

ABSTRACT

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Inequality between the sexes refers to a condition in which women and men do not have equal opportunity in different aspects of life, including education, health, employment, and involvement in decision-making processes. In Khilma Anis's novel *Hati Suhita*, the main character exhibits a sort of gender inequality, which serves as the articulation of the problem.

For the purpose of providing a description of radical feminism, this research makes use of the theory of radical feminist. A descriptive qualitative approach is utilized in this research method, and the data gathering process involves the use of reading and note-taking procedures.

According to the findings of the research, it was discovered that the novel *Hati Suhita* exhibits many types of gender injustice as well as the realm of gender injustice in the main character. This is accomplished by utilizing characters that mirror the social and cultural dynamics that exist within a conservative society. This book explores the concepts of dominance, subordination, and equality in the context of relationships. Alina, for example, is subordinated within her family yet demonstrates equality in her professional life. This book sheds light on a number of gender beliefs, including patriarchy and femininity, which have an impact on the lives of the major characters.