

## The Scholastic and Literary contribution of Rahat Zakheli

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### Abstract:

*Rahat Zakheli is one of the towering personalities who were the part of the galaxy, emerged on the horizon of the modern Pashto literature of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He was a multi-dimensional literary figure and renowned contributor to the Pashto literature in various aspects subjects and thought provoking writings. The credit goes to Rahat Zakheli to introduce a few new genres of modern Pashto creative literature i.e. Novel, Short story and light essay. Apart from this he wrote various books in Pashto prose related to History, Religion, Politics and other social issues. As a journalist and calligrapher Rahat Zakheli contributed a lot to Pashto and put forward miscellaneous works in Pashto prose and verse. He has two poetry collections to his credit in which he is appeared as a realist and revolutionary poet of 20<sup>th</sup> century. Besides his creative poetry he has translated two poetical collections of Allama Muhammad Iqbal in which he has shown his potential and abilities as a translator. This paper deals with these scattered literary works of Rahat Zakheli and put forward an analytical study of his works. A critical review of his poetry has been presented to show the importance of this stalwart personality in his contemporary literary scenario.*

**Key words:** Rahat Zakheli, Personalities, Essay, Novel, Short story, Pashto literature.