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## Shamsur Rahman's poems presented at DU

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Aman Sani recites a poem at Dhaka University's TSC on Friday. — Ali Hossain Mintu

Leading poets and recitation artistes paid tribute to the late poet Shamsur Rahman reciting his poems on Friday on Dhaka University's TSC premises.

Jatiya Kabita Parisad and Shamsur Rahman Smriti Parisad jointly organised the programme marking Shamsur Rahman's 90th birth anniversary.

Shamsur Rahman was born in Dhaka on October 23, 1929.

At the programme contemporary poets recited self-penned poems, while several other artistes recited Rahman's popular poems. The programme was presided over by national professor Anisuzzaman.

Aminur Rahman Sultan recited Shamsur Rahman's poem Path Bhangte Bhangte, Laila Afroz recited Manila Shono Manila Shono and Dalia Ahmed recited Jolpai Pallab O Pallabi.

Besides, Indian recitation artiste Shaoly Roy recited Shamsur Rahman's popular poem Swadhinata Tumi.

Poets Aslam Sani, Shihab Sarkar, Mustafa Majid, Hanif Khan, Badrul Haider and Emon Manju paid tribute to Shamsur Rahman reciting self-penned poems.

Dalia Ahmed rendered the song Tomake pawar jonne hey swadhinata and Mohiuzzaman rendered Guccho guccho raktakarabir moto.

The programme also featured a discussion where national professor Anisuzzaman, Dhaka University pro-vice-chancellor Muhammad Samad, International Theatre Institute honorary president Ramendu Majumdar, poet Kazi Rozi and others spoke on life and works of Shamsur Rahman.

The poet started writing poetry at the age of 18. His first poem Unishsha Unapanchash was published in 1943. While a university student, five of his poems were published in Natun Kabita (1950), an anthology of poems of thirteen young poets.

Rahman's first collection of poems titled, 'Prothom Gaan Dwityo Mrittyur Agey', was published in 1960.

From the 1960s, Rahman appeared as a leading poet in Bangla poetry with his popular poems like Asad-er Shirt, Swadhinata Tumi and others.

Rahman authored a total of 60 collections of poems, along with many novels and essays.

He received numerous awards at home and abroad, including, Independence Day Award (1991), Ekushey Padak (1977), Bangla Academy Literary Award (1969), Mitshubishi Award in Japan (1992) and Ananda Puroshker in India (1994).

He also served as the editor of defunct national daily Dainik Bangla and weekly Bichitra in the 1980s.

Shamsur Rahman died on August 17, 2006 in Dhaka.



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