

Jamia Millia Islamia released Rabindranath Tagore's books in Urdu

Thirteen Books published on Rabindranath Tagore under the Ministry of Culture's granted project Tagore Research and Translation Scheme of the Department of Urdu Jamia Millia Islamia released.

Prof. Talat Ahmad Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia has released thirteen books published under the Ministry of Culture's granted project Tagore Research and Translation Scheme of the Department of Urdu. "Being awarded with the prestigious Nobel Prize is an important incident of Indian history. The exertion of translating Tagore into Urdu is a kind of distinguished and important mission that it will become an integral part of Jamia's history." The VC of Jamia said on the book launch ceremony. Under this project Tagore selected works translated into Urdu as *Gitanjali*, *Baghbaan* collections of songs, *Tagore ke Dramey*, *Tagore ki Kahaniyan* a collection of plays, *Tagore ke Mazameen*, collection of Tagore's essays, the famous novel of Tagore *Gora*, and Tagore's memoir *Meri Yadein* besides a few books based on the essays related to Tagore in Urdu as *Tagore: Shair aur Danishwar*, *Tagore: Fikr-o-Fun ke Hazar Rang*, *Tagore aur Iqbal*, *Tagore ki Bazyaft*, *Kalaam-e-Tagore* and *Tagore Shanasi* a comprehensive introduction of Tagore in Urdu.

The book release function was addressed by the Director of National Council for Promotion of Urdu **Prof. Khwaja Ekramuddin** and the famous Urdu Columnist **Mr. Shamim Tariq** besides the Vice Chancellor **Prof. Talat Ahmad**. In this function with the 13 books one information booklet has also been released containing the complete introduction of the scheme and its outcome.

"Rabindranath Tagore was a cultural ambassador of Indian Culture. Jamia Millia Islamia has created a favorable milieu in Tagore study in Urdu throughout the country. Whenever and wherever anywhere around the globe if Tagore is discussed in Urdu then this scheme will be a milestone" said Mr. Shamim Tariq the noted journalist of Urdu.

It's worth mentioning that the Tagore Research and Translation Scheme was granted by the Ministry of Culture in October 2012 on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Since then the coordinator of the scheme **Prof. Shahzad Anjum** with the faculty members of the Department of Urdu Jamia Millia started working on it and this has been accomplished in the record time.

Translation of the important literary pieces into Urdu was an old tradition of Jamia Millia Islamia. This translation scheme is an extension of the same tradition the VC Prof. Talat Ahmad added. The Head, Department of Urdu **Prof. Wahajuddin Alvi** and **Prof. Khalid Mahmood** also addressed the function and expressed his feeling of gratitude. **Prof. Shehpar Rasool** conducted the function.

