

## **BODY AS BATTLEGROUND: THE POSTCOLONIAL WOMEN IN THE NARRATIVES OF MAHASWETA DEVI**

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### ***ABSTRACT***

*Woman comes as major marginalised category among the subaltern groups as she is gendered and suffers exploitation. Patriarchy controls and coordinates her by dominating her body. The very politics of gender begins with woman's body. In the light of post-colonialism the rate of domination is socio-political. Cartelism is an added factor where gender dominations are overtly carried through woman's body. The present essay tries to explore the marginality of women especially low class / caste women in the postcolonial society in the backdrop of few narratives of Mashawets Devi.*

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