## **Bio-data**

Shahab Mohd Altaf is a passionate poet. He has multiple interests especially in subjects beyond his domain. He has studied diverse subjects but believes that apart from science even literature can change lives. Writing is his forte. His father was a poet and his mother is a scientist, so he has inherited a passion for science and literature. When he was in 9<sup>th</sup> class in school his English teacher while evaluating his essay told him that he wrote very well and the essay was like a professional journalistic piece. This appreciation made him take his writing seriously. He believes that work is a calling. He is inspired by William Wordsworth, Iqbal and Rabindranath Tagore. He sincerely believes that poetry should have a message. He believes that the basis of creativity is surprise. He is an avowed nationalist and is inspired by Subramanya Bharati and Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. He is an admirer of the great revolutionary Telugu poet Srirangam Srinivas or Sri Sri. One of the Couplets of Sri Sri which is " What is so glorious in the history of any country, as blood sucking is the norm everywhere among the human race," inspires him the most.