

Abul Mansur Ahmad's writings helped awaken Bangalee psyche

Int'l seminar on the renowned litterateur, journalist and politician told

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Abul Mansur Ahmad, a renowned litterateur, journalist and politician of the sub-continent, played a significant role in enriching Bangla language and literature through his writings, eminent personalities said yesterday.

The write-ups of the late litterateur helped awaken Bangalee psyche. People of both Bengal -- Bangladesh and India's West Bengal -- still become inspired by reading his texts, they said at an international seminar.

Centre for Language, Translation and Cultural Studies under School of Humanities at Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU) and Abul Mansur Ahmad Smriti Parishad organised the seminar titled, "Abul Mansur Ahmad and Contemporary Bangla: History and Literature", in NSOU auditorium on the campus in Salt Lake City of Kolkata.

Eminent Bangladeshi writer Selina Hossain inaugurated the event, held between 11:00am and 5:00pm.

Speaking on the occasion, she said the contribution of Abul Mansur Ahmad to Bangla literature is significant. He awakened Bangalee psyche through his writings.

"The write-ups of Abul Mansur are still invaluable. His literary works guide Bangalees; inspire them. He enriched and expanded Bangla language," she told a packed house of over 100 participants including noted writers, academics, researchers and journalists from both the countries.

He played a significant role in keeping Bangla literature alive among the Bangalee Muslims at a time when they were lagging behind in literature, she added.

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(Clockwise from top) From left, Snehasis Sur, president of Kolkata Press Club; Dr Manan Kumar Mandal, professor of Bangla at Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU); litterateur Dr Selina Hossain; Subha Sankar Sarkar, vice chancellor of NSOU; Prof Sadhan Chakraborty, vice chancellor of Kazi Nazrul University in India, and Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, hold the copies of a book titled, "Bangla Sangbadpotrer 200 Bochor", in NSOU auditorium in Kolkata during an international seminar on renowned litterateur, journalist and politician of the sub-continent Abul Mansur Ahmad yesterday. Kolkata Press Club presented the book. Dr Selina Hossain receives a crest from Srideep Mukherjee, assistant professor of English at NSOU. The eminent litterateur speaks at the seminar.

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