

EPILOGUE

THE DRAUPADI QUESTION

Caught by the hair and dragged
To the royal assembly of elders
Weeping, protesting the molestation
Perpetrated by the Kauravas
Yet not giving up, nor playing the victim
Draupadi! Did you have to ask that pathetic Question?
“Who was staked and won first? Yudhishthira or I?”
No one answered The Question!
Not Bhishma, not Drona, nor the patriarch Dhritarashtra
Definitely not the Pandavas!
The Question, Draupadi
Of Selfhood, Of Justice, Of Representation
Of Identity and Righteousness
Of not being someone’s property
Not being a Slave
The Question of a woman’s mastery over her own body
Is still blowing in the wind

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- Participated in National Level E- Conference on “Contemporary Trends in Literature” organized by Munger University, Munger, Bihar. July 11-13, 2020.
- Participated in a 7-day workshop on ‘Academic Writing’ at BITS Pilani, Pilani campus, Rajasthan, India, 5- 11 April 2019.
- Participated in a three-day workshop on ‘Preparing Schools for Accreditation’ conducted by Quality Council of India (QCI) at Pilani, Rajasthan, India, 16 -18 March 2017.
- Attended the CBSE –CAER International Conference on Global Trends in Large Scale Assessments (organized by IIT Delhi), 28 -29 April 2014.
- Attended the Qatar TESOL Conference, ‘21st Century Education –What’s Changing? What’s not?’ hosted by Qatar Foundation, 22 -23 February 2013.
- Organized a Teacher Development Workshop and presented a Paper on ‘Constructivism’ in DPS MIS Doha, QATAR, 15 -16 December 2012.

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