## NISSIM EZEKIEL

- In 1950's first English poetry school was started by Nissim Ezekiel. He was the first modern Indian poet. He was the first modern Indian poet. The modern Indian poets imitated T.S. Eliot, W.H.Auden, Dylan Thomas instead of Wordsworth etc.
- Nissim Ezekiel was born in 1924. Ezekiel is a Jewish poet and a playwright who is based in Mumbai. Since he belongs to the Jewish community he faced a lot of problem during childhood, because people were not so acceptant towards Jewish people. He was often known as the Poet of The City since he based on Mumbai. He is a prominent figure in Post Colonial writing so he is nationally well known as an Indian writer. His first mother tongue was Marathi and second was English.
- $\succ$  The themes of his poetry
  - a. His alienation
  - b. Another persistent motive is an obsessive sense of failure leading to agony and self doubt revealing the poet in exile from inside.
  - c. His poetry lines are compact. Rhyms and rhythms are well-balanced.

## POETRY COLLECTION

- 1. A Time of Change (1952)
- 2. Discovery of India (1956)
- 3. Unfinished Man (1960)
- 4. Exact Name (1965)
- 5. Hymns in Darkness (1976)
- 6. Latter Day Psalms (1983) ( Ezekiel received Sahitya Akademi Award for this )

## Some amazing poems by Nissim Ezekiel

- 1. Background, Casually
- 2. Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S
- 3. Night of The Scorpian
- 4. Poet, Lover, Bird Watcher
- 5. Poem of the Separation

- 6. Marriage
- 7. Professor
- 8. Enterprise
- 9. Morning Walk
- 10. Urban
- 11. Truth About The Bloods
- 12. In India
- 13. How The English Lesson Ended

## Essay of Nissim Ezekiel

1. Naipaul's India and Mine (1965)