Introduction
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General Importance of the Research in the Present Era

From the publication of the first English novel in India *‘Rajmohan’s wife’* 1864, the English novel has continuously been in the form of transformation. Among the great scholars, novelists and Indian writers writing in English, one of the renowned name is ‘Shashi Deshpande’. She occupies a unique position among contemporary Indian novelists in English.

‘Shashi Deshpande’s’ novels constantly deal with human relationships. They portrait the predicament of middle-class educated Indian Woman and issues like parent-child relationship, marriage, conflict and quest for identity of woman.

The proposed research work undertakes to explore parent-child relationship in the novels by ‘Shashi Deshpande’. The research work will be a thorough study of the criticism of the novels by ‘Deshpande’. It will be proposed to be a multidisciplinary study as the study heavily draws insights from psychology and sociology.

Parent-child relationship is an universal theme. Parenting is a very challenging job which needs responsible, attentive, loving and caring nature of parents. There should be happy, mature and loving, caring relationship between the father and the mother. According to child psychologists the development of a child-physical, mental, intellectual etc. depends upon the atmosphere and more on their relationship with their parents.

As the time changes, the concepts and methods take different forms. One has to accept the new, inspiring ideas in the field of psychology and sociology. In the present
era the thinkers as well as parents are becoming conscious and alert about parent-child relationship.

The novelist, 'Shashi Deshpande', mainly deals with human relationships, In this study it is proposed to explore the parent-child relationship in novels by the author, with the help of new and advanced theories, methods and ideas in the field of psychology and sociology.

The study will search different layers of complexities, hardness and softness of the parent-child relationship from psychological and sociological point of view. In today's advanced, techno-savvy and modern word, the study will be helpful for the readers. thinkers and parents and children too. It will make a valuable and substantial contribution to the fields of Psychology, Sociology and Indian novel in English.