

Is Poetry Irrelevant Today?

-Kaashvi Datta

Poetry, the most powerful medium of human emotions, especially in the English language, has been in a 'decline' in the modern era. On the occasion of World Poetry Day, we explore whether cultural shifts, overexposure, lack of formal education, and a competition with the fast paced media of the modern world, make poetry irrelevant.

Poetry is often seen as outdated and out of place in today's fast paced world, but we need to realise that it is still very relevant today—especially for students. It helps us express our feelings, thoughts, and ideas in a creative and powerful way. While poets like William Wordsworth wrote about nature and emotions, and Maya Angelou spoke about equality and strength, I can't forget the joy my friends and I had, writing poems in our childhood titled 'My Mom' and 'Green World'. It was our way of expressing everything on our mind, and still is. Today, poetry appears in songs, social media, spoken word performances and even theatre. A short poem can say what long paragraphs sometimes cannot. For students, poetry builds creativity, improves language skills, and helps us understand different perspectives. Clearly, poetry is not irrelevant—it is meaningful, relatable, and will always stay a strong part of modern life. I've always resorted to writing poems whenever words can't express how I feel, which is why I've always felt a deep connection to this form of writing. Most of my poems didn't have a rhyme scheme or rhythm. But they had my thoughts and emotions all intertwined in 5-6 lines, written straight from the heart. I believe that expressing oneself is the most valuable thing a human can do, and any activity which helps you express yourself, can never ever be extraneous.

palette of Potential

Gold there, gold here,
Golden trees everywhere.
Golden leaves falling down,
But there she stands, strong in her golden gown.
Sings her songs in golden towns,
Dances around in golden mounts.
Slowly the day ends in smiles,
At night she stands with no hope around.
As the Moon comes up and the Sun goes down,
Will she ever find her sound?
Will she ever think around?
Will she ever find her ground?

-Sumedha Dattgupta, VIII C

Caught on Camera

Clicked by Mishka Parijat



Grade IX students rehearsing for their upcoming Form Morning

HANDBALL, HUSTLE AND HAPPY FACES

clicked by Mishka Parijat



APPRECIATING AND UNDERSTANDING DALIT HISTORY MONTH

-Niyati Asati

As we celebrate the 10th Dalit history month, inspired by the black history month, we look back at the histories, movements and achievements of Dalits, a group of Indians, suppressed by mainstream society.

Dalit History month is celebrated in the birth month of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, so that we, the people of India, realise and propagate the achievements of the Dalit community which are numerous in number, despite the hardships they have faced. Many of India's 1.6 crore Dalits continue to suffer from egregious caste discrimination in the present day. It is our responsibility as empowered Indian citizens, to uplift sections of society and bring to the limelight issues faced by oppressed communities, especially those as vulnerable as Dalits.

Awareness is important, and referring to books such as Untouchable Goa, My Father's Garden, Sanatan etc. or movies like Sairat, Jai Bhim etc. may assist in forming an idea of the struggles of oppressed communities, mainly Dalits.

This Dalit history month, choose action and awareness over indifference. Be the voice of the unheard, and part of a larger movement of upliftment in India.

FASCINATING FACTS

- Eva Hart was one of the last remaining passengers of the Titanic, who was 7 years old at the time.
- Rumours existed that a cursed Egyptian mummy was on board, causing the disaster.
- The Titanic was built by a company called White Star Line, and launched on 31st May 1912, after 3 years of construction, in Ireland.
- The Titanic contained only 20 lifeboats, which could only save half the people on board, and what is worse is that the first boats were sent half empty, leaving many people behind, who could have been saved.
- Lookouts on the ship had no binoculars, forcing them to rely on eyesight, making it much harder to see the iceberg in the dark ocean.
- The Titanic ship sank in 2 hours and 40 minutes.

-Submitted by Airah Madaan

Dr. AMBEDKAR - A PERSPECTIVE BY SUJITH SIR

Interviewed by Shreeya Zundaray

Q. What was special about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's view of Indian society?

Ambedkar believed in an inclusive society, built on equality. He looked at it from the point of view of those who were excluded—people outside or below the caste system. He gave voice to communities that had been ignored for centuries.

Q. If you had to use one word to best describe Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, what would it be?

I would call him 'inclusive'. Ambedkar believed in building a society where everyone who had been marginalized—could live with equality, dignity, and justice.

Q. How did Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's education help him in this mission?

He studied at top places like Columbia University, the London School of Economics, and Gray's Inn in London. This gave him strong knowledge in law, economics, and society. With that, he could clearly see how unfair the caste system was, and how to challenge it.



STUDENT SPEAK: POETRY FAVOURITES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

-Karan Nambisan



Alisha Jain, IX A

My favourite poem is 'Mirror' by Sylvia Plath. It uses simple language to explore themes such as truth, self-image, and aging. I find it powerful because it shows how difficult it can be to face reality. My favourite poet is Rabindranath Tagore because he makes complex thoughts feel easy, emotional, and meaningful. His writing connects deeply with me.



Shaurya Aditya, X A

My favourite poem is 'Good Books' by Edgar Albert Guest. I like this poem because I love books, and the poet shares the same feelings about them. The poem beautifully expresses how books are our friends and guides, which makes it very special to me.



Swara Girotee, IV C

My favourite poem is 'If I Die in a War Zone' (Poem by a Soldier) because it is very emotional and powerful. It shows the courage and sacrifice of soldiers who risk their lives for their country. The poem makes me think deeply about bravery, duty, and the reality of war, and it creates a strong sense of respect for those who serve.



Kiyarra Vipul Rathi, VI B

I really like the poem 'Young Poets' by Todd Michael St. Pierre, because it shows the importance of nature and reminds us that even young students can make a difference. It teaches us to care for the environment through small actions, like saving water and planting trees. What I like most is the hope it gives—it makes me feel responsible and inspired to help create a better and greener world.

Diction Digest

Zeugma

Meaning:

A figure of speech where one word (usually a verb) casually applies to two other indifferent senses.

Sentence:

She broke my computer and my heart.

-Submitted by Darsh Suneja

Weekly Wisdom

Poetry is the clear expression of mixed feelings

~ W. H. Auden

-Submitted by Nilanshu Prabhakar

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