

Post- Independence writings on Communal Riots and Lost childhood: Rupture, Loss and Living:

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Abstract

Communal conflict lies very much in genesis of India as an independent nation- state. Millions of people were left homeless, looted, raped and killed in the partition of the country. Though living harmoniously as complement to each other, Hindu-Muslim spurts-out behaving like true identical binaries. Post-1947 India has witnessed few very serious communal confrontations which lost for month, Mumbai Hyderabad, Bhagalpur and Gujarat sits, to name few are most gory killings. Present study targets to analyses, evaluate and examine the impact of the unpredictable violence on the growing mind of children. Two books which have been made the base of this study are analysis of Bhagalpur and Gujrat riots, so the focus of study will be these two riots. Riots cause very serious injury to the tender, formative mind of children. It comes up as huge trauma which most of them could not survive very well and become victims of post-traumatic stress syndrome and if not attended properly they end up into very serious troubles. And even when treated, the scar of violence remains there forever.

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Riots break lip with political maneuvering mostly, in few cases it came on slightest provocation yet riots have their economic, sociology and psychology. In every violence, ultimately women and children suffer most. On Oct 24, 1989 communal riots broke in Bhagalpur, Bihar and continued for two months. It was a sustained violence which caused enormous trauma to human being with loss of huge property and one thousand lives. Prita tha and Warisha Farasat in their sustained study of Bhagalpur riot reach to the condition that riot changed the Hindu-Muslim relation in Bhagalpur afterwards; and since no step has been taken by any governmental or non-governmental agency to heal the wound, to correct the wrong, the psychological lacunae continued for long. Jha writes

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