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## INDIAN LITERARY CRITICISM AND THEORY: A FEW EXPLORATIONS

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## ABSTRACT:

The present paper questions assumptions particularly that the orientations of Indian literary criticism and theory are foreign, borrowed from the West. Pleading and applying the nativistic and insiders' perspective, the said paper endeavors to explain how Indian literary criticism and theory might help us to gain new insights into Indian Literature and life as well. Exploring the outline of around eighteen landmark schools in the growth and development of Indian literary criticism and theory, the paper introduces a few notable Indian critics who can be claimed to have founded a school of thought or a literary trend. By and large, the point made in the paper is that the discourses of Indian literature and literary criticism tread, not only the grounds of mutual inclusivism, but of creative complementation. An exploration of the world of Indian literary criticism and theory is quite essential and relevant regarding the

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