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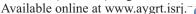
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**Abstract:-**Common man means the man who is at the bottom of hierarchical social system who is always the victim of manmade social norms based on artificial pretentious and hollow ego of so called controllers of social system. Common man is supposed to go through the hard tasks of life which lead to the harsh realities like poverty, prostitution, harassment, exploitation and suffering for the comfortable life of so called rulers is yoked and they are deprived of natural human rights. Whose socio-economical, cultural and political rights are denied by the powerful class of society.

**Keywords:** hierarchical social system, natural human rights, socio-economical, cultural and political rights.

#### **INTRODUCTION:-**

The research paper will definitely produce the knowledge of the way that leads man towards poverty or prosperity, or we will be able to know the things that are responsible for the rise and decay of human civilization in every civilization the common man is at the centre. The great revolutions are mobilized and accelerated by the common man. The common man covers a very large part of society. Therefore the study is indispensable. The history of human race has many times witnessed and faced the revolution that are controlled and leaded by common man for instance the French revolution and Russian revolution are the outburst of potential of common man. Such a potential power cannot be neglected at all, but to be studied thoroughly and to be used for the progress of the society instead the destruction of the society, the common man is a backbone, it should be turned into productive power. Therefore the study of common reflected in Tolstoy short stories is chosen as a representative model of study to understand it thoroughly, further the morality is an another important part of human life, moral life and common man reflected in the short stories of Tolstoy can help us to understand the universal scenario of morality, the man and his place in society depends mostly upon the moral character.,

Literacy or education is an aspect that makes difference between human and animal, it is found that illiteracy is at the root of all human sufferings which makes man, superstitious. Lazy and dependant, who has no identity, the man being illiterate and superstitious is denied the rights in society, are exploited are made to live the wretched life the research therefore focus on the study of literacy and superstitious nature and their causes.

Tolstoy's short stories will be taken as a platform or means to understand human right, human values, morality, socio-economical and cultural aspects of the life of common man-which is very useful for the well being of human race.

Leo Tolstoy was not the first writer in his age to write about common man many other European writers like Charles Dickens Have manifested the common man as the subject of their writing. Tolstoy was influenced by the literature of Russo and by the British writers like Laurence Sterne and Charles Dickens, Alexander Dumas and George Sand from France, Goethe from Germany, and prominent Russian men of letters such as Alexander Pushkin, Nikolai Gogol and Mikhail Lermontov. He knew some of these Russian works by heart. At one stage he sets out to translate Stern's A Sentimental Journey (1768) into Russian to improve his English and, late in life, says that Dickens's David Copperfield is his favorite book. Other names mentioned by Tolstoy's biographers include Friedrich Schiller and Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel. Charles Dickens reflected the common man in his literature

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many of his Novels have common man as the protagonist, Russo is a philosopher whose literature presents the importance of morality and simple life, which is reflected in the short stories of Tolstoy.

Here we are going to study select short stories of Leo Tolstoy and the common man reflected in them we will see here some short stories as sample those describing the life of common man. In How much land does the man need we notice the common man a farmer who meets at the end to tragic death due to his greediness. In what men live by, a shoemaker named Simon, who had neither house nor land of his own, lived with his wife and children in a peasant's hut, and earned his living by his work. Work was cheap, but bread was dear, and what he earned he spent for food. The man and his wife had but one sheepskin coat between them for winter wear .in this short story a shoemaker's life is presented as a common man. In master and man Nikita a common man in his child hood worked first as a farmlaborer, then in his old age as a watchman. These representative short stories show that Tolstoy has presented common man and his life .He died at home as he had wished. Prince Michael Ivanovich is worried about his daughters future in my Dream there is a reflection of the life of women. There is a lot of scope in his short stories to study the common man thoroughly.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Tolstoy's short stories thoroughly concentrates on the life of common man. The treatment given by society to him and his response to the prevalent social laws and rules of conduct, the attempt will be done to find out the practice of human rights, values, Moral conduct and etiquettes and their application in case of common man and other people. Socio-economical, cultural and political condition and their effect on the life of common man will be taken under consideration. There is a balance of mind and heart in his work he is influenced by certain things around him such as poverty, greed deceptiveness, cruelty, helplessness, humanity, prostitution.

Leo Tolstoy short stories are based on sympathy for common man definition and analysis of contradictions and indication towards solutions.

His short stories throw light on practical side of morality of hollowness and realism in life.

He states that the root of all problems is illiteracy and misbehavior. Further attacked on the evils in society

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