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## Lust for Life

Syed Shamsul Haq turns 64

By Saima Islam

A poet, journalist and most importantly a dedicated writer, Syed Samsul Haq needs no introduction. Bangladesh Writer's Club observed the 64th birthday of this evergreen writer on December 27 at the backyard of the club premises. Many distinguished guests and well-wishers attended the celebration.

Eminent writer Rahat Khan, secretary of the Writer's Club, Ragib Ali, Vice Chairman South East Bank, Poet Mohammad Nurul Huda, General Secretary of the Writer's Club, Syed An-

war Hossen, DG Bangla Academy, writer Anwara Syed Haq, distinguished artist Hashem Khan, Golam Kibria, DG Shishu Academy, writer Selina Hussain and many other eminent personalities graced the guest list.

The ceremony began with the writer being greeted with flowers. Poet Mohammad Nurul Huda formally welcomed everyone to the ceremony. Poet Mohan Raihan read out a brief introduction of the writer's creative life. Poet Kamal Chowdhury read out the citation. The

guests wished the writer's long creative life and paid glorious tribute to him.

Among the other guests were, Dr. Shawkat Ara Hossain and poet Nasrin Rahman from Banalata Shahitya Parishad, Poet Abu Hasan Sharif of Daily Jugantar, Monjur E Khoda of Bangladesh Student Union, Comrade Moshed Ali of the left Front, Poet Rabindra Gope, Mahabubul Haq Ripon of Communist Party and many more.

The celebrated novelist was awarded the best writer's award

for the year 1998 from the Bangladesh Writer's Club for his critically acclaimed book 'Rit Kalamer Tane'. The club officially presented the award on his birthday.

Syed Shamsul Haq was born on December 27, 1935 in Rangpur. Eldest of his parent's eight children Syed Haq began to write at the age of 17. At 24 he published his first novel AK Mohilar Chubby or Portrait of A Lady 91959. A master storyteller, Haq's ability to weave his strands is breath taking. Even in volumetric analysis he is a formidable writer with over 50 novels to his credit.

Syed Haq studied English at Dhaka University but did not complete his honours degree to devote his time to creative writing. A gifted poet, Haq writes in his own unmistakable voice and with austere verbal ingenuity. He is fascinated not just by language but by the possibilities of language.

In 1980 he wrote a whole book of poems in his Rangpur dialect. Never has Bengali poetry experienced anything like that. Always keen to experiment with both form and content, Haq has written some stunning poems drawing inspiration from concrete poetry.

He has worked for BBC Bangla Service for a good six years and also scripted for a number of Bengali movies.

His numerous awards include Ekushe Padak in 1984, the nation's highest civilian award and the most coveted Prize in Literature, Bangla Academy Award in 1966. This versatile writer also won National Film Award.

This all-time writer has inspired generations of younger writers. To celebrate his birthday Syed Haq has published a volume of love poems. "One who can write love poems at the age of 64 is undoubtedly green at heart. And we need more lovers like him because only the lovers can inspire a society into something new and challenging," said Anwar Hussain, DG Bangla Academy while speaking about Syed Haq.

Incessantly creative this literary lion of contemporary Bengali literature is at the prime of his career. Expectations therefore would be from him more great pieces like Payer Avaz Pava Jai.

Let the new millennium be a glorious beginning for this evergreen writer. Happy Birthday.

exhibition

## Tradition and Individual Talent

Mahmuda Begum's Jamdani sari collection is being displayed at Designer's Den Gallery at Gulshan

By Ziaul Karim

Is sari only a garment? Perhaps not. It is also an eleven yard of ornament. At least that would be one's impression looking at the delicately woven exquisite collection of Jamdani by Mahmuda Begum.

"The traditional motifs of Jamdani has always stirred my

imagination. And after doing my MFA from the Institute of Fine Arts back in 1981 I joined Design Centre of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries. There I began to discover the world of designs. The certificate course afterward in 1986, in textile design for weaving from the National Institute of Design in Ahmedabad, India rekindled my passion for Jamdani design. I said to myself if tradition is not refreshed with a touch of modernity it dies. What could be more exciting and challenging than Jamdani," says visibly excited with her show Mahmuda.

The best part of her Jamdani designs is that she tried to be as loyal as she can be to the tradition and at the same time did subtle variations in traditional structure and shades. The result is absolutely fabulous. The saris she has designed drawing her inspirations from nakshi katha stand out for their intricate design conception. She has used cotton and silk material

Mahmuda Begum



for her saris.

A sari in milky blue priced at 18000 takas with designs done in fine gold thread took the weavers three months to complete informed Mahmuda. Each of her saris bears the mark of the attention and dedication he has put into it.

"It is really difficult to convince the weavers to work on a non-traditional design. I was refused many a time. But finally I managed to get what I wanted to," says beaming Mahmuda. She has masterfully exploited motifs and designs from alpana and given twists to traditional

floral designs to make her collection worth buying.

With a price range between 5000 and 18000 takas her saris could be a fantastic millennium gift.

Presently with Design Centre as assistant chief designer, Mahmuda has a number of awards to her name which include first prize for best stamp design in 1992, first prize for best graphic prints in annual exhibition of the Institute of

Fine Arts in 1977.

This must watch show will run till January 7, 2000.

witness 10:00 Eyewitness 10:30 ESPU 11:00 Walker's Cay Chronicles 11:30 Animal Survivors 12:00 Animals in Danger 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Ultrascience 2:00 Medical Detectives 2:30 Discovery Magazine 3:30 Travellers 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 So You Want to Be? 7:00 Splat 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Hunters 9:30 Trauma 11:00 Uncharted Africa 11:30 Lands of Legends 11:30 Discovery Profile Series

## National Geographic

7:00 NBC Nightly News 7:30 Flight For The Volcano 8:00 Reaf At Rasmohammed 9:00 Family Hour 10:00 Wild 11:00 Our Living World 12:00 0 National Geographic Spacial 1:00 People Places 2:00 Our Living World 3:00 Wild 4:00 Mojave Adventure 5:00 Family Hour 6:00 Wild 7:00 Our Living World 8:00 National Geographic Spacial 9:00 People Places 10:00 Wild 11:00 Our Living World 12:00 0 National Geographic Spacial 1:00 People Places 2:00 Taking Picture 3:00 Family Hour 4:00 People & Places 5:00 National Geographic Spacial 6:00 MSNBC Time & Again 7:00 Breakfast News (Eng) 8:00 Star News (Eng) 2:00 Star News (Hindi) 2:30 Star News (Eng) 3:00 Party Political 3:30 Your Call (Hindi) 4:30 Star

News (Eng) 5:00 Party Online 6:00 Star News (Hindi) 6:30 Star News (Eng) 7:00 Small Talk 7:30 Eye To Eye 8:00 Sawai Aap Ke 8:30 Nationwide 9:30 Star Samachar 10:00 Star Business News 10:20 Star Sports Update 10:30 Star News Hour 11:30 Star News (Hindi) 12:10 Star News (Eng) 1:00 Star News (Hindi) 6:30 Breakfast News (Eng)

Saleem Shah 10:00 Suspense Hour (Dramatic)

The Sketch Artist 11:00

Daily Soap-Aangan #Ep-48 (\*Neena Gupta, Farha, Sumeet Saigal, Arun Gavil, Rohit Kumar, KarliKar Rane) 11:30

Raahat 12:00 Amanat #123 12:30 Rishy-1:30

Nagin #28 2:00 Zee News 2:30 Hello Friends #17 3:00 Hindi Feature Film: Payal

## Zee Cinema

8:15 Film Show- Waqt Ki Awaz (\*Mithun, Sridevi)

11:15 Movie Fare 11:30

Film Show- Memories of the Millennium- Veer Chatrasal (\*Sohrab Modi) 2:30 Madhyantar 2:45 Making of Legend 3:15 Film Show- Sridevi Special- Nagina (\*Rishi Kapoor, Sridevi) 6:15

Film Time 6:30 Film Baatein 7:00 Dhamaka Movie- Amar Akbar Anthony (\*Amitabh, Vinod Khanna, Rishi Kapoor) 10:30 Film Show- Insaaniyat Ke Dushman (\*Dharmendra, Dimple) 1:45 Ghari Detergent Cine Magic 2:15

Film Show- Jeene Do

## DD METRO

7:00 Stay Fit 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:45 Business Aaj

Tak 8:00 Good Morning Today 9:00 The First Edition 9:00 Serial: Ret

Li Likhe Naam 9:30

10:00 Serial: Serial: Nirayan 10:30 Serial: Saat Raang Sharat Ki Sang 11:00

Daily Sope- Frontpage 12:00 Daily Sope- Kismat 12:30 Uts Shopping 1:00

Live: Challenge The Master 1:30 Rajdhani Se 2:30 Daily Sope- Bandhan 2:55 Samachar

The News-English, Urdu, 3:05 The Resturant Show 3:30 Hindi Cinema Show

6:00 Nani Kaha Kahan 1:30 Tom &amp; Jeri 7:00

Heads &amp; Tels 7:30 Sangeet

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Entertainment Now 7:50

Programmes 10:30 Serial: Tarang 11:30 Serial:

Kamyab 12:30 Kamyab 1:00

Dil Vil Pyar 2:00

2:30 Charbusters (Trailer Show) 2:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 2:45 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sopka 3:00 Kala (Daily Sope) 3:00 Aurat (Daily Sope) 3:30 Cine-Matine Film: Meera 7:00 Junoon (Daily Sope) 7:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 8:00 Charbusters (Trailer Show) 8:30 Millennium Special: Movers And Shakers- All Night Long 12:30 Ramayana 38 1:00 Dil Vil Pyar 2:00

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2:30 Sizzlers 10:30 Himal 1:00 Serial: Tulsi 1:30

Serial: Intezaar Aur Sahi 1:30 Serial: Waqt Ki Raftar 2:30 News In Hindi 2:40 News In English 2:50

Serial: Roop Suhane/Deewar 3:00 Serial: Aap Ki Shanti 3:30 Serial: Sunhre 4:00 Teatime 4:30

Anjuman 5:00 Lila Show 5:30 Weekly

Sports 6:00 Programme On Environment 6:15 Sab

Rang 6:30 Kala Parikrama 7:05 Rural

Woman 7:30 Samachar 8:00 Serial: Ajab Ajooba 8:25 Chitraroh 9:00 Samachar 9:32 Serial: Maya 10:00 Series: Awaz Ki Duniya 10:30

TBA 11:02 Serial: Kachkar Raheen 11:32

Serial: Itithas 12:02

Telebazar Show (Underrun Closed)

#102 1:30 Naye Nazrane (Trailer Show) 2:00 Daily

Soap- Hum Panch (Amila, Rakhi Vijan) (Re-Run) 2:30 Mausam #42

3:00 Daily Soap- Raahat 3:30 Cinema Hits- Hf

Film: Dafa (\*Randhir Kapoor, Rekha) 6:30 Ek

Nazir (Trailer) 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons

8:00 Knock Knock Kaun

Hai 8:25 Hip Hip Hurry

#62 (\*Suchitra Pillai, Vinay) 9:00 Waaris #22

(\*Irawati, Ashutosh Rana, Sonam, Jaya Sengupta) 9:30 Naya Zamana #25

(\*Sadia Sadique, Divya Shett, Zarina Wahab, Film (Rpt):

## HOME TV

8:00 Club 700 8:30

Mantinee Show 9:00

Chalte Chalte 9:15

Cartoons 10:00 Action

Drama 10:45 Pahli Nazar

11:00 First Cut 11:30 A

Kind Of Magic 12:00

Popularly Yours 12:30

Satya 1:00 Tele Shopping

Network 1:30 Tele Brands

2:00 Kabhi Isher Kabhi

Udher 2:30 Panther 3:00

Zaban Sammhal Ke 3:30

Haqeeqat 4:00 Jaane Kya

Tone Kahi 4:30 Haliwood

Hangames 5:00 Tele

Shopping Network 5:30

Chalte Chalte 5:45

Cartoons 6:30 Action

Family Hour 4:00 People

&amp; Places 5:00 National

Geographic Spacial 6:00

MSNBC Time &amp; Again

Star News 7:30 Broadcast

News (Eng) 8:00

Breakfast News (Hindi)

9:30 Star News (Eng) 2:00

Star News (Hindi) 2:30

Star News (Eng) 3:00

Party Political 3:30 Your

Call (Hindi) 4:30 Star

News (Eng) 5:00 Party

Online 6:00 Star News

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