
**The Definitive Solution: Protecting Women's Dignity, Safety, and Personal Autonomy :
A Critique**

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Abstract

*In modern times Feminism has acquired prime importance in all literary genres. It has challenged all traditional ideas. **Feminism in India** is a set of movements aimed at defining, establishing, and defending equal political, economic, and social rights and equal opportunities for women in India. Women make half of the community. Their humiliation, sufferings, neglect is reflected through female literature. In the human history, woman became the perfect symbol of respect, chastity and pride for the community. **'The Final Solution'** is a short story written by Manik Bandopadhyay, a prolific Bengali writer. It forwards the need of protection of Dignity and Chastity of Women. It presents the plight of women during post partition period. In this short story, Mallika's family is presented as the 'Refugees,' who had lost their everything - land, home, cattle, relatives, belongings...etc. The ending part of this short story narrates how Pramatha tries to take undue advantage of Mallika's critical situation, how he manages to enjoy her first before engaging her to prostitution, how she denied all this and hits him with the wine bottle. She told Asha that she found a way out to all this misfortune and that was her **final solution**. All this shows her determination to face any worse situation. She found a new way of living life. **Message of this story is that dignity and chastity of woman must be protected and respected at all costs.** It presents a section of humanity degraded itself to the level of beasts. Mallika has found a way out that is her self defence and **final solution**.*

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