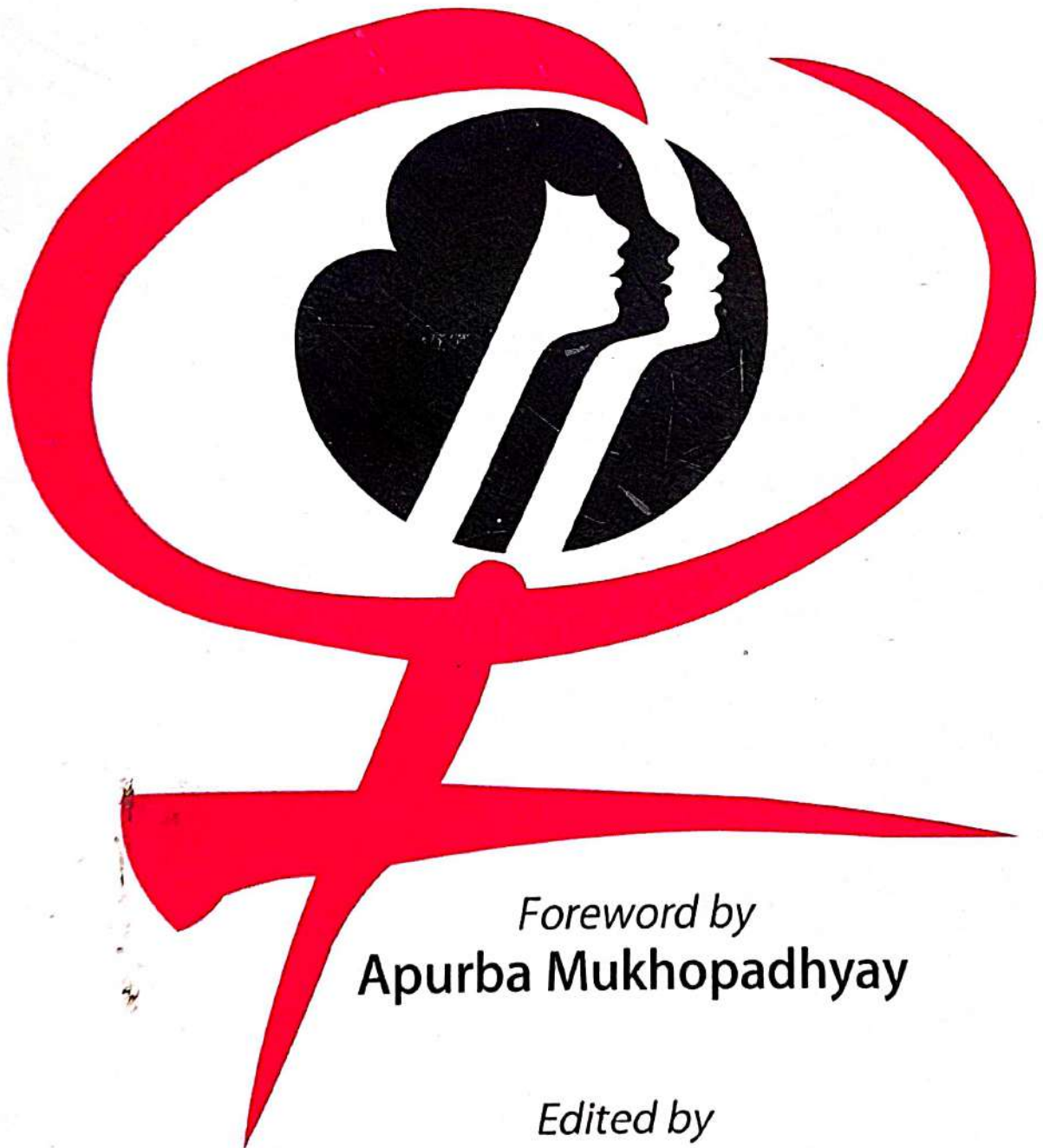
**Introduction:** Through ages women took similar pains along with men in establishing human civilization throughout the world, but they remained largely dependent on men-folk. In recent times the question of inequality of genders and the exploitation of women have become a major topic of discussion before the society. This results in certain changes no doubt but in spite of wide spread social movements and measures to reduce the inequality and exploitation of women the situation is still far from satisfactory. The social customs, religious restrictions, the patriarchal structure of the family organization have contributed to the social degradation of women in Indian society.

Women's health is inextricably linked to their social status. In many parts of the world, particularly in South Asia, discrimination against women starts before birth and continues until death. In most regions of South Asia, women are denied the rights and privileges afforded to their male counter parts both within and beyond the domestic sphere. Throughout their lives women endure discrimination based on gender which includes basic necessities of life like food, clothing and education. Further; South Asian women suffer greatly from a lack of access to health care-particularly in rural areas. Women often face traditional taboos, based on cultural practice and religious belief against consulting doctors. This is one of the main reasons behind the high rate of morbidity and mortality of women in South Asia. In India the most common diseases for women are diarrheal diseases, respiratory infections and prenatal conditions (complications or diseases that occur at or after twenty eight weeks of gestation or within the first seven days after birth).<sup>[1]</sup>



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## ভারতীয় লোকধর্ম ও নারী জাগরণ

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সামাজিক ক্ষেত্রে নারীদের অধিকার প্রতিষ্ঠার লড়াই সুপ্রাচীন কাল থেকে চলে আসছে। সভ্যতা সৃষ্টির আদি পর্ব থেকেই সমাজ পরিচালনার ক্ষেত্রে পুরুষের একক প্রাধান্য বজায় থেকেছে, পাশাপাশি নারী থেকে গেছে পুরুষের সহযোগী হিসাবে। সৃষ্টির প্রথম পর্যায় থেকে পুরুষের এই কর্তৃত্ব কি প্রকৃতির বিধান? নাকি সমাজ নির্মিত তথাকথিত ভ্রান্তি? প্রাচীন হিন্দু শাস্ত্রে এ বিষয়ে কি ব্যাখ্যা দেওয়া আছে সে সম্পর্কে আলোকপাত করতে গিয়ে প্রথমেই হেঁচট খেতে হয়। কারণ প্রাচীনতম ভারতীয় বা হিন্দু সাহিত্য হল বেদ। যার রচনাকার হিসাবে বলা হয়, বেদ অপৌরুষেয় এবং ব্রহ্মার মুখ নিঃসৃত বাণী। তাহলেই কি প্রাচীনতম ভারতীয় সাহিত্যের সৃষ্টি নারীদের দ্বারাই নৃষ্টি ও ঋষিদের কাছে ধ্যানের মাধ্যমে প্রতিবাদ হয়েছিল। এই কারণে বেদ অপৌরুষেয় নামেও পরিচিত।<sup>১</sup> এই ব্যাখ্যাকে মান্যতা দিলে এটা পরিষ্কার হয় ‘মনুষ্য সৃষ্ট’ মানেই পুরুষ সৃষ্ট। অর্থাৎ নারীদের এখানে মানুষ বলেই গণ্য করা হয়নি। ভারতবর্ষের ইতিহাসে নারীত্ব শব্দটিকে সতীত্ব ও পরিব্রতের সাথে এমনভাবে মিশিয়ে দেওয়া হয়েছে যে, নারীত্বের পৃথক কোনো অস্তিত্বই বিলুপ্তির পথে। ত্যাগ, তিতিক্ষা, সন্তান-পালন, স্বামী সেবা ইত্যাদি শব্দগুলি নারী সমাজকে এমনভাবে গিলে ফেলেছে সেখান থেকে বের হওয়া বেশ কঠিন। পিতৃতান্ত্রিক সমাজে তাই নারী কেবল পুরুষের সম্পত্তি, ভোগের বস্তু আর দাসী হয়েই থেকে গেছে। তবে প্রথম থেকেই কিন্তু এই প্রচলিত অব্যবস্থার বিপরীত নারীদের অধিকার রক্ষার লড়াই চলে আসছে, যা ‘নারীবাদী আন্দোলন’ নামে পরিচিত।

সমাজ সভ্যতার একেবারে নিচের সারিতে অবস্থান করতে করতে সমানাধিকারের দিকে নারীর যে দীর্ঘ যাত্রা সুপ্রাচীন কালে শুরু হয়েছিল তা এক বিরাট ইতিহাস। যতদূর জানা যায় ইউরোপীয় সমাজতন্ত্রবাদে বিশ্বাসী দার্শনিক চার্লস ফুরিয়ের ১৮৩৭ সালে প্রথম ‘নারীবাদ’ শব্দটি ব্যবহার করেন। পাশ্চাত্য নারীবাদী ঐতিহাসিকদের মতে, যে সমস্ত আন্দোলন নারীর অধিকার অর্জনের লক্ষ্যে কাজ করছে, তাদের সবকটিকেই নারীবাদী হিসাবে গণ্য করা উচিত। তারা নিজেদের নারীবাদী না বললেও কিছু এসে যায় না এতে।<sup>২</sup> অষ্টাদশ শতাব্দীর শেষ থেকে ঊনবিংশ শতাব্দীর

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تجزیوں سے نہیں، خلوص، مقصد کی عظمت، الفاظ کے فنکارانہ اور فنی روایات کے  
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### Abstract

GST is an indirect tax reform which is formulated to stop the tax obstruction between States and thus create a single market. GST is a single tax on the supply of goods and services, right from manufacturer to the consumer. Credit of input taxes paid at each stage will be available in the subsequent stage of value addition which means GST is essentially a tax only on value addition at each stage. Due to the effect of GST, the lifestyles of an individual get affected. Some food item becomes the gainer and some are looser in this transformation. From the smallest entity of the economic food chain to multi – billion conglomerates, no one will stay untouched by the GST. In our study, we have segregated the household goods in five heads i.e. common consumer goods, beauty and personal care, home appliances, services and cars. Thus division has been done on the basis of priority of every individual. Here in our discussion we have shown that before GST system the tax is being levied on each stage of transferring the goods whereas in GST system the tax is being charged at the time of selling of goods to the consumer. So the overall system of GST is getting simple and as a result consumer will get more benefits in the bill of purchasing of households goods.

**Keywords:** GST, One Nation One Market One Tax, Lifestyle, Input Tax Credit, SGST, CGST, IGST, Rates of GST, Household Goods.

### Introduction

It is a fee charged by a government on income, product or activity. It is a mechanism through which governments finance their expenditure by imposing charges on citizens and corporate entities. The main reason for levying of taxes is to raise revenue to fund governing and/or to alter the prices to affect demand. One of the most important uses of taxes is to finance public goods and services. Since public goods and services do not allow a non-payer to be

excluded, or allow exclusion by a consumer, there cannot be a market in the good or service, and so they need to be provided by the government or a quasi-government agency, which tend to finance themselves largely through taxes. Now if tax is levied directly on personal or corporate income, then it is called a direct tax. If tax is levied on the price of a good or service, then it is called an indirect tax.

The various tax laws are levied and collected as follows:

Tax	Taxable Event	Levied by	Collected by
Central Excise Duty	Manufacture of Goods in India (excluding goods manufactured in SEZ in India)	CG	CG
Service Tax	Provision of Service in Taxable Territory	CG	CG
Sales Tax/ VAT	Sale of goods within the State	SG	SG
Customs Duty	Import into India from a place outside India or Export from India to a place outside India	CG	CG
Central Sales Tax (CST)	Sale of goods Inter-State (i.e. from one State to another State)	CG	SG
Local Body Tax (Entry Tax/Octroi)	Entry of goods to a State from a place outside the State	SG	SG





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## Green Marketing: A Key Approach towards the World of Sustainability

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### Abstract

*In the recent times, uphill struggle and the constant urge to achieve sustainable development can be highly observed among the marketers and the consumers as a whole. The sustainable-oriented strategies and concerns can provide a way to revitalize the tormented environment whose resources are being continuously depleted due to the unlimited human demands. Green marketing is one such approach which aims to achieve sustainable development through the use of eco-friendly products without compromising the ability of the future generations to meet their own needs. It can be seen that the customers of today's generation are on the lookout for eco-friendly and high quality products for which they are even ready to pay more. Though the concept of green marketing is highly appreciated, the marketers need to adopt the strategies keeping in mind the various pros and cons of it. In this paper we are trying to focus on the mind-set of the consumers and the various approaches that are being adopted by the marketers for a greener world.*

**Keywords:** Eco- Friendly Products, Green Marketing, Sustainable Development

### Introduction

Over the years our environment has been tormented to a large extent owing to the scientific and technological innovations. The limitless and infinite human wants have led to the exhaustion of the natural resources of our mother earth. The dire consequences have compelled the people of the earth to change their perspectives for a better and sustainable life.

Nowadays, lots of studies have proved that the concerns of the people are growing regarding the usage of eco-friendly products. The changing behaviors of the customers have given the opportunity to the producers and the marketers to enter into the world of green marketing by adopting safe and environment friendly techniques of producing the products. The companies have started imbibing the spirit of green energy discarding every production procedures that hamper the beauty of nature.

According to the American Marketing Association, green marketing is the marketing of products which are assumed to be environmentally safe. Green marketing is a concept in which the production, packaging, advertising and marketing procedures are adopted in such an approach where the environment is not damaged.

The basic characteristics of green marketing can be summarized as follows:

- Protection of the environment
- Promotion of the eco-friendly products



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## Demonetization: An Enemy for Real Estate

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### Abstract

On 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 the present government has taken an initiative to remove the black money, fake currency circulation and terror financing movement from the Indian Economy by withdrawing currency notes having denominations of Rs. 500 and Rs.1000. It is considered to be one of the most debatable issues of the Indian Economy in recent times. Due to this demonetization policy Indian Economy got hurt with RBI itself as growth forecast for the fiscal has come down from 7.6% to 7.1%. It is to be believed that for this slow growth; few sectors got affected on which real estate sector is the huge one. Some people have welcomed this move and expressed their concern for real estate market.

The Indian Real Estate sector is one of the most challenging sectors when it comes to sale and overall growth. So, in this paper an attempt has been made to understand the impact of demonetization on sales and growth of this most watched and sensitive sector of the Indian Economy i.e. real estate. Moreover, we have also tried to show the long-term effect of 'Notebandi' policy on this particular business.

**Keywords:** Black Money, Demonetization, RBI, Real Estate, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Growth, Sale

### Introduction

Real Estate sector can be described in business terms as buying and selling of Properties (Residential and Commercial) consists of Land and Buildings and other resources attached to it. This sector went through various ups and downs from Post-Independence era to Post – Recession era (The 2000s), but still be the second largest employment generator and leading GDP contributor in the Economy.

Government of India announced demonetization of the high value currencies of 500 and 1000 with an objective to remove the black money and to curb the corruption, counterfeit currency as well as terror funding. This decision is claimed to be most important step towards removal of black money from Indian economy whose benefits expected to be enjoyed in the long run. However, the impact of this sudden move is causing major cash crunch in the economy affecting daily transactions of the common man and businesses. According to the views of various analysts, experts and scholars the impact of demonetization estimated 0.5% - 3% on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country in the current financial year 2016-17.

According to RBI, banks have received almost 13 lakh crores in old 500 and 1,000-rupee notes up to December 10, 2016. Meanwhile, the banks have issued new currency notes valued at 5, 92,613 Crore to the public over their counters and through their ATMs (between 10th November – 19th December 2016). In this period, the RBI has issued to the public through the banks and their branches a total of 22.6 billion



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## Abstract

*Leishmania donovani* infects and enters macrophages by receptor-mediated endocytosis. Incorporation of exogenously added [<sup>32</sup>P] orthophosphate into murine peritoneal macrophage during attachment with *L. donovani* promastigotes induced phosphorylation of certain proteins. Addition of Phorbol 12 myristate 13 acetate (PMA) activator of PKC, induced the phosphorylations. Staurosporine, an inhibitor of PKC blocked phosphorylations of these proteins. However, infection of macrophages with *L. donovani*, significantly attenuated phosphorylations of these proteins. Phosphorylations of these proteins were absent during attachment with other intra-macrophage pathogen, *E. coli* or *Shigella flexneri* indicating that *L. donovani* specific signals were induced in phosphorylation. These suggest that induced PKC-mediated phosphorylations signals were *L. donovani* attachment specific and signal differ significantly with intracellular replication of the parasites.

**Keywords:** *Leishmania donovani*, Macrophage, Attachment, PKC, Phosphorylation

## Introduction

*Leishmania donovani* parasite binding to macrophage and its interaction with these cells efficiently occurs with parasite binding on the surface of the host cell to mannosylfucosyl receptors and CR1 and CR3 integrin receptors.<sup>1-3</sup> Following binding of ligands, integrin and other receptors on the host cell surface have been demonstrated to generate Tyrosine or serine and threonine specific phosphorylation signals necessary for the uptake of various particles.<sup>4-6</sup> Bacterial entry in many cells were shown to occur through tyrosine specific phosphorylation signals,<sup>7-11</sup> however, establishment of PKC-specific phosphorylation in bacterial strains as well as during leishmanial entry has not been demonstrated. Although, reports of PKC-specific phosphorylation in phagocytosis by macrophages<sup>12</sup> and Fc

receptor-mediated phagocytosis by monocytes was noted.<sup>13</sup> The present study was therefore undertaken to investigate the protein phosphorylation pattern of murine peritoneal macrophages during attachment with *L. donovani* promastigotes. And demonstrated that PKC mediated specific proteins were phosphorylated with exogenous orthophosphate when murine peritoneal macrophages were stimulated with *L. donovani* attachment. Phosphorylations of these specific proteins were compared with the macrophages after established infection. Comparison of these specific proteins were also done to investigate whether attachment of *L. donovani* associated phosphorylation signals occur in other intramacrophage pathogens such as *Shigella flexneri* and *E. coli*. The role of



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# Visceral Leishmaniasis

Despite all efforts on chemotherapy till date, visceral Leishmaniasis caused by *Leishmania donovani* still remains fatal and widespread. As an intra-macrophage pathogen, the parasite is most successful in exploiting the host cell metabolism, targeting the host protein into phagolysosomal compartment and modulating its phagosome. Even today, because of the complexity of the disease antileishmanial therapy is an incomprehensible subject. The ground reality is that very few agents have adequately been assessed in clinical trials and the most effective agents have the most potential toxic effects and are difficult to administer. As an alternative approach, people are now trying to exploit several surface receptors of host cells, e.g., macrophages for activation purposes to fight against this deadly pathogen, *L. donovani*. We therefore, thought that attempt could be made to control leishmanial infection either by modulating the surface receptor of macrophage or by identifying the signalling molecules generated say, kinases during early phases of *L. donovani*-macrophage i.e., ligand-receptor interaction. Identification of these types of molecules would help one to design suitable inhibitors for blocking the infections.

Although interaction of *L. donovani* with macrophages is known to be a ligand-receptor interaction, various aspects of macrophage surface receptor biology including:

i] modulation of receptors and its effect on the interaction process and ii] receptor signalling involving cell-cell interaction at the surface remain totally untouched. Work in this area will help us to understand the mechanism of controlling the infections and of intracellular survival of this pathogen.



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