

Urdu poets leave

IITG audience pensive about love & life



It was a mesmerising evening for hundreds of poetry lovers listening with rapt attention to the beautiful Urdu poems at a recitation programme of Urdu poems entitled 'Mehfil-e-Adab' held at IIT Gandhinagar as part of World Heritage week celebrations on Sunday evening. The poems were being recited in Urdu, but its appreciations were being done in English to cater to the larger platform of audience who were kept spellbound by the richness of the traditional language. Poems dealing with complex subjects like love, life and religion kept the audience glued to their seats.

Three renowned poets - Sadiq Noor Pathan, Tanvir Siddiqui and Jayant Parmar - left the audience asking for more with their amazing poems. Interestingly, the main attraction of the whole event was the poems recited by Hamida Banu Chopra. Chopra is a popular Urdu poet who teaches Urdu in University of California, Berkley. Chopra has been holding such sessions world over and is highly appreciated globally.

Speaking to After Hrs about the event, Prof Rita Kothari of IIT-G, who appreciated the poems in English at the event said, "It is important to know that even Urdu is a part of our heritage and is a product of our country. This event was organised to create a sensitivity about Urdu and let people know that Urdu and our heritage."



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