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### Abstract:

*Caesalpinia crista* L. belongs to Fabaceae and commonly known as 'sagargoti' in Marathi. It is widely employed across the Asian and African continent for treatment of various kinds of diseases and disorders like abdominal pain, amenorrhea, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, leucorrhea, malaria fever, rheumatoid arthritis. The aim of present study was to investigate the antibacterial activity of root, stem, leaf and seed of *Caesalpinia crista* L. Ethanol extract of the selected plant parts were tested against various pathogenic bacteria viz., *Salmonella typhimurium, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Shigella flexneri, Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus*. The extract showed the minimum inhibitory concentration(MIC) at various concentrations such as 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10µl which prove their antibacterial activity.

Key words: Caesalpinia crista, ethanol extract, anti-bacterial activity, MIC

### **Introduction:**

Plants have been model source of medicines as they are a reservoir of chemical agents which has therapeutic properties. Human has learnt about benefits of plants extensively used to cure illnesses and various kinds of diseases. Plants constitute are rich source of new chemical compounds and may play an important role in medicine and their potential use in other applications. The plant extracts were regarded by ancient civilizations to be significant in the treatment of various ailments (Shinde *et al.*, 202005). The antimicrobial resistance is a global challenge that makes effective treatment and control of infection, this problem is becoming a serious threat to the world public as well as animal health. In many countries antimicrobial resistances have been documented in different bacterial species (Shivakumar, *et al.*, 2013). However, emergence and subsequent spread of anti-biotic resistant bacterial strains is of increasing concern, and this problem presents a significant challenge to pharmaceutical industries due to the therapeutic failure of life saving drugs.

*Caesalpinia crista* L. an important medicinal plant belongs to Fabaceae (Caesalpiniaceous), different parts of *C. crista* has several traditional medicinal applications and health benefit effects. Root, leaves, seed and bark of *C. crista* is used in the treatment of different kinds of diseases such as colic fever, malaria, menstrual complaints, pulmonary tuberculosis, pneumonia, intermittent fever, swelling, skin diseases, tonic and as a uterine stimulant, to cleanse uterus and also alleviates edema and abdominal pain during this period. Various plant parts of *C. crista* traditionally used as antipyretic, periodic, tonic and vesicant for the treatment of backache, constipation, skin diseases, gynecological disorders, piles, ulcers and rheumatism (**Bhanderi**, *et al.*, 2022; **Suryawanshi and Patel, 2011; Patil, K. S. 2005).** The extracts different parts of *C. crista* have been reported to have anthelmintic activity, anti-malaria, anti-bacterial, antioxidant, anti-amyloidogenic, and cytotoxic activity (**Sadiya Afreen et al., 2016**).

### Materials and Methods Collection and Identification:

The plant material i.e. roots, stem, leaves and fruits of *Caesalpinia crista* L., were collected from the botanical garden of Bapumiya Sirajoddin Patel Arts, Commerce and Science College, Pimpalgaon Kale, Tq. Jalgaon (Jamod), Dist. Buldhana – Maharashtra. The samples were collected during the year 2023-24. The Herbarium of *Caesalpinia crista* L., was prepared and authenticated from Department of Botany, Vidnyan Mahavidyalaya Malkapur.

The root, stem leaves and seeds were washed and kept for shade drying for 7-8 days or till it get the constant weight, whereas mature fruit was shade dried till get constant weight. The fine powder of selected material were prepared with the help of mortle and pistle and finely powdered with the help of electric mixture grinder, prepared powder were stored in air tight container bottles at room temperature until used.5 gram of the plant material powdered was wrapped in whatman filter paper and placed in 100 ml beaker and selected solvent such as Ethanol, acetone, hexane and petroleum ether were added in each beaker and kept for overnight. Then extract was filtered through whatman filter paper and used for the detection of various antimicrobial activities (Asoleet al., 2023).

### **Antibacterial Activity:**

### Test organism:

Authentic culture of human pathogenic bacteria viz. *Salmonella typhimurium* (NCIM- 2501), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, (NCIM-5029), *Shigella flexneri* (NCIM-5265), *Escherichia. coli* (NCIM - 2931) and *Staphylococcus aureus* (NCIM-5021) were obtained from Vidnyan Mahavidyalaya, Malkapur, Buldhana. In-vitro antibacterial assay of fungal extract was carried out by using 96- well plate method.

**96-well plate method:** About 100µl sterile Mueller-Hinton broths medium was loaded into each well along with 2µl serial diluted human pathogenic bacteria suspension, next 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10µl concentrations of methanol fungal extract was added to each well of 96-well plate. Control was prepared by nutrient broth and bacterial suspension without adding extract. The prepared experimental 96-well plate was sealed with parafilm and incubated in incubator at 37°C for 24 hours. Finally optical density (OD) at 540nm was measured on spectrophotometer of each sample (Ataee, et al., 2012; Jadhao andBhuktar, 2017).

### **Results and Discussion**

Ethanolic extracts of *Caesalpinia crista* root in various concentrations were tested against the different human pathogenic bacteria; it was cleared from the results that maximum inhibition of *Salmonella typhimurum*, were found in 8  $\mu$ l concentration, in case of *Shigella flexneri*10 $\mu$ l and *Escherichia coli* it was 6  $\mu$ l, whereas for *Pseudomonas auruginosa* and *Staphylococcu saureus* it was4  $\mu$ l and 6 $\mu$ lrespectively. Regarding minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) it

was 8 µl for *Salmonella typhimurum*, 6 µl for*Shigella flexneri, Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas auruginosa*whereas4µl for *Staphylococcus aurueus*(**table** 1).

Ethanolic extracts of *Caesalpinia crista* stem in various concentrations were tested against the different human pathogenic bacteria; it was cleared from the results that maximum inhibition of *Salmonella typhimurum*, were found in 8  $\mu$ l concentration, in case of *Shigella flexneri* 6 $\mu$ l whereas for *Pseudomonas auruginosa*4  $\mu$ l and *Staphylococcu sarueus* it was4  $\mu$ l and for *Escherichia coli* it was 6  $\mu$ l respectively. Regarding minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) it was 8  $\mu$ l for *Salmonella typhimurum*, 6 $\mu$ l for *Shigella flexneri* and 4  $\mu$ l for *Pseudomonas auruginosa*, 4 $\mu$ l for *Staphylococcus aurues* and 6  $\mu$ l for *Escherichia coli* (table 2).

Ethanolic extracts of *Caesalpinia crista* leaf in various concentrations were tested against the different human pathogenic bacteria; it was cleared from the results that maximum inhibition of *Salmonella typhimurum*4  $\mu$ l and *Escherichia coli* were found in 8  $\mu$ l concentration, in case of *Pseudomonas auruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aurues* it was6  $\mu$ l and for *Shigella flexneri* it was10 $\mu$ l. Regarding minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) it was 6  $\mu$ l for *Salmonella typhimurum* and *Escherichia coli*, 8  $\mu$ l for *Pseudomonas auruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aurues*, for *Shigella flexneri*10  $\mu$ l (**table 3**).

Ethanolic extracts of *Caesalpinia crista* seed in various concentrations were tested against different human pathogenic bacteria; it was cleared from the results that maximum inhibition of *Salmonella typhimurum*10  $\mu$ l, *Shigella flexneri*6 $\mu$ l and *Pseudomonas auruginosa*, were found in 4 $\mu$ l concentration, whereas in case of other bacteria it was 10 $\mu$ l for *Staphylococcus aurues* and *Escherichia coli*. Regarding minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) it was 10  $\mu$ l for bacterium *Salmonella typhimurum*, *Staphylococcus aurues* and *Escherichia coli Shigella flexneri* and *Pseudomonas auruginosa* while it was 6 and 4 $\mu$ l for (**table 4**).

Sr.	C. crista	S. typhi	S. flexneri	P. aurignosa	S. arueus	E. coli
no	Root extract		v	Ŭ		
1	2 µl	0.10	0.12	0.16	0.08	0.07
2	4 µl	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.11	0.05
3	6 µl	0.05	0.06	0.13	0.05	0.02
4	8 µl	0.02	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.06
5	10 µ1	0.07	0.11	0.12	0.15	0.08
	MIC	8 µ1	6 µl	4 µ1	4 µ1	6 µ1
Control		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Table 1: Antibacterial activity of ethanolic extracts of C. crista root

Sr.	C. crista Stem	S typhi	S flerneri	P aurignosa	S arueus	E coli
no	extract	5. <i>iyphi</i>	<i>5. flexileri</i>	1 .aurignosa	5. aracas	L. con
1	2 µl	0.12	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.02
2	4 µ1	0.10	0.02	0.02	0.10	0.02
3	6 µl	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.08	0.01
4	8 µ1	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.08	0.04
5	10 µ1	0.09	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.04
	MIC	8 µl	2, 8µ1	2 µl	2μ1	6 µ1
Con	trol	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Table 2: Antibacterial activity of ethanolic extracts of C. crista stem

**Table 3**: Antibacterial activity of ethanolic extracts of C. crista Leaf

Sr.	C. crista	S typhi	S flexneri	P aurignosa	S arugus	E coli
no	Leaf extract	5. <i>iypni</i>	5. јелист	1 .uurignosu	5. arneus	L. COII
1	2 µ1	0.16	0.14	0.24	0.21	0.22
2	4 μ1	0.12	0.19	0.20	0.23	0.20
3	6 µ1	0.15	0.12	0.10	0.16	0.13
4	8 μ1	0.20	0.12	0.16	0.19	0.10
5	10 µl	0.18	0.08	0.17	0.18	0.18
	MIC	4 µ1	10 µI	6 µ1	6 µ1	8 µ1
Con	trol	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01
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Table 4: Antibacterial activity of ethanolic extracts of C. crista Seed

Sr. no	C. crista Seed extract	S. typhi	S. flexneri	P. aurignosa	S. arueus	E. coli
1	2 µl	0.15	0.13	0.09	0.08	0.15
2	4 µ1	0.17	0.11	0.05	0.11	0.16
3	6 µl	0.11	0.03	0.11	0.09	0.12
4	8 µl	0.09	0.12	0.10	0.14	0.09
5	10 µl	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.04
	MIC	10µ1	6 µl	4µ1	10 µl	10 µ1
Con	trol	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

### **Conclusion:**

It was concluded from the results that, different parts of *Caesalpinia crista* L. viz., root, stem, leaves and seed at various concentration revealed the remarkable antibacterial activity and shows minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) against tested pathogenic bacteria such as *S. typhi, S. flexneri, P.* 

*aurignosa, S. arueus and E. coli.* It is cleared from the results that C. crista have the great potential against different bacteria and hence can be used for the treatment against various bacterial disease.

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## **Modern English Literature and Eco-Criticism**

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### ABSTRACT

In fact, the ecological perspective in contemporary English literature across the globe has been dominated by the relatively recent revisionist and reformist movement known as ecocriticism. Eco-criticism's ecological perspective draws boundaries between the humannature partnership in ways that are both beneficial and harmful. This research paper examines selected modern English literature published after 1900 through the lens of ecocriticism. The analysis of several well-known authors whose works are eminently written in order to obtain insights from the ecological frame of reference is incorporated into the literature evaluated in this study. The trend of ecocriticism advances from "nature-a mystic substance" and "nature's interconnectedness to action," to "importance of maintaining nature," to "eco-consciousness and eco-literacy about environmental issues," and ultimately to calls to action, according to an analysis of a few notable works.

Key Words: Ecocriticism, Eco-consciousness, Ecological, Modern English Literature, Environmentalism

### INTRODUCTION

As literature from around the world, English literature has adopted several styles. The environment is one of the major socio-human issues that was involved in the developments. In general, ecocriticism is a multidisciplinary branch of study that looks at the connections between literature and the natural world. It refers to the writings of writers, anthropologists, literary critics, natural scientists, and historians in order to analyze the differences between nature and its cultural construction. (https://www.science.smith.edu/climatelit/ecocriticism/).

It addresses how environmental issues are presented and analyzed, as well as cultural issues and attitudes toward the natural world. Ecocriticism's main objective is to investigate how people act and react in their respective cultures with regard to the environment and ecological challenges. This kind of critique has received a lot of attention lately due to the growing social emphasis on environmental deterioration and technological progress. It thereby broadens the area of literary and theoretical research by providing a unique method for reading and comprehending literary works. Ecocriticism began to emerge in the 1960s, but it didn't really take off until the 1980s, thanks to the environmental movement and the publication of Rachel Carson's Silent Spring in 1962. Two waves of ecocriticism have emerged thus far: the first in the 1980s and the second in the 1990s. During the first wave, nature writing was emphasized as a valuable hobby and academic field. It maintained the distinction between nature and humans while highlighting the value of nature and the need to advocate for it. Building on its predecessor, the subsequent wave of environmentalism.

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ISBN 978-81-968850-7-6 March 2024 March 2024 expanded its sphere of influence. A new wave of ecocritics reinterpreted the term expanded include both urban and natural habitats, attacking the distinctions between environna as well as between nature and non-nature. them and non-nature. /file/119437943/MODULE-29-ECOCRITICISM-Idocx/) (https://www. coursehero. com

This wave also launched the eco-justice movement by examining how the most vulnerable members of a community are also the most exposed to the negative effects of climate change and environmental degradation. Ecocriticism encompasses pastoral, wilderness, and ecofeminist perspectives. A combination of literary critique with ecological approaches or parameters employed by the author in their work is called ecocriticism. The relatively young revisionist movement known as ecocriticism has taken the world by storm in recent decades (Oppermann, 2016). The writings of numerous authors in early and late modern English literature demonstrate the pattern. 'Nature writing' was highly regarded by the majority of early ecocritics, who encouraged authors to highlight the wonders of wild animals and plants.

Ecological literary critique developed into activism in the 1970s as the environmental movement gained political traction, which aided in the dissemination of eco-awareness. The evolving tendencies were presented in this way in a number of writings from the modern age (post-1900) (Westling, 2016).

Three approaches to ecological consciousness were taken by American and British romantic writers: living community, basic ecological understanding of environmental conservation, and living consciousness. They encourage getting back in touch with nature and the beauty of people, define what it means to be in harmony with nature, and reveal a path that leads naturally to goodness, truth, and beauty for those who are seeking their spiritual house. Along with expressing their genuine care for the environment and natural resources, they also advised people to protect lives and use natural resources wisely (Jin, 2022).

The goal of the current research article is to examine and analyze the Ecocritical approaches used in a few chosen literary works that have been published in modern (post-1900) English literature, with a focus on poetry and novels. The history of the ecocriticism movement and a literary analysis of the evolving eco-critical philosophies in a few chosen English literary works are also included in this essay.

### IMPORTANCE

The current study explores the nature of human-written modern English literary texts after 1900, offering a new application of the ecocritical approach to criticism. Additionally, it looks at how ecocriticism develops from ideas such as "nature as a mystic substance," "nature's interconnectedness to humans," "importance of maintaining nature," and "ecoconsciousness and eco-literacy about environmental issues."

### Review

The ecology is currently under danger because of the numerous environmental catastrophes that plague the modern world. Science and technology are insufficient on their <sup>own</sup> to address the worldwide ecological crisis. The way that we now view nature has to <sup>chan</sup>ge. Literature has a purpose; it does not exist in a vacuum. Because nature was not given

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Ecocriticism draws a line between nature and how people behaved toward it at a Ecocriticism draws a line between literate study of the relationship between literate a certain point in literary history. Ecocriticism is the study of the relationship between literaty and natural environments. One literary technique that emphasizes the environment is called ecocriticism. Ecocriticism attempts to highlight the need to reconsider how humans relate to their surroundings via literary works (Singh, 2019).

There have been two phases of ecocriticism in English literature, and the field is still relatively new, according to Buell. The first wave of literature was founded in historicism, logocentrism, realism, and nature writing as well as pastoral poetry and wilderness romance. It involved bringing back a wild, unaltered, and non-human ecosystem. First-wave ecocriticism expanded to become second-wave ecocriticism. It had an active bent; unlike first-wave ecocriticism, which focused on extreme wildness, it viewed the environment to include residential, agricultural, and heavily controlled wild places. Burberry has also consented to a similar change (Mabie, 2016). The field of postcolonial ecocriticism has grown in prominence lately. Postcolonial literature has gained more attention since the emergence of postcolonial Ecocriticism. The issues of famished, dehydrated, expelled, homeless, sick, and imprisoned people worldwide have been highlighted by the postcolonial tranche ecocriticism (Mabie, 2016).

Munthir M. Habib came to the conclusion in his work "Nature, Environment, and Landscape in Modern British Poetry" that an ecocritical analysis of contemporary British poetry has shown a significant environmental concern. T. S. Eliot and Edward Thomas have but and nature and Educed Total and Educ humans and nature, and Edward Thomas calls for meaningful interaction with the natural

According to Jeon, Deuk Ju's dissertation, many Romantic poets depict the potential of women in their works or deftly make analogies between women and nature. The child reader is introduced to the natural world by the second defined and nature. The child reader is introduced to the natural world by the mother figures in Howitt and Dorset. Howilt expresses a Wordsworthian delight in the expresses a Wordsworthian delight in the animals of nature while highlighting the importance of humor in a way that is similar to L importance of humor in a way that is similar to Joseph Meeker's idea of comedy for survival, whereas Dorset highlights the role that emotion of whereas Dorset highlights the role that emotion plays in human existence in a way that is similar to how David Ehrenfeld uses it Brown similar to how David Ehrenfeld uses it. Browne asserts that there is a clear spiritual relationship between the natural and human real asserts that there is a clear spiritual the relationship between the natural and human realms. Using figurations from nature and the natural world, the late Romantic poet Landon and the second natural world, the late Romantic poet Landon constructs feminine poetics that explores

March 2024 Nomen's status in the public and private spheres of mid-nineteenth-century England (Ju, 2004).

The ecocritical perspective looks at the work's literary elements from both a natural and cultural perspective. Among these are the following (Das, 2020):

- Portrayal of nature in work.
- Geographical surroundings and their role in literature.
- Metaphors to nature and their relevance.
- . How life forms are connected or interlined.
- How modern science/human actions/issues impact the environment and create ecoconscious.

Throughout the 1920s and 1930s, Sepehri also demonstrated ecocritical viewpoints in his travelogues and poetry. His poetry, which includes "Eight Books," "The Bird," and "Passenger," champions the natural world's soul, human emotions, and mysticism. He used phrases like

"And love, only love He took me to the breadth of sorrow, it made me the possibility of becoming a bird. And a drink of sorrow?

## The pure sound gives an elixir to this drink" (Sepehri, 1389, p. 293).

He makes the link between belonging to nature and the thrill of loving. In his writings, he viewed nature as a living being that heals humans and serves as a moral compass. He turned poetry into a presentation by using organic images. The characters depict a relationship between humans and nature, with nature being superior. Sepehri demonstrates the need of having a compassionate approach toward the natural world during difficult or tragic circumstances. According to Sohrab Sepehri, the Ecocritical approach explains that man can find peace in nature that he cannot get in urban life (Dabirnia, 2021).

William Butler Yeats is well known for incorporating ecocritical ideas into his writing. His beliefs on ecology are reflected in his poetry. He drew inspiration for his writing from hallowed locations and the spiritual paths found in nature. For example, the natural environment in 'The Stare's Nest beside my Window' reorients the speaker to his actual purpose and lays out the route to spiritual healing; similarly, in his poems 'The Towers', 'As in The Wild Swans at Coole', and the opening stanza of 'Shadowy Waters" Yeats applies his acute observation of the landscape elements, birds, and animals of the Irish countryside to his work, even if he is not a poet with "deep ecological" convictions. The poems show the relationship between the natural and cultural spheres, as well as the ways in which writing is influenced and shaped by place, more so than mere landscape depictions. Here, development, creation, and nurturing are the main priorities. The poem serves as a reminder to stay connected to nature and its therapeutic properties, as the poet learns about new life <sup>from</sup> the natural world (Fleming, 2020).

Another poet and writer whose writing is frequently viewed from an ecocritical Perspective is Thomas Hardy. Among the literature he has examined are the novel "Far from the Madding Crowd" and the poetry "The Breaking of Nations." The writings of Thomas Hardy evoke visions of a serene and lovely world where people lived in harmony with the environment. Thomas Hardy was a supporter of Romanticism, a believer in Darwin's

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Among the well-known American poets who made a significant contribution to the Among the well-known American poets who have a sub-use of eco-critical ideas in poetry after 1930 was Robert Frost. Frost's poetic pieces, such as "Departmental, Design, Nothing Gold Can Stay," "The Road Not Taken," and "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," adopt an ecocritical stance.

Frost always creates them with the goal of teaching people about how they are connected to the natural world and other living creatures. As an illustration, the lines

"And there's a barrel that I didn't fill Beside it, there may be two or three Apple I didn't pick upon. But I am done with apple picking now" (Frost, p.3-6)

The poem serves as an example of how human experience, which is prone to decay and death, is unaffected by the satisfaction or lack thereof of endless desires and that people are alone accountable for their suffering. This adds still more layer to eco-criticism's spiritual component. By making people more aware of the various ecological challenges, it also increases ecological consciousness and knowledge (Shrivastwa, 2020).

The plays of Nigerian author and dramatist Wole Soyinka are constructed on ecological ideas. His works "A Dance of Forests" (1960) and "The Swamp Dwellers" (1958) discuss the predicament of Yoruba tribes. His writings exposed the Yoruba generation's detachment from the natural world. In his writings, the main character portrays Man as helpless against the natural world and driven from the hamlet by the allure of the big metropolis. Agriculturalists must be friends with the natural world. Although he believed that a person's passion for the natural world should never fade and that even natural disasters cannot take away from it, this ultimately works against humanity as it forces them to live in a more artificial environment. This identifies the idea that excessive human interaction with the non-human world is the primary cause of the current environmental problems, since the situation is rapidly getting worse. Soyinka's works spread ecoconsciousness, which shares concern for the environment and displays a growing awareness of environmental issues (Ravindran & Maithri, 2018).

One of the many British novels that ecocritics have referenced as an example of literary analysis that can be done in an ecocritical way in the postmodern era is Graham Swift's 1983 book "Waterland." This book was analyzed from the previously unidentified critical intersection of ecocriticism. Serpil Oppermann, for instance, proposed using "postmodern Ecocritical theory." She adds three essential closer Ecocritical theory." She adds three essential elements to the novel: it questions dualistic hierarchical structures; it explores whether or not notions of nature are present in the tales of literary works; and it emphasizes the linguistic to be instruction of nature are present in the tales of heliefs. literary works; and it emphasizes the linguistic techniques that support these beliefs. Waterland's proof of the cultural constructedness, according to Armbruster, does not always

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Jerry Spinelli's (2000) 'Stargirl' shot across the young adult literary landscape. The book for young adults is part of the second wave of Ecocriticism. It is taken as "purely" Ecocritical reading, examines the relationship between the world of nature and characterization, and argues that Stargirl becomes a more rounded character. An Ecopedagogical reading is more hopeful and holistic: it demonstrates that Stargirl ultimately conveys positive environmental values of Eco-literacy for readers to nurture within themselves. The characterization of Stargirl through imageries, similes, and symbolism of nature, avoidance of violence, and sexual characteristics bring her a resilient personality. For other characters, nature is also used as an influence. The Ecofeminist branch of Ecocriticism provides the view that Stargirl is nature itself. The main thrust of the novel is a call to action, hoping that younger people will emulate Star girl's action to protect the environment. It acknowledges diversity and a variety of actions and urges to practice kindness towards nature (Malo & Hill, 2020).

Children's literature also employs the ecocritical approach. The lonely children's story "I Am a Hornbeam Branch," written by Hasan Ali Toptaş in 2004, describes the trees that surround the Besparmak Mountains and a hornbeam branch that grows alongside them and endures the agony of aging as they get older. Given how crucial environmental consciousness is to a child's growth, "hornbeam" is linked to a child's early imagination and potential conversation starters from the surroundings it represents. Children's fiction that incorporates eco-writing has the power to raise environmental literacy. Instead than viewing nonhuman life as a realm of stark distinctions, it views nonhuman life through the eyes of creatures, like a parallel universe that mimics behavior and bonds with those involved. All these men and matter get significance in the task when they are in an interaction with nature. Using ecological language, environmental issues are addressed both textually and graphically, and trees work as a metaphor to empathize with hornbeam's story making <sup>child</sup>ren eco-aware (Aslan & Bas, 2020).

McCarthy's 2006 book "The Road" is particularly instructive in this regard since it <sup>explains</sup> how characters' emplacement and modes of presence should be reconfigured in the <sup>wake</sup> of a worldwide catastrophe. In "The Road," McCarthy imagines that the extreme environmental degradation and the problems it causes even serve to normalize abnormal human embodiments that have been tortured to the point of near death, bridging the dialectical correlation between the two. The subject as an individual and its environmental <sup>surroundings</sup> come to the forefront. This emphasizes the same basic idea at the heart of the

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According to Darwinian ideology, every living being has to struggle for existence. Further, Darwin states that only the fittest will survive and the weakest will diminish. Considering this fact, struggle for existence is a perennial problem. Nissim Ezekiel, the foremost and prolific poet of India relates the Indian issues, culture, traditions and customs, superstitions and blind beliefs in his wide range of poetry. His poetry is replete with the issues related to the commoners such as labors, slum dwellers, rickshaw pullers etc. Ezekiel seems to be very interested to reflect over the ups and downs in the lives of Indian city dwellers. His poems reflect humanistic preoccupations and accepts failure and frustration as part and parcel of human existence.

His poetry has its roots in his personal experiences about his social surroundings. He is a poet within himself. He sings about his own failures and frustrations. He touches various aspects of human life. He depicts life as he sees it. The readers get involved in the poet's experiences of failures and frustrations depicted in his poetry. These aspects of human life are 'Existential Concerns' in his poetry. It is therefore in this book, Nissim Ezekiel's Poetry is explored to make a systematic analysis as to how Ezekiel handles the existential concerns of man in Indian society.



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