

REPORT ON
World Poetry Day, 2023
Theme: 'Always be a poet, even in prose.' - Charles Boudelaire

Lalhmingthangi Fanai, Organising Secretary
21st March, 2023

World Poetry Day, 2023 organised by the Department of English, was commemorated on 21st March, 2023 at 2:00PM in the Multipurpose Hall, Govt J Buana College.

Ms. Lalhmingthangi Fanai, Organising Secretary and Assistant Professor of the Department of English, hosted the event and a brief opening speech was delivered by Ms. Marlyn Lalnunmawii Sailo, Assistant Professor of the Department of English.

Mrs. Malsawmi Jacob - poet, novelist and short story writer - who is currently residing in Bangalore, was the Guest Poet. She graciously accepted our invitation to speak at the event through a pre-recorded video. She spoke on why poetry is so special and on how different it is from other forms of writing and composition that are non-poetry. She also presented a reading of her original work titled '*Dredging*' from her book *Four Gardens and other Poems*. The video has been uploaded on the college YouTube channel.

Speech from the Guest Poet was followed by poetry reading from professors of the Departments of English and Mizo presenting their original works. The first poetry reading in English was presented by Mrs. Lalthangmawii Chhangte, Head of the English Department which was followed by other poetry reading in English by Dr. Judy Lalpawmawii Khiangte, Assistant Professor of the Department of English and Ms Lalremtluangi, Assistant Professor of the Department of Mizo. This was followed by poetry reading in Mizo by Mr Ngurthansanga Sailo, Assistant Professor of the Department of Mizo.

The poetry reading was followed by an On-the-Spot Poetry Writing Competition in two languages - English and Mizo. Five topics each selected by two Judges, Mr KF Thuamluaia, Associate Professor and Head of the Mizo Department, and Mrs Lalthangmawii Chhangte, Associate Professor and Head of the English Department, both in English and Mizo were given and the participants had 30 minutes to write a poem on the topic of their choice from the list. 41 students from different departments participated in the competition.

On invitation by the Department of English, Mr Lallianzuala, Principal, also took time out of his busy schedule to grace the event.

World Poetry Day, 2023, was concluded with a brief vote of thanks delivered by Ms Marlyn Lalnunmawii Sailo.

The event was attended by 97 students and 41 students participated in the On-the-Spot Poetry Writing Competition - 26 students in the Mizo category and 15 students in the English Category. E-certificates of participation were mailed to all participants of the Poetry Writing Competition. 10 teachers from the Department of English and Department of Mizo attended the event. The entire function lasted for a little over two hours. It commenced at 2:00PM and ended at 4:10PM.

Link for Video of the Guest Poet's Speech:

<https://youtu.be/YDa79KsLHCM>

Photo images of the programme are shown below:

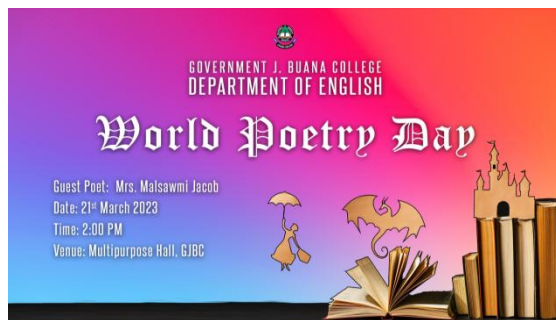


Figure 1: World Poetry day 2023 Banner



Figure 2: On-the-Spot Poetry Writing Competition Participants and Teachers



Figure 3: On-the-Spot Poetry Writing Competition



Figure 4: World Poetry Day Attendees

Detailed Programme:

WORLD POETRY DAY, 2023

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Date: 21st March 2023

Time: 2:00PM - 4:00PM IST

Host

Ms. LALHMINGTHANGI FANAI

Assistant Professor

Department of English

Govt J. Buana College, Lunglei

Welcome Address

Ms. MARLYN LALNUNMAWII SAILO

Assistant Professor

Department of English

Govt J. Buana College, Lunglei

Resource Person

Mrs. MALSAWMI JACOB

Poet, Novelist and Short Story writer

Bangalore, Karnataka

Poetry Reading

1. Mrs. LALTHANGMAWII CHHANGTE

Associate Professor & Head of Department

Department of English

Govt J. Buana College, Lunglei

2. Dr. JUDY LALPARMAWII KHIANGTE

Assistant Professor

Department of English

Govt J. Buana College, Lunglei

3. Ms. LALREMTLUANGI

Assistant Professor

Department of Mizo

Govt J. Buana College, Lunglei

4. Mr. NGURTHANSANGA SAILO

Assistant Professor

Department of Mizo

Govt J. Buana College, Lunglei

On-the-Spot Poetry Writing Competition

Vote of Thanks

Ms. MARLYN LALNUNMAWII SAILO

Assistant Professor

Department of English

Govt J. Buana College, Lunglei

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

The Prize Distribution Ceremony for the On-the-Spot Poetry Writing Competition was held on 1st May 2023 at 1:00PM in the college quad with the permission of the Principal. Due to time constraint, it was decided that a short, informal ceremony be held on this day.

The prizes were given to the following winners:

I. Mizo Category

1st Prize - Esther Lallawmzuali, IV Semester

2nd Prize - K. Lalpekmawii, IV Semester

3rd Prize - Laldusangi, IV Semester

II. English Category

1st Prize - Lalthanpuia, IV Semester

2nd Prize - T. Lalduhawma, IV Semester

3rd Prize - ZD Lalhmangaihsanga, IV Semester

The ceremony was closed with words of encouragement and vote of thanks from Mrs. Lalthangmawii Chhangte, Associate Professor and Head of the English Department.

(LALTHANGMAWII CHHANGTE)
Organising Chairman

(LALHMINGTHANGI FANAI)
Organising Secretary