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Comparative study of post independent Indian poetry in modern era

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Abstract

Poetry is the oldest form of literature. Indian English verse has seen different social battles on different levels that spurred various artists of all levels similarly. It is an inventive and tasteful action having three significant parts - experience, magnificence and feeling. Verse is an art of correspondence experience. All things considered, the correspondence must be in a language that is near the writer and the experience must be real. India is a tremendous subcontinent. The current paper tries to investigate the unexplored districts of impact in Indian Poetry in English from its initiation to its current day.

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Introduction

Indian English poetry is nearly 200 yrs. old. Indian poets writing in English have succeeded to nativize or indianize English in order to reveal typical Indian situations. Indian English Poetry after Independence known as "Post-Independence Indian English poetry" is a new genre and has witnessed the most crucial developments. It denotes a definitive break or takeoff from the imitative or the subordinate convention of pre-independence Indian English poetry and is occupied with specialized and topical ingenuity. The contention among convention and innovation at various circles - social, social, natural, public and cosmopolitan - is clear in progress of the poets of this period. Having liberated themselves from the grasp of "Englishness", the poets of this age have begun composing a section more on top old enough, its overall temper and its artistic ethos. The ascent of female poetic-voice is the main function in the post-independence Indian English poetry which portrays the changing situation of a lady in the cutting edge Indian culture. An intricate mix of aestheticism and activism, the poetry of these poets, delivers a sort of strong, merciless genuineness tearing enthusiastically at ordinary perspectives to uncover the quintessential lady inside.

Numerous dialects found in India have its own writing, some rich. Every essayist wants his creation to be arrived at all the sides of the globe. That is the reason, an essayist writing in his primary language needs his creation to be converted into English as English is broadly perceived and acknowledged. Lotaika Basu properly comments: "English, after the times of Macaulay shaped the principle subject of the educational plan of Indian colleges. English was the language of the decision class as well as a language comprehended considerably the world. Each yearning verifier, along these lines, planning to obtain world distinction, wrote in English." (Basu, 1933) [2]. Though English was presented by the Britishers fundamentally for managerial reason, "many instructed Indians have received English as their proficient method of scholarly articulation, because of which there has advanced an uncommon Indian English as well as an entirely decent group of Indian-English writing." Henry Louis Vivian Derozio is viewed as the primary poet in the genealogy of Indian English poetry followed by Rabindranath Tagore, Sri Aurobindo, Sarojini Naidu, Michael Madhusudan Dutt, and Toru Dutt among others.

Poets

Other eminent twentieth century poets of English poetry in India incorporate Eunice De Souza, Gieve Patel, Kersy Katrak and P. Lal among others. The more youthful age of poets writing in English are Abhay K, Adil Jussawalla, A. J. Thomas, Anju Makhija, Anjum Hasan, Arundhathi Subramaniam, Hoshang Merchant, Madan Gopal Gandhi,

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Arundhathi Subramaniam, Bibhu Padhi, C. P. Surendran, Dileep Jhaveri, Anuradha Bhattacharyya, Gopi Kottoor, Jayanta Mahapatra, Jeet Thayil, Jerry Pinto, K Srilata, K. V. Dominic, D. C. Chambial, T. Vasudeva Reddy, Bibhu Padhi, Makarand Paranjape, Akhil Katyal, Mani Rao, Meena Kandasamy, Menka Shivdasani, Manohar Shetty, Priya Sarukkai Chabria, Ranjit Hoskote, Jaydeep Sarangi, Robin Ngangom, Nitoo Das, Rukmini Bhaya Nair, S. Anand, Salik Shah, Sudeep Sen, Sukrita Paul Kumar, Nalini Priyadarshni, Gopi Kottoor, Vijay Nambisan, Syam Sudhakar, Vihang A. Naik, Tapan Kumar Pradhan and Yuyutsu Sharma among others.

Current exile Indian poets writing in English incorporate Meena Alexander, Ravi Shankar, Sujata Bhatt, Tabish Khair, Vikram Seth, Vijay Seshadri and Yuyutsu Sharma among others.

Anthologies

Eminent collections of Indian English Poetry incorporate Ten Twentieth-Century Indian Poets ed. by R. Parthasarathy, Three Indian Poets: Nissim Ezekiel, A K Ramanujan, Dom Moraes ed. by Bruce Alvin King, The Oxford India Anthology of Twelve Modern Indian Poets ed. by Arvind Krishna Mehrotra, Reasons for Belonging: Fourteen Contemporary Indian Poets ed. by Ranjit Hoskote, 60 Indian poets ed. by Jeet Thayil, Harper Collins Anthology of English Poetry ed. by Sudeep Sen, Anthology of Contemporary Indian Poetry altered by Menka Shivdasani^[2, 3] distributed by Michael Rothenberg in 2004; Ten: The New Indian Poets. Altered and Selected by Jayanta Mahapatra and Yuyutsu Sharma. New Delhi/Jaipur: Nirala Publications^[4].

Background

The journey of Indian English poetry is nearly 200 yrs old. The previous book of section by an Indian (however an interpretation) came into light in 1825 when Arasanipala Venkatadharin's "Viswagunadarsana" was converted into English by Cavelly Venkata Ramaswami. The main ever Indian English poet was Henry Louis Vivian Derozio (1809-1831), the child of an Indo-Portuguese dad and an English mother. His two volumes of poetry Poems (1827) and The Fakeer of Jungheera: A Metrical Tale and Other Poems (1828) shows a solid impact of British sentimental poets in topic. A three-stage improvement can be found in Indian English poetry. The main stage (upto 1900) has various co-advancement liable for creating Indian English poetry. The poets of this stage followed the British Romantics and Victorian poets. Henry Derozio (1809-1831), Kashiprasad Ghose (1809-1873), Rajnarain Dutt (1824-1889), Soshi Chunder Dutt (1815-1865), Hur Chunder Dutt (1831-1901), Michael Madhusudan Dutt (1824-1873), Romesh Chunder Dutt (1848-1909), Toru Dutt (1856-1877) were a portion of the pioneers of this stage. These innovators started to poetize the Indian echoes in an unknown dialect by composing on Indian history, fantasies and legends. The subsequent stage (1900-1947) containing holy person poets like Swami Vivekananda, Swami Ramtirtha, Swami Yogananda and Rabindranath Tagore, Manmohan Ghose, Sri Aurobindo, Sarojini Naidu and others is the period of absorption. The poets of this stage were impulsive patriot trapped in the authentic clash and strife of Indian, coming full circle in the achievement of political opportunity in 1947. In their poetry one may locate the magnificent

summation of India's ancient culture, profound and methodological legacy. They tried to nativize English language so as to make it methods appropriate for the outflow of Indian reasonableness. The third stage which starts after the Indian Independence is the trial stage. After independence, Indian English poetry took a new turn. "The period of expectation, desire and certitude was gone; an inclination of unfeeling self-investigation, addressing and unexpected introduction initiated." (Naik, 1984)^[6, 11]. The post-independence poets writing in English have more noteworthy fearlessness and ended up in accordance with present day British and American poets.

Post-independence Indian english poetry

Post-independence Indian English poetry has seen the most significant turns of events. It is another type to which even the English perusers look with interest. It denotes a definitive break with the „tradition“ set up so far by the pre-independence poets through the topical and specialized developments. Three significant attributes can be found in it. Initially, a past-situated vision - related with a feeling of misfortune and sadness, such a social negativity. Besides, a future-situated vision- related with a craving to redo the world, and thirdly, a present-arranged mentality - ahistorical, irreverent, nonpartisan, aloof, amusing, conflicted, absurdist. The post-independence poets have liberated themselves from the grip of "Englishness" and have begun writing in an Indian way. They have advanced a figure of speech of their own - a sort of poetic language where the Indian psyche can be best communicated.

Writer's "Workshop, established by Purushottam Lal in Calcutta in 1958, has played an imperative and imaginative function in promoting post-independence Indian English poetry by offering inclination to test works by youthful and unpublished scholars. Poets like Shiv K Kumar (1921), Nissim Ezekiel (1924), Jayant Mahapatra (1928), A K Ramanujan (1929), Purushottam Lal (1929)^[7], Arun Kolatkar (1932), R Parthasarathy (1934), Kamala Das (1934), K N Daruwala (1937), Dom Moraes (1938), Adil Jussawalla (1940), Gieve Patel (1940), Arvind Krishna Mehrotra (1947), Pritish Nandy (1947) and others rose on the scene.

Nissim Ezekiel, one of the most prominent among the new postindependence Indian English poets, is the first to distribute an assortment. His A Time to Change showed up in 1952. Hailing from a Bene-Israel family moved to India ages prior, the topic of distance is integral to Ezekiel's work and shadings his whole poetic universe. His poetry uncovers a steady advancement of his specialty and virtuoso and depicts love, forlornness, desire, inventiveness and political pretentiousness, human quirks and the „kindred clamour“ of metropolitan discord. A portion of his assortments are Sixty Poems (1952), The Third (1959), The Unfinished Man (1960), The Exact Name (1965) and Hymns in Darkness (1976).

Dominic Francis Moraes, prevalently known as Dom Moraes, a Goan Christian, is the first of the new poets to win acknowledgment in England. His poetry is industriously confession booth in tone and fixated on forlornness and instability. His refrain has the solid nonexistent quality just as simple, refined and controlled progression of language. A Beginning (1957), Poems (1960) and John Nobody (1968) are a portion of his prominent assortments. In nineteen sixties, a few new poets developed. Purushottam Lal is the

soonest of them. His effective interpretation of Mahabharata has given him another expression, the appeal of a „sloka“ or a „mantra“. Economy of language, profundity of imagery, consciousness of social real factors and life's distresses make Lal exceptional in this field. They said (1966), *Draupadi and Jayadratha and Other Poems* (1967) and so on are a portion of his prominent assortments. Adil Jussavala, one of the main Parsi poets, sees the contemporary Indian scene through according to oust getting back to India after a visit of over handfulls years in England, *His Land's End* (1962) contains poems „written in England and a few pieces of Europe. His unfamiliar experience, his response to his local scene and his proceeded with journey for self-information is the significant subjects of *Missing people* (1974). The most extraordinary of the sixties is A.K Ramanujan. A portion of his noteworthy assortments are *The Striders* (1966), *The Interior Landscape* (1967), *No Lotus in the Navel* (1972), *Relations* (1971), *Speaking of Siva* (1972) and so on are a portion of his admirable assortments.

The poetry of Ramanujan draws its food from his serious attention to his social weight - his Hindu legacy. Simultaneously, the poet is similarly mindful to both the quality and the insufficiencies of his racial ethos. He attempts to compare incidentally the antiquated Hindu ethos with the circumstance of the advanced Hindu and differentiations the Hindu and the western world-sees. The surest dash of sentimental platitude, calm however profound feeling, fineness of discernment and ability to keep in tempo make him undeniable among every one of his peers M.K Naik says: "His unfailing ability to stay on beat offers a fitting response to the individuals who hold that total internal quality with language is conceivable just to a poet writing in his primary language. Despite the fact that he writes in open structures, his section is incredibly firmly developed." (Naik, 2002) ^[6, 11]. R. Parthasaraty, a poet and a craftsman is similarly fixated on his local legacy. His *Rough Passage* (1977) is an endeavor to manage the topic of character presented to two societies - the Indian and the western. Exactness, economy and the utilization of homegrown symbolism are the main characteristics of Parthasarathy's poetic method.

Gieve Patel, another driving Parsi poet, however a pariah, forestalls his distance freezing into lack of concern and delivering a sentiment of rootlessness. Being a clinical expert by calling, he knows about agony, illness and passing and can build up a sort of connection among himself and under-advantaged. His poetry generally „situational“ starts with a solid genuine circumstance. He has little use for picture and analogy and for the most part communicates in an exposed, extra and everyday style. His *Poems* (1966) and *How Do you Withstand, Body* (1976) are striking. In Arvind Krishana Mehrotra, the picture is all prevailing and he explores in Surrealism. By blending pictures in his poetry, the poet attempts to communicate his reaction to the cutting edge man's quandary in a universe of degraded qualities. In an answer to a survey the poet portrays himself as "not an Indian poet, but rather a poet composing a widespread language of poetry, of felling, of scorn and sex". (P Lal, 1971) ^[7], His works incorporate *Bharatmata: A Prayer* (1966), *Woodcuts on Paper* (1967), *Pomes/poems/poemas* (1971), *Three* (1973), *Nine Enclosures* (1976).

The Absent Traveler: Prakrit Love poetry from the Gathasaptasati of Satavahava Hala (1991). Another huge

poet of post-independence India is Pritish Nandy. He has in excess of twelve assortments including *Gods and Olives* (1967), *The Poetry of Pritish Nandy* (1973) and *Tonight, This Savage Rite* (1977) surprisingly. His section gives the impression of wild energy and verbal contentiousness and his creative mind is by all accounts fixates on metropolitan brutality and loathsomeness, passing and sex. Composition poetry is the most trademark types of Nandy. One of the most considerable post-independence poets of nineteen seventies is Keki N Daruwalla. *Under Orion* (1970), *Apparition in April* (1971), *Crossing of Rivers* (1976), *Winter Poems* (1980), *The manager of the Dead* (1982), *Landscapes* (1987), *A Summer of Tigers* (1995), *Night River* (2000) and *The Map-creator* (2002) are a portion of his significant works. A cop by calling, Daruwalla isn't without criticalness in understanding his reaction to men and matters. With a prepared eye he watches the Indian scene, yet can't, disregarding his preparation, remain totally disconnected. Hardship and hopelessness, infection and passing move him intensely. His perspective on both Zoroastrianism and Hinduism is set apart by suspicion tempered by an enthusiastic human interest. *Articulate Silences* (1970), *Cobwebs in the Sun* (1974), *Subterfuges* (1976) and *Woodpeckers* (1979) are a portion of crafted by a senior scholarly Shiv K Kumar which uncovers his authority of both the confession booth mode and unexpected remark. Kumar is brimming with clever sallies and his section consistently moves with an apparently easygoing yet guaranteed step.

Jayant Mahapatra, another scholarly, needs no presentation. He has the differentiation of being the main Indian English poet to have gotten the Sahitya Academy Award (1981). In his poetry - *Close the Sky, Ten by Ten* (1971), *Swayamvara and Other Poems* (1971), *A Rain of Rites* (1976), *Waiting* (1979), *Relationship* (1980)- - one may discover him singing of the hearts and brains of numerous things of nature based on his earnest love for all creation, neediness, hardship and social foul play. He has an honorable casual style accentuated by pushes of striking pictures.

Arun Kolatkar, who won the Commonwealth Poetry Prize for his long poem *Jejuri* (1976), reveals the dreamlike likenesses between a hardened Hindu strict convention and a similarly inflexible logical progress. He is commonly incredulous and unexpected; however snapshots of compassion do break in. Kolatkar has a genuine authority of the language and there is the mix of uncomfortable life in his works. Commending his work *Jejuri*, Homi Bhabha finds that "with *Jejuri* Indo-Anglian poetry has at long last settled itself, stopped to collective exclusively with its odd, unrepresentative metropolitan presence and has gone up against the odd divine beings which continue a spurned people." (Bhabha, 1978) ^[3]. Post-independence Indian English poetry has seen so numerous female voices. Kamala Das is the most extraordinary among post-independence ladies poets - "A wildly ladylike reasonableness that dares without hindrances to explain the damages, it has gotten in an unfeeling generally man-made world."

(Iyengar, 1985) ^[4]. In her poems - *Summer in Calcutta* (1965), *The Descendants* (1967), *The Old Playhouse and Other Poems* (1973), *The Anamalai Poems* (1985), *Only the Soul Knows How to Sing* (1996) and *Yaa Allah* (2001) - she has introduced the torment and enduring of a lady and the truth of life. Das's is confession booth poetry fanatically thinking about affection, sex and the body's astuteness. Her

own sicken and disappointments have driven her to a distraught inquiry of the mythic Krishna, the ideal sweetheart, to set up unceasing bond. There is passionate force, authority of expression and power over musicality in her language. Monika Varma (1916), Gauri Deshpande (1942), Mamata Kalia (1942), Suniti Namjoshi (1941) are a couple of other female-voice worth-referencing here. Monika Varma uncovers her intensity to nature in *Dragonflies Draw Flame* (1962), *Past Imperative* (1972) and *Alakananda* (1976). Gauri Deshpande's *between Births* (1968), *Lost love* (1970) and *Beyond The Slaughterhouse* (1972) show a comparative affectability to the changing temperaments of nature just as the dramatization of man-lady relationship found in Kamala Das. In *Tribute to Papa* (1970) and *Poems* (1978), Mamata Kalia is discovered discussing love, marriage, family life and society with incongruity and will. A comparable state of mind is seen in Suniti Namjoshi's *Poems* (1967), *Cyclone in Pakistan* (1971) and *The Jakass and the Lady* (1980).

Some other ladies poets of this period are Tilottama Rajan, Sunita Jain, Margaret Chatterjee, Tapati Mookerji, Meena Alexander, Roshan Alkazi, Lila Ray, Ira De, Eunice de Souza and others. Comparable is the situation with male poets as well. Despite the fact that it is excessively bigger, some of them are Deb Kumar Das, Paul Jacobs, S C Saha, S Mokashi Punekar, K D Katrak, Sukanta Chaudhuri, Suresh Kohli, O P Bhatnagar, Keshav Mallik, K Raghavendra Rao, Dilip Chitre, I K Sharma, Syed Ameeruddin, G S Sharat Chandra, R C Shukla, I H Rizvi, C S Singh, R K Singh, D C Chambial, P Jha and others. Crafted by a few male and female poets referenced here exhibit their poetic ability and fitness and uncover the incredible assortment of state of mind, tone and specialized methodology that portray post-independence Indian English poetry specifically and Indian English poetry all in all.

Conclusion

The post-Independence period in the history of Indian English poetry is generally equated with the modern period. As clarified in this paper, not all the poets of this period fit into the gathering which can be considered as 'current' in the sense where the term is frequently utilized. Poets like Harindranath Chattopadyaya, Surendranath Dasgupta, Anilbaran Roy, K.D. Sethna and J. Krishnamurti lived and wrote in the post-Independence time frame however they had a place more with a more seasoned convention drawing as they did their motivation from poets like Aurobindo and from indigenous philosophical and mystical customs. "The imperativeness and fruitfulness of post-independence Indian English poetry are positively wonderful." (Naik, 1984) ^[6, 11]. Though it has not had the option to escape totally from custom, it has another note and desperation of expression. Being liberated from the restrictions of meter, rhyme and structure, the poetry of this age is a fine blend of convention and innovation. The poets of this age manage the solid encounters of men living in this cutting edge world. With their inventive utilization of the style and intense investigations with poetic modes, the post-independence Indian English poets have implanted fresh blood into their poetry. As the poets of this time are generally worried about themselves and their environmental factors, their poetry "is in its pith an endeavor to consider man to be his reality as they truly are without cover and affectations."

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