



RUKHAYA MOHAMMAD KUNHI

Dr. Rukhaya Mohammad Kunhi from the PG Department of English, Nehru College is a poet/ critic. A university rank-holder and award-winning writer, she has published her works in national and international anthologies and journals. She has 88 publications of which 30 are research articles and 58 are poetry publications.

She has won accolades in writing including ones from the New Book Society of India, Ekphrasis India, Storymirror.com and the Forgotten Writers' Foundation, Egypt.

She was chosen by Yahoo as one of the Top 1000 voices on an international level for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 for her critical writings.

Rukhaya is the recipient of the *Reuel International Prize for Criticism 2016*, for the most promising upcoming critic.

In 2016, she was listed as IWI's *Incredible Women Writers of India*.

She was catalogued among the best late 20th century essayists like Arun Shourie, M.J. Akbar, Pankaj Mishra, Arundhati Roy, Amit Chaudhuri, A.K. Ramanujan, etc in the American site *humanities.org*.

In 2020, she was awarded the *Women-Empowered India (WE) Gifted Poet award: Powerful Emergent Voice*.

In 2021, she was awarded the *Reuel International Prize for Poetry in 2021*.

In 2022, Rukhaya was listed among the *100 Inspiring Muslim Women of Kerala*, as part of *Rising Beyond The Ceiling*, a global initiative.

Her work has been commented upon by literary greats like K. Satchidanandan, E.V. Ramakrishnan, Keki Daruwalla, Mahesh Dattani, Kavitha Ezekiel, etc.

Her latest publication was with SAGE, and her last talk was the inaugural talk at the Central University of Kerala in the *Alumni Lecture Series*.

She has her own website www.rukhaya.com where she provides e-content for scholars all over the world in addition to her YouTube channel. She completed her PhD from the Central University of Kerala under the supervision of Dr. Joseph Koyyipally on the topic 'The Poetics of Diaspora in Robert Frost.'