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The horse gives him a ride while the boy sings a nursery rhyme. As Soyinka and Karnad highlight through their works, issues of political suppression and corruption of values do not end with the colonial era. The Guthrie and the Haymarket Theatre, Leicester, UK have been among the theatres that commissioned him to write for them.

Girish Karnad

While this reading posits nationalism in conflict with brahminism, something more interesting is available if we push our reading a little further.

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This along with other strong female characters, such as Sharmishtha and Devayani, Yayati became a play to remember. The legend of Yayati is a famous one in the Mahabharata.

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Pooru and Arvasu also belong to the younger generation, who make personal sacrifices for the general good.

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Doing something like that would have broken his socialist-secular narrative in which the majority community would not have been the culprit behind every problem. In order to examine this let us turn to another dimension of the novel.

JUDE LIVI's Blog: Karnad's Hayavadana

Devadatta, the man of intellect and Kapila, the man of the body, are two intimate friends. I have seen this play three times, and each time it got a standing ovation from the audience! And then, it vanishes from the stage, ephemeral as it is. The idea of the nation as one with a metropolitan centre and distant peripheries is conceived on the framework of the empire: the imperial power ruling the distant colonies with an oppressive state apparatus.

The many roles of Girish Karnad

Though he does not change his sacred thread as then he would have to do it daily, he does take a little Ganga water and we are promised that he would do that every time he visits the pariahs. Its unique appeal was its mixing of two genres, the urban theatre and the folk drama. The interface of the same has led to alternative readings that enable the writers to conceive new patterns of narrative structures.

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Tughlaq of Karnad, was modeled on Nehru of India. The Prologue sets the tone and mood of the play. The story was played through folk arts and folk medium in what is known as the folk tradition of Yakshagana.

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