

Nation indebted to poet's contributions : President

Tagore establishes our literature : PM

President Abdur Rahman Biswas said on Friday the nation is indebted to great Poet Rabindranath Tagore for his extraordinary contribution to the development of Bangla language and literature, reports BSS.

In a message on the eve of the 122nd birth anniversary of Tagore, the President said his songs, poems and his creation in different branches of our literature are a priceless asset for the future. His universal feelings and his unforgettable awareness about human values are our gains. Tagore's outstanding and unique literary works have established the Bangla literature in the world arena with full dignity. His genius transcending the barrier of time and age is the source of our inspiration, he added.

Paying tributes to the poet on the occasion of his birth

day, President Biswas said his songs and poems had galvanised the people of this country during the Liberation War. The poet, he said, had passed a great part of his life at Shilaidah, Shahjampur and the bank of the mighty Padma

River of that time. It was from here the poet got the opportunity of assimilating the feelings of the people of this country, their hopes and aspirations and the promise of the future. His outstanding contribution to the acquisition of our entity, country and culture would be remembered by the nation for ages, he said.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas expressed the hope that the poet's birthday this time would be resplendent with the new spirit of creativity under the present democratic dispensation of Bangladesh.

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Another message says: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Friday also paid tributes to the memories of Poet Rabindranath Tagore and hoped that the calls voiced in the great works of the poet would be successfully reflected in our work and thoughts.

In a message on the occasion of the 132nd birth anniversary of the poet, she said the vast and varied literary creations of the poet had established Bangla literature in the world arena.

The literary works of Tagore have special influence of ever-

existent folk life of Bangladesh, Begum Zia said adding that the outstanding contributions of this great poet of Bengali language reminded us frequently of his talent.

The observance of the birth anniversary of Poet Rabindranath Tagore at national level in the last year of the Bangla century bears special significance, she added.

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