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MOON FLOWER

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.

