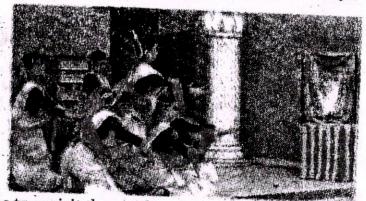
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It blooms only at night and closes during the day.

Tribute to Bengal s Bard

Students of Delhi Public School (Joka), South Kolkata, paid homage to the philosopher and great literary persona, Rabindranath Tagore, on the eve of his birth anniversary. A short cultural programme was organised to commemorate the occasion. Though it has always been a customary annual practice to celebrate this auspicious occasion in the school,



this year the main objective of the event was to revisit the works of Tagore in a new light. The programme commenced with a floral tribute to the Bard. It was followed by a melodious performance of a 'bandish' from the 'Bhimpalashi' 'raga', in appreciation of the poet's ability to blend the elements of traditional classical music with his romantic sensibility. The performance of 'Natir Puja', a dance drama adapted from the much read poem 'Pujarini', by the students of classes V to IX was a sincere and innovative attempt to capture the spirit of the poet's versatility. The act combined the myriad themes of devotion, non-violent rebellion and martyrdom.

The final performance of the programme, "The Kabitascope, was a colourful celebration of the union of nature and soul which comprises the very essence of Tagore's Shantiniketan. Recitation of 'The Baul', enriched by instrumental rhythm and a dance performance brought the celebration to a close.