

## 1) Poetry and Pattana: City Encounters of the Desi Kind

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Duration: 30 hrs (1 Credit); classes are normally held on Fridays at 9 PM on MS Teams

Course fee: Rs 3000/-

### **Course objectives:**

- This course looks at the way in which the Indian cityscape has been found and confounded by poets trying to get a grip on every day experiences.
- Picking one's way through a poem that has just been placed before you can be unnerving, or a great adventure. Our focus is on the latter, on discovering the picnic within the city and the acrobatics after that such poetry seems to encourage.
- The student is expected to curate two poems that they have discovered and write a 1500-word essay. They can alternatively create a video poem bringing the words of a found poem and what a camera might capture.