



## LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND CULTURE: EFFECTIVE MODES TO SOLVE WORLD PROBLEMS

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### Abstract

Literature holds mirror upto the nature reflecting true image of the problem. Literature enlightens and enriches us to develop among us the feeling of universal brotherhood. Literature is the amalgamation of knowledge and wisdom that are carried forward by culture and language. It is said that there is power beyond science. This power can only be sought after by literary artists. This paper attempts to show that the traumatic memories of COVID-19 pandemic would be transformed by our writers into healing narrative memories.

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### Introduction

It has been proved time and again that literature plays vital role in shaping human life. In the course of man becoming civilized from savage age, it is literature and language that have played pertinent role in civilizing humanity. The humanitarian approach that literature has from its early stages has empowered human beings to fulfill the most Herculean tasks and achieve the Everest of modern day success. Without the support of language and literature, it was unimaginable to create such a seemingly beautiful, comfortable and protected world. Literature holds a mirror upto the society and reflects the true image of prevailing facts boldly and truthfully. Literature does not only project the picture of the society as it is by

telling what crisis is but also paves the way out, tells us about resistance, about how we can come together to tackle the pandemic such as COVID-19. Whenever such crisis arises in human society, literature plays crucial role in helping humanity come out of these adverse situations and preaches the posterity about the causes and effects of such adversities. This helps human beings learn and prosper together. Prosperity in literature is an umbrella term that includes the inclusive spiritual as well as material well-being of all human beings in the whole world. Literature expects this prosperity to be all pervasive and of benefit to all sections of the society. The men of literature travel on all paths of human world and, like the bees, collect variety of experiences before composing the honey-like volumes of literature for the posterity. Looking back in the history of literature, we come across a wide and rich world of knowledge and wisdom that has enriched humans.

### **Role of Literature, Language and Culture**

Literature makes us humane in true sense of the term. The study of literature enlightens and enriches us to develop among us the feeling of universal brotherhood. This sense of belongingness to the world as family ennobles us spiritually and intellectually. Literature has always taught human beings to feel for others. It is this sense that makes us sad to see the world suffering from COVID- 19 pandemic today. Although this sense of universal brotherhood comes to the front only in adversity, it makes us proud to be the students of that branch of knowledge which teaches us to stand by the suffering humanity in the moments of hardship.

So does the language. For, language is not just a means of communication; it expresses the very heart of the culture. Basically, culture and language are the two sides of a coin. Literature is nothing but the amalgamation of knowledge and wisdom that are carried forward by culture and language. With the help of language literature reflects and carries forward the culture from one generation to the other. It is the established fact that cultural enrichment takes place in naturally healthy society. Ancient wisdom in India perceived the wholeness of things. Cultural integration was the fundamental aspect of that wisdom. Human, economic, environmental and social wellbeing were intertwined in the culture then. Hence, value education was not separate part of education; it was integral part of culture. Language