



**GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN INDIRA PARTHASARATHY'S  
ASHES AND WISDOM**



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**ABSTRACT:** *Gender discrimination occurs when a person is treated negatively or unequally based on gender. It is an age old evil where women are made to suffer in many aspects of their life and are denied the freedom to choose their path because of stereotype. Gender discrimination is an evident not only in developing countries but also in developed countries. Women throughout the world are fighting against the gender discrimination with little success. Indira Parthasathy is a pen name of Professor Ranganathan Parthasarathy, a*

*versatile and prolific writer in Tamil. He has dealt with many burning issues of our society in his novels, plays and short stories. The humanitarian writer Parthasarathy in his novel Ashes and Wisdom has meticulously, cautiously and consciously described how women are treated as possession even by educated men. The present paper will focus on analyzing discrimination against women based on the gender.*

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