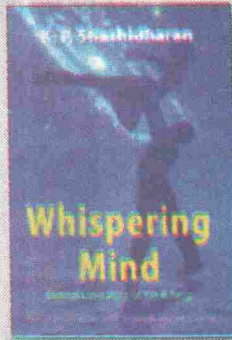


## The poetics of Indian bureaucracy



**Whispering Mind**  
K.P. Shashidharan  
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It is surprising to hear a man whose world revolves around statistics talking about poetry. Director General in the office of Comptroller and Auditor K.P. Shashidharan, alumnus of the London School of Economics, has proved his mettle in his book *Whispering Mind* which he describe as a 'love story in poems'. Through the poems, he defines the journey of life and joys of living. It has poems celebrating moments like Valentine's Day, the honeymoon, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Birthday. He says

in his introduction, "The mind can create catastrophic scenes. Misplaced anxieties and unwarranted worries take away happiness. If we listen to and train the mind like a mind gymnast, negative feelings can be oriented towards healing the wounded soul and serving as lullaby for good sleep." Each poem describes a different emotion. In *My Hubby Dear*, he reveals his naughty side. The book is packed with poems aimed at helping readers reconnect with their moments in life.  
— Vishwas Kumar

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