

**SIGNIFICANCE OF MOTHERHOOD IN SHOBHA DE'S NOVELS *SOCIALITE EVENINGS*
AND *STARRY NIGHTS***

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Abstract

Women played an important role in human civilization. Everyone should accept that no nation or society can ever progress without active participation of women in its. When we see it in family level women are the pillar of each family. The role of mother's is indescribable. Woman is ready to compromise herself for everything especially when she plays the role of mother, its unwritten rule in our society. Our society has a list of customary actions to be followed by mothers like, Sacrifice, to satisfy every one's need in the family and manage the economical crisis. When a man abandons his family, the woman is automatically responsible, whether she accepts it or not. In Shobha De's stories, the mother characters play an important role in their daughters' achievement and comfort them when they are in distress. This article depicts the De's mother characters' initiating and moral support to their daughters, as well as how the protagonists achieve success and live a life free of financial hardship.

Introduction

Shobha De is a name to reckon with among the best known women novelists of India, for her upbeat non-conformist attitude in presenting the aristocratic urban Indian society in her novels. De is a modern novelist who recognizes the displacement and marginalization of women and attempts to turn this pattern upside down through her writings. The modern Indian woman who is at the centre of her fiction is bold, daring and ambitious; she has tremendous energy to compete and excel in all walks of life. In her novels *Socialite Evenings* and *Starry Nights* all the mother characters played a vital role in their daughters' success. They never compel their daughters to adhere to classical myths and customs, despite the fact that they come from a traditional and cultured family. They advised and consoled them whenever they needed it.

Motherhood in De's Novels

Shobha De seems to imply that the mother, as meek and humble she may be, is the family's anchor. While the novelist rambles around in her stories, buoyantly depicting her energetic heroines who run hastily to satisfy their limitless demands and therefore yield themselves to messy situations, she also portrays calm and unassuming mothers who may impart strength and empowerment to their daughters.

Karuna is the heroine of *Socialite Evenings* and the youngest of the three daughters. Due to her father's government work, her family relocated from Maharashtra to Bombay. Karuna is more enthusiastic in starting her life in Bombay than the rest of her family. Karuna showed no interest in her schoolwork, but she also didn't want to project herself as a middle-class girl in school. She aspires to live a life that is both luxurious and sophisticated. Charlie, a friend of hers, introduced her to the modeling field. Karuna is also fascinated by modeling. She was able to get her father's consent to model with the support of her mother. Whenever she needs permission to leave the house, she goes to her mother and asks for her father's consent. Karuna's mother approaches her father after reading his mind to get positive response. Karuna's mother thus encourages and supports her daughter, whether directly or indirectly.

Karuna's mother supported her in achieving her goals, and she also explained life's realities.