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## Research Article

# THE REFLECTION OF POLITICAL VIEW IN THE SHORT STORY “GEOLANG MEL” (OPEN SESSION)

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### ABSTRACT

The short story Geolang Mel (Open Session) is a part of the book Mr. Hybrid Gwlmwdwi arw Mwdwi by J.D. Basumatary. The book has been published in February 2005. There are thirty short stories in this book. The book is mainly based on the political scenario of Bodoland Movement. In this short story, we can find that after achieving Bodoland, different communities living in Bodol and are demanding for the promotion and protection of their rights like preservation of language, culture, identity and so on. It has also been discussed that whether people are really satisfied with Bodoland or not. It has also been discussed that people from different communities are willing to live together in Bodoland. So, we can find that political scenario is reflected in the short story Geolang Mel.

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### INTRODUCTION

The short story Geolang Mel (Open Session) is a remarkable creation by J.D. Basumatary. The short story is included in the book “Mr. Hybrid Gwlmwdwi arw Medwi,” which won the Sameswari Thunlaiari Vantha (Sameswari Literary Award) in the year 2006. The short story Geolang Mel (Open Session) is mainly based on a political scenario. In the short story, the political scenario of the Bodos, like the Bodoland Movement and the demand for an independent nation, as well as the clashes between the Bodos and the non-Bodos, have been reflected. The leaders of different Bodo organizations who jointly led the Bodoland Movement have also been reflected in the short story. In this short story, some of the demands of the non-Bodos, like protection of their identity and culture as well as religion after the Bodoland Accord, have also been reflected.

The story began with the open session at the annual mass gathering of different Bodo organizations at a field named Boro's Utumai Khongkor Jahar.

**It ended with the president's speech at the end of the program.**

In this short story, apart from organizing the program, it has also been reflected that the President of the organizing committee, Gwlmwdang Brahma, has also welcomed the invited as well as uninvited guests with the traditional Aronai. Some of the organizations of the open session, which have

been reflected in the short story, are Dularai Boro Poraisha Afad, Dularai Boro Aijw Ansuli Afad, Dularai Boro Thunlaishrwn Afad, Dhularai Boro Sha kor Afad, Dularai Boro Rwnaoshwrwn Afad, Dularai Boro Halouswm Afad, and Dularai Boro Rebshwrwn Afad. The mass gathering has been jointly organized by seven different organizations. It has been organized for seven days. Some of the political scenario has also been reflected in the short story, like how the leaders of the different organizations delivered lectures and stated that after achieving Bodoland, all the indigenous communities must live together in peace and harmony.

#### Objectives of the study

The aims of the discussion are as follows:

- I. To discuss about political scenario.
- II. To discuss about leading organizations.
- III. To discuss about indigenous communities.

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In this discuss, analytical method has been used.

#### Data Collection

Both primary as well as secondary data has been collected. For primary data, primary level books and for secondary data, reference books has been collected.

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## Literature Review

In this discussion, some books have been collected as references. Some of them are as follows: Boro Sungdo Soloni Jarimin (History of Bodo Short Stories) by Rakhao Basumatary; Mister Hybrid: Gelwmdwi arw Mwdwi by Z.D. Basumatary, Boro Sungdo Soloni Dahar by Swarna Prabha Chanary. These are some of the books that have been taken as references.

## Importance

The main significance of this discussion is that some of the political scenario of the Bodoland Movement has been reflected like after achieving a separate state of Bodoland, all the indigenous communities must live together in unity, peace and harmony as stated by the leaders of the different organizations.

## Political

From this scenario, we have come to know that all people are not satisfied and are demanding more rights. After that, the President of the Bwrlashrwn Afad, Birsa Marandi, stated, "We also wanted to live in Bodoland together with the Bodos. But the Bodo people must also respect our cultures, like rat and hare hunting and taking bows and arrows. Otherwise, we are also ready to use our bows and arrows."

The President of the Dari Gwla Afad, Muhammad Abduz Mannan Shiekh, said, "We also want to live together in Bodoland with the Bodos in peace and harmony. But the Bodos must also respect our rights, like taking additional wives, taking beards, wearing lungis and tufis, and so on. Otherwise, we will also be taking long bamboo sticks. The President of the Hangsw Afad, Songram Singh, has stated that "we also wanted to live in Bodoland forever." But the Bodoland government must respect our rights, like drying Chira and Muris. Otherwise, we will be compelled to take up arms. The President of the Embushrwn Afad, Debashish Ghosh, has stated that we, like frogs, also want to lay eggs everywhere, be it rivers, lakes, or ponds, and increase our future generations. Otherwise, we will also be compelled to take up arms. From the above discussion, we have learned about the political scenario.

## Leaders

In the short story Geolang Mel (Open Session), the writer has stated about the situations, which usually takes place during an open session. In the open session, seven different organizations took part to discuss different issues after achieving Bodoland. In the open session, we have seen that the different organizations have been putting up different demands. In the open session, different organizations along with the public have taken part. The meeting has been organized for one week. People have been participating in the meeting in the hope of getting some good news. People from various communities have been coming to take part in the meeting.

The people from different organizations, like President Nara Bahadur Chetry, President of the Bwrlashrwn Afad, Birsa Marandi, President of the Dari Gwla Afad, Muhammad Abduz Mannan Shiekh, President of the Hangsw Afad, Songram

Singh, and President of the Embushrwn Afad, Debashish Ghosh, In the open session, different people have been invited who took part in the Bodoland Movement from 1987–2003. Apart from that, many uninvited people also took part in the open session. Different quotas have been kept for different people, like separate quotas for Bodoland Movement martyrs' families and so on. People from different communities have also been putting up their different demands in the meeting.

In the open session, the meeting was presided over by Gwlwndang Brahma. After that, the introduction of guests was done by convenor Rankw. The guests are welcomed with the traditional attire Aronai. After one hour, four bundles of Aronai were given to the people. But still some of the people have not got the Aronai including a sitting MLA. Then the President of the organising committee Gwlwndang Brahma has ordered, "Go and bring more Aronai. Hurry up!" After that, the volunteers were in a hurry to bring more Aronai.

## Indigenous People

In the short story Geolang Mel, it has been reflected that different people have been demanding their rights after achieving Bodoland, like promotion and protection of their culture, customs, language, traditions, and so on. People from various communities have been coming to take part in the meeting. The people from different organizations, like President Nara Bahadur Chetry, President of the Bwrlashrwn Afad, Birsa Marandi, President of the Dari Gwla Afad, Muhammad Abduz Mannan Shiekh, President of the Hangsw Afad, Songram Singh, and President of the Embushrwn Afad, Debashish Ghosh, Apart from that, the writer has also mentioned the kind and peace-loving nature of the Bodos.

## CONCLUSION

In the conclusion, we can finally find the reflections of the agitating Bodos and the demands of the non-Bodos rights in the short story Geolang Mel. So, we can say that the political scenario of Bodoland has been reflected in this short story. In the short story Geolang Mel, it has been reflected that different people have been demanding their rights after achieving Bodoland, like promotion and protection of their culture, customs, language, traditions, and so on. From this scenario, we have come to know that all people are not satisfied and are demanding more rights.

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