

Celebration

Tranquility leads to creativity: Shamsur Rahman

"Shamsur Rahman is deeply rooted in his own tradition and has given it a new dimension and a meaning, he has created an ethos which belongs indisputably to him."

Poet Shamsur Rahman turns 75 today. The Daily Star wishes the poet many happy returns of the day.

The poet recollects some fleeting memories of his life.

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knowing this great poet, Shamsur Rahman.

The memories of the day when his muse visited him for the first time and he wrote his maiden verses are still fresh in his mind. 'I was about 16 or 17 years old then. It was midday and the sky was strewn with clouds, when I picked up my pen and wrote

tered the office, only to face a grave looking man sitting there. It was Prafulla Kishore Guho, brother of editor Nalin Kishore Guho. He took my poem and scrutinised it. I could hardly believe my ears when I heard him saying, "This will be published in the next issue."

Hamidur Rahman treated the

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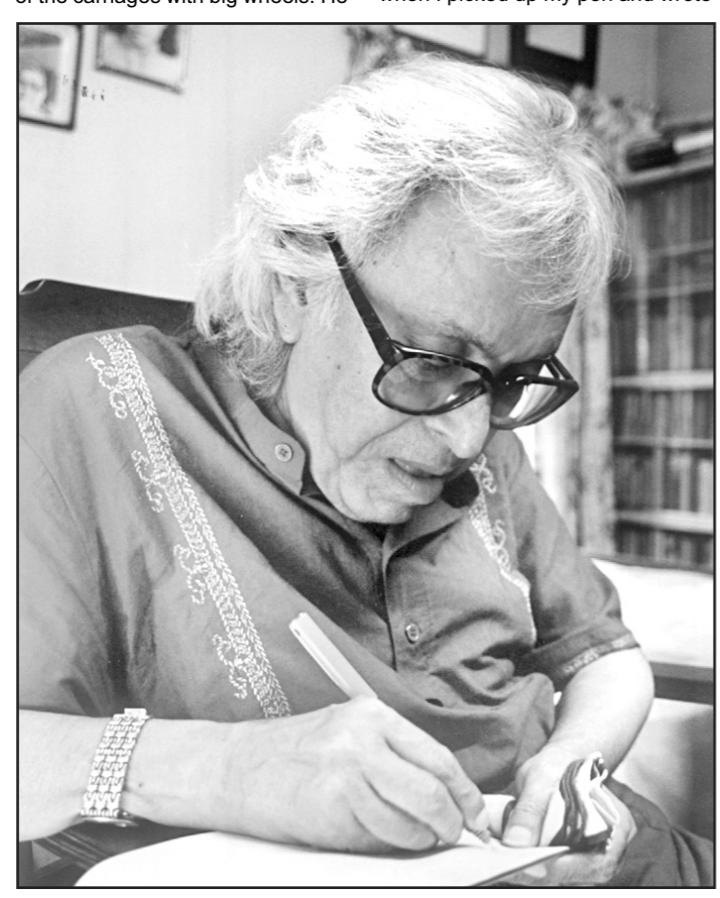
poet the day 1949 was published. 'River View café at Sadarghat was the place where we used to hang around,' Rahman reminisced.

His mother was extremely delighted to see the poem but his father's reaction was not very encouraging. 'I have seen enough like this. Does he have the talent to become a poet like Humayun Kabir?' his father roared.

'There was always a certain distance between my father and me, perhaps because I was a little scared of him. I do not know how but something took me over on that particular day and I stood up and said, "If I ever become a poet, I would be much better than Humayun Kabir,"' Shamsur Rahman still recalls the words fondly.

His father's views changed when Shamsur Rahman achieved his first award Adamjee Award for Literature for his anthology of poems *Roudra Karotite*.

He somehow managed to remain



a poem titled 1949. It happened at the fag end of 1948,' the poet recalls.

Sculptor Hamidur Rahman, who happens to be the poet's friend, was the first reader to experience his

Powerful emotions take over any poet in tranquillity. Then it becomes easier to translate the inner urge of creativity into literary pieces.

creativity. 'It was Hamidur who insisted me to go to Sonar Bangla magazine office with that poem,' he says. 'With a pounding heart I en-

would sit beside the *kochowan* (the carriage driver) whenever he had a chance to ride on it. Holding the harness of the horses tightly in one hand, he would wave the whip into the air with the other pretending to hit the horses. His one and only aim in life was then to become a *kochowan* when he would grow up.

Few years later, a tall date tree in the front yard of the house at Mahuttoli somehow made him change his aim of life and the man who gathered juice from that tree became his idol. He would try his best to dress up like him, even tuck a knife in his waist and make futile efforts to climb up the date tree. 'Unfortunately I could never become what I wanted to be in my childhood--neither a *kochowan* nor a *khejur raswala*,' he smiled.

Unfortunate for him but definitely fortunate for us, that his childhood fantasy never became a reality or else the country would have missed

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News Bulletin

BTV

News Headlines(Bangla) at 9:40 am. 12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:10 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm.

News(Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm. 5:00 pm. 8:00 pm.

News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm.

Late Night News(Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.

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Breakfast News 07:15 am.

9:00am

News(Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.

Telecast of BTV News(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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News(Bangla) at 8:00 am,

12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.

Telecast of BTV News(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

Latest News(Bangla) at 09 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 am. 1:00 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00 pm. 6:00 pm. and 8:00 pm.

IN TV

News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm.

News (Bangla) 7:30 pm. 11:00 pm.

TARA BANGLA

News Headline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm.

Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.

Tara News(Bangladesh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

BBC World

05:10 Potrikar Khabar

05:25 Century

06:00 Apnar Jigysa

06:32 Shubho Shandhya

06:52 Sports world

08:00 Ronger Manush

08:35 Shuprabhat

08:25 Bangladesh

09:15 Modern Songs

09:30 Onnyo Bhuban:

Sea is Green

10:22 Live telecast of the cricket match between Bangladesh and England

10:50 Itihaser Ei Diney

11:30 Tele Film

12:30 Ciney Gaan

10:00 Wayne's World 2

12:00 Mary Shelley's

Frankenstein

2:30 The Way She

Movies

4:15 Millennium Man

6:00 Jiboner Aalo

7:05 Grantha Bhurban

7:30 Dark Night

8:30 Drama of The

Week

10:25 News Report

10:30 Telefilm: Padma

Parer Meye

2:00 Bangla Feature

Film: Hirmatwalla

5:35 Jonodoper Khabar

5:45 Jato Path Tato Mat

6:10 Music Plus

06:45 Aamar Chobi

7:50 Annydin Eid

Fashion Competition

8:25 Drama Serial:

Share tin taala

9:35 Rongdhanu Rong

10:00 Close Up Hit Wave

(Band Music)

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11:30 Borough Of Kings

2:00 Gangland

2:00 Born to Laugh

4:30 Little Animals

7:00 Escapes

7:00 Fast Track

2:30 Hardtalk

9:30 Robinhood the

3:30 Simpsons World

3:30 Taaza Hits

6:00 Hm Saath Aath

9:00 Mela

12:00 Hit Filmein Hit

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1:00 Geet Bahar

8:30 Hit Filmein Hit

Sangeet- 20 M

11:30 Sexual Fitness

Beach Hour

6:30 Sportsline Hindi

(R)

7:00 English Premier

League Highlights

(R)

8:00 Bangladesh Vs

England 1st Test

Day 2 Highlights(R)

9:25 Bangladesh Vs

England 1st Test Day

3 1st Session(L)

11:30 Formula One Boat

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Powerboat World

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12:00 Bangladesh Vs

England 1st Test Day

3 2nd & 3rd Session(L)

4:30 Harsha Unplugged

(R)

5:00 Cricket Gold (T)

8:00 Sportsline Hindi

(L)

8:30 Asian Festival Of

Speed Asian Touring

Car Series Japan Rd

9 & 10(T)

9:30 Super Centuries

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10:00 Sportsline Hindi

(R)

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