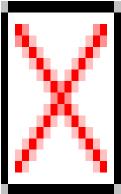


Judging a Judge's Poetry - Review of â€~New Frontiers'

Dr. SL Peeran, Member CESTAT is an acclaimed poet, having to his credit six published volumes. We have Dr Sreekumar Menon , Commissioner, Customs and Central Excise another acclaimed poet reviewing Dr Peeran's latest book, ¶New Frontiers¶.

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Judging a Judge's Poetry Review of 'New Frontiers' (Poem) by Dr. G. Sreekumar Menon, Commissioner of Customs & Excise Poetry writing judges are very rare, for constraints of time and temperament inhibit many from pursuing literary pleasures. But, occasionally when we bump into a poetry writing judge, he elicits our admiration and accolades. Dr. S.L. Peeran, Member CESTAT, Bangalore belongs to the rare tribe of poetry writing judges. His latest poetic creation 'New Frontiers' is before me for a review. After traversing the 100 odd pages, I feel Dr. S.L. Peeran sitting directly opposite me and declaring

"But mind you, Sir, I am steadfast Truthful to the hilt; simpleton Sans show, pomposity, gibberish Mindful of my business and my work"

Those who know Dr. Peeran will appreciate that the above self introduction is apposite and calls for no correction. In case you have misread him, he volunteers a further clarification :

"No, he isn't a crazy man or ill He is too Conscious and sane He is on a high intellectual plane With a broad prophetic vision"

But, why a prophetic vision? Because :

And what does the prophet tell ?

Pathetic desperation of the poet seeing the world abounding with cheats and crooks.

And what is the recipe for their success ?

And if you cannot be like that, then :

The poet is grief stricken that every body misunderstands him :

 Passages like the above abound in this collection. There is an auto biographical element strewn all over. And when he is not in an autobiographical mood, he is sermonising, moralising and preaching to a generation that is uncomfortable with such a line of thinking. Dr. S.L. Peeran himself is fully aware of this, and his self confession is revealing :

The poems are full of candid confessions, sentimental outpourings and self appraisal of a wronged man thrown amidst wrong people.

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