

Mushaira enlivens the evening for connoisseurs

Moonlit night. Serene and lush surroundings. The right mix to talk of 'gham-e-janan' and 'gham-e-dauran'. The picturesque environs of the Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) reverberated with these sentiments recently.

The all-India mushaira hosted jointly by MANUU and the University of Hyderabad drew people 'parwana' like to partake of the devil's wine. If any one needed to know how popular are mushairas in Hyderabad, there was proof enough. The long distance notwithstanding, the connoisseurs of poetry came all the way to Gachibowli and stayed put till late in the night. As the night wore on, the mushaira only got warmer.

Some of the big names in Urdu poetry were there to enthral the audience. Prof. Shaharyar, Nida Faazli, Qasim Imam, Nasim Nikhat and closer home Muztar Majaz, Ghous Khamukhah, Rauf Khair won lot of applause.

The ball was set rolling by Hyderabad poet, Salahuddin Nayyar.

Giran dil par guzarti hai bahut rishton ki pamaali

Khan tak dekhte tehzeeb fikr-o-fan ki badhaali

Local 'shayar' Agha Sarosh pepped up the night with his unique style:

Zameen kab ki khula main bikhar gayee hoti

Zaroor hai koyee dast-e-dua sambhale huye

The recent Mumbai terror attack too had an echo at the mushaira with Qasim Imam giving a poetic expres-



POETIC EXPRESSIONS: Participants at the all-India mushaira hosted jointly by MANUU and the University of Hyderabad.

sion to the anguish thus:

Iss zameen se iss zameen tak payar hona chahiye

Ham agar zinda hain to izhar hona chahiye

Aur in ki zid hai to palat kar, war hona chahiye

Jo hua iss paar woh us paar hona

chahiye

Luknow's Nasim Nikhat stirred up the audience with her inimitable recital. The audiences went ga-ga when she recited:

Chalte rahne ki tamanna kam na ho ye dekhnna

Housla khayam rahe to raasta kya

cheez hai

Nida Faazli's portrayal of the Indo-Pak strained ties was much appreciated and led to cries of encore:

Insaan main haiwan hain, yahan bhi wahan bhi

Hindu bhi maze main, Musalman bhi maze main

Hain insaan pareshaan, yahan bhi wahan bhi

Ushbir Singh Shaad who came next pepped up the night with his unique style.

Kabhi fareb-e-wafa se, kabhi muhabbat se

Kiya gaya hai saleeqe se pamaal mujhe

Agha Sarosh drew lot of applause with his thought provoking verses.

Zamin kabhi ke khula mein bikhar gayee hoti

Zaroor hai koyee daste dua sambhale huye

Na chand tha, na sitare na kakhshayein

Andheri raat ko tha ek diya sambhale huye

But the credit for enlivening the night goes to Rauf Raheem of Hyderabad. In his humorous way he sent people into peals of laughter.

Hai Aarzo Musharaf bhi ayein mehfil mein

Atal irada hamara hai dosti ka Rahim

This couplet had everyone in splits:

Hai aarzo unki make-up se misle hoor ho jana

Magar mumkin khan kishmish ka phir angoor hojana

Well-known poet, Manzar Bhopali, also regaled the audience with his touching poetry. His verses on Indo-Pak relations were well appreciated.

Zakham bhar jayein dil ke sabhi Phool khil jayein barood mein

Donon hamsaye karlein agar dosti dosti ki tarha