

**PERPETUATION OF CASTE CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH INTERNAL
DIVISIONS: BAMA'S VANMAM: VENDETTA AS A TESTIMONY**

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ABSTRACT

Divisions among human beings are so innate and inherent that they could not get rid of that divisive factor even at this age of knowledge revolution. Human psyche craves to master, rule, oppress and assert its authority over others and this is the major reason for oppression in all levels, in the name of caste, creed, race, gender, etc. This innate desire to overpower is discernible through the intra caste conflicts among the marginalized communities also. This paper endeavours to focus on the internecine rivalry among the oppressed communities as revealed in Bama's Vanmam: Vendetta. It also attempts to study how the upper caste people exploit this animosity between the two castes – Parayar and Pallar – and perpetuate this rivalry by exercising 'divide and rule' policy. In the aftermath of violence and loss of many lives, self realization happens among the marginalized people paving way for peace.

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