

Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival hosts a special Tribute to late Sunil Gangopadhyay, legendary Bengali poet and novelist

Kolkata, 11th January, 2013: Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival 2013 hosted a very special tribute to the legendary Bengali poet and novelist, Sunil Gangopadhyay, with a heartrending discussion on 'Shudhu Kobitar Janyo'. Presented with Little Magazine, the Tribute saw Nirendranath Chakraborty, eminent poet and literary figure who is a contemporary of Sunil Gangopadhyay, Nabaneeta Dev Sen, an award-winning Indian poet, novelist and an academic and Joy Goswami, eminent poet and contemporary joined by other key literary figures from the city who fondly spoke about the poet, his work and contribution to the Bengali Literature. The discussion was presented by Antara Dev Sen, journalist and founder of The Little Magazine in association with Saregama India.

The afternoon commenced with an audio recording of the poet's voice reciting the beautiful poetry from his anthology of poems. This was followed by poetry reading by upcoming poets, Chiranjeev Basu and Mandarkanta Sen as a commendation to Sunil Gangopadhyay's work, as one who experimented not only with form and style but also with content. The session also highlighted the importance of writings and writers from Bengal who have established a new genre of poetry in Bengal. Recreated the magical era of the poetry with the memorable utterances of Sunil Gangopadhyay

About the panelists:

Nirendranath Chakraborty is an important literary figure and an eminent poet of Kolkata who is a contemporary of Sunil Gangopadhyay. He was a winner of the Sahitya Academy Award in 1974 for the book of poems Ulanga Raja (The Naked King)

Nabaneeta Dev Sen is an award-winning Indian poet, novelist, an academic and a contemporary of Sunil Gangopadhyay.

Joy Goswami is an Eminent Bengali poet and a contemporary of Sunil Gangopadhyay.

Anjali Das is a Bengali poet and is associated with "Soi", the forum of Bengali female poets founded by poet and writer Nabaneeta Dev Sen.

Subodh Sarkar is a Bengali poet, writer and editor, and a reader in English literature at City College, Kolkata.

Chiranjeev Basu and Mandakranta Sen are the new upcoming writers of Kolkata

Antara Dev Sen, is daughter of Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen and **Nabaneeta Dev Sen** and is a renowned Journalist and founder of The Little Magazine

About Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF) 2013:

A Community initiative by the Apeejay Surrendra Group, the annual literary festival hosted since 2010 in Kolkata is the first international literary festival in Kolkata, a city celebrated for its intellectual depth and cultural heritage. An array of special curated discussions, performances and some of the finest literary events are scheduled for the fourth edition from 9th- 13th January, 2013. A noteworthy literary and cultural representation from across India and overseas will be seen at the Festival, amongst the finest minds from India and overseas. Prominent personalities attending will be Ramachandra Guha, William Dalrymple, Shyam Benegal, Pavan Varma, Yasmin Ali Bhai Brown, Amit Chaudhuri, Leila Seth, Manil Suri, Ruchir Joshi, Onir, Urvashi Butalia, Shobhaa De and Tishani Doshi and several others. Events are scheduled at significant cultural and heritage venues across Kolkata like National Library, St John's Church, banks of Hooghly, Lascar Monument, and at India's finest and most loved 92 year old iconic bookstore- Oxford Bookstore, Kolkata. Amongst the many highlights is Festival's collaboration with the Tibor-Jones South Asia Prize to recognize and encourage new and emerging writers in the South Asian region.

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