

DECOLONISING FEMINISM WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE PANCHKANYA FROM HINDU MYTHOLOGY

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ABSTRACT

Panchkanya are worshipped and remembered as symbols of piety and devotion. They remain tall and emphasize the strength of a woman's indomitable will. Although these women were the epitome of knowledge, wisdom, and devotion their stories have been moulded and characters painted, twisted, and presented to support the later patriarchal societies to enslave and suffocate the very existence of a woman. Later people did not identify and realize the real traits these women stand for, rather they made one-sided stories and preached what was fulfilling their vested interests. So, it becomes necessary to reread and rethink these wonderful and vibrant women of the past and understand the message they bestowed upon humanity.

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