



Kamini Roy (1864-1933)

Poet & Author

Kamini Roy was an eminent poet involved in cultural and social welfare activities, especially women's welfare. Her father, Chandicharan Sen, was a district judge and writer. She was inclined towards literature from very young age and started composing poem from age of eight. She passed FA and earned her BA Honours degree in Sanskrit from Bethune college. She obtained a silver medal for her proficiency in Sanskrit language. She joined Bethune school as a teacher and later joined Bethune College as a professor in the year 1890. She was married to Kedarnath Roy. Her poems were highly appreciated for the calm and restrained expression of deep pathos. An acclaimed poet, her first book of poems, Alo O Chhaya, was published with an introduction by Hemchandra Banerjee in the year 1889. Her other poetical works include Nirmalya, Pauraniki, Gunjan (children's poems), Malya O Nirmalya, Ashoka Sangit and Jibanpathe (two sonnets), Amba (play), Balika Shiksha Adarsha (1918) etc. She was also famous for composing lyrical poetry and she also composed a number of prose. She was a member of the Female Labour Investigation Commission, President of the literary section of the Bengal Literary Conference and Vice President of the Bangiya Sahitya Parishad.