

RECOMMENDATIONS

CD Launching

Bengal Foundation will hold ceremonies for launching of eight more CDs at the Bengal Shilpalaya. The schedule is as follows: February 20 at 6:30 pm Nazrulgeeti album Khunji Tarey Aami Aaponay by Sharmin Shathi Islam February 23 at 6:30 pm Gonosangeet album Himalaya Thekey Sundarban. Rabindrasangeet album Eshchhi Tomar E Darey by Iqbal Ahmed February 24 at 6:30 pm Rabindrasangeet album Amarey Jodi Jagaley Aaji by Mita Haque February 25 at 6:30 pm Rabindrasangeet album Aamar E Path by Ifat Ara Dewan

Film

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Dhaka has planned to hold shows of Korean films on regular monthly basis from March. This show will provide opportunity to people to learn about Korean culture and language. The film show will be held at the auditorium of the Korean Embassy on the 1st Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. The schedule up to May has been declared as follows: March 2 Nowhere to Hide April 6 The Foul King May 4 My Heart All films are subtitled in English.

Movies



PHOTO: AFP US actor/producer Nicolas Cage (L) and star Kevin Spacey of the US arrive for the premiere of the film "The Life of David Gale" on February 18 in the Universal City area of Los Angeles.

Music

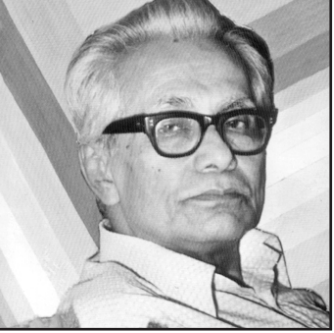
Ekushey

Then and now...

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THE Krishnachura trees will be in full bloom once again. All around the Dhaka university campus the sprouting greenery, the Jarul and Radhachura trees with its vibrant purple and yellow contrasting the bright blue sky will announce the beginning of Boshonto.

As we mark the 51st year of our



Sheikh Luthfur Rahman

language movement, its easy to see how little has changed in how we observe Ekushey, the unforgettable atoyi falgun....

...It seems like yesterday. Rehearsals for the Ekushey had started a month back and was going on in full swing. A group of more than forty students were busy as usual for the performance on the big day ahead. A group of girls were busy discussing what to wear at the function. Obviously it would have to be white saree with black border. The boys would wear white pajama panjabee and a black shawl. A black badge made from satin ribbons would be pinned to the dress as a mark of respect for the martyrs of the language movement. Bouquets which were to be placed at the graveyard and at the Shaheed Minaar were ordered beforehand.

Our music teachers made sure that rehearsals were rather exhaustive. "Chayanaut" would have to stage the best musical show in town at the Central Shaheed Minaar. Lyrical themes centering around patriotism and

communal harmony were chosen for the occasion. It would have to be passionate, bold and appealing.

Since its inception Chayanaut has undoubtedly played an important role in the cultural history of Bangladesh. The then-Pakistani ruling clique had made repeated attempts to put a brake on our cultural advancement and imposed restrictions on the ongoing cultural movement. In 1961, the birth centenary of Tagore was observed with mass enthusiasm despite opposition from the ruling junta. As an inevitable consequence Chayanaut made its debut as an expression of our cultural identity.

It was a time when songs containing mythological themes were not allowed to be aired on radio and T.V. Songs by Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam were under strict scrutiny.

In spite of all obstruction people began to participate spontane-

ously and enjoy the seasonal programs on monsoon, spring, Pohela Baishak, the birth and death anniversaries of Tagore and Nazrul, fund raisers for the flood victims and other similar programs. This played a major role in inspiring the Bengalis to identify with their roots and indicated the unity and the popular support for the cultural movement.

Songs for February 21, like amaar protibader bhasha, biplober rokter raanga, jonotaa shongram, o kokil rey, Jessore Khulna Dhaka Barisal, rokto shimul topto polash were sung in chorus. O amaar desher mati, eki oporup, apon kajey, nai nai bhoi, ekbaar tora ma bolia daak, jodi tor daak shuney keo na aseey and the like were mostly sung by individual artists.

The opening song on February 21 was amaar bhair er rokter rangano. On that day we would wake up before sunrise and gather at our music school. From there

we walked barefoot to the Central Shaheed Minar and placed wreaths. Programs of other cultural organizations started much earlier. Usually our program was scheduled on the eve of February 21.

Iqbal Ahmed, Mahmudur Rahman Benu, Golam Murshed, Yafez Ahmed, Ifat Ara Dewan, Talappu, Shaheen Samad, Sakera Ahmed, Milia Ghani, Selina Malek, Dalia Nausheen, Ruh, Sarwat, Rana Mahmood, Nadera Omar, Iktiar Omar, Minakshi, Sonia and so many of us were the regular performers.

It was a time when we were blessed with the best tutors of music. Wahidul Huque, Zahidur Rahim, Sohrab Hossain, Sanjida Khatun, and of course the indomitable Sheikh Luthfur Rahman. Despite his frail figure, his walking disability, he commanded respect from all around him. Luthfur Rahman was a great composer, teacher and man with a melodi-



Ekushey back in 1969: Chayanaut performing at the Central Shaheed Minar

ous voice. He made a great contribution in tuning geet, gazals and later on, the patriotic songs in his collection of songs.

A number of songs composed by him from jonotaa songram cholbei to biplober rokter raanga have been and still are a source of inspiration throughout the cultural movement of our country. Luthfur bhai was a very meticulous teacher. He made sure that each of his students understood the inner meaning of the lyric and sang whole-heartedly. Every single detail of the song from its throwing to harmonization was done over and over again until we sang with full confidence and vigor.

While Wahid Bhai was busy making the schedule of the programme, Luthfur bhai, Zahed bhai and Sanjida apa worked untiringly on our lessons. It was not possible for Luthfur bhai to climb the stairs of our five storied school. So the entire group had to be shifted downstairs in a big room to accommodate the number of

enthusiastic students. Sohrab Hossain our teacher and the man with a legendary voice was full of jokes and laughter. He would call Luthfur bhai "Taimur Lang" because of his walking handicap. Luthfur bhai called him "Khorap" Hossain, kharap meaning bad! At times Zahid ur Rahim a well built man with the most powerful voice, would start up a big fight and punch the bulging belly of Sohrab Hossain in front of his students and we would all roll down in laughter. At the same time we were taught to maintain strict discipline and respect our teachers.

These were the teachers who were trying to reshape our cultural world. Archaic tradition-bound music of the indoors was popularized and presented at open air concerts. The programs at Shaheed Minaar, Ramna or the Boldha garden were organised with great enthusiasm.

These legendary figures in music inculcated a sense of pride in our mother tongue. After almost thirty four years the memories are

still afresh of the open air concerts we used to have at the Central Shaheed Minaar on Ekushey.

So little has changed. Very few of us walk without a heavy heart, barefoot, in the early hours of the morning, with the never-to-be forgotten songs of Ekushey on our lips. We still sit spellbound before the Shaheed Minar, listen to the inspiring songs, the poems, the dramas performed with such heartfelt passion. In all this it is impossible to forget those who had braved all resistance to work to preserve the memories of Ekushey.

Ekushey is now recognized as the International Mother Language Day. There are very few instances in history, if at all, of a rebellion for the right to speak in one's mother tongue. For the millions who have not witnessed the uprising, the Shaheed Minar and the undying cultural activities will forever remain as its unshakable symbol.



Chayanaut performing 'Gonoshangeet' on the occasion of first Independence Day celebrations at the Dhaka University premises in 1972.

TV GUIDE

CHANNEL-i

- 2:00p.m. Bengali Movie: Ka, Kha, Ga, Gha, Unya
5:35 Jonopoder Khabar
5:45 Joto Pod Totot Mot
6:10 Music Plus
6:45 House Full
7:15 Channel i News
7:45 Ispahani i Tele-quiz (question)
7:55 Manimal
8:25 Grihagolpo (drama serial)
9:00 Channel i News (results)
9:31 Ispahani i Tele-quiz (results)
10:00 Close-up Heat Wave
10:25 Channel i Mobil Quiz 2525
10:30 Channel i News
11:15 Shongbadpotre Bangladesh
11:30 News at 10 Live from MTV Broadcast
12:20 Channel i News
ALPHA TV
BANGLA
6:00 Chokher Bali
6:30 Bhraman -- Kache Doore
7:00 Joyce Meyer
7:30 Sumaugaliam
8:00 Purobi Bangla
8:30 Gaan Unltd.
9:10 Grihasajja
9:30 Swapnoneel
10:00 Chena Mukh Achena Manush
10:30 De Ray
11:00 Chokher Bali
11:30 Gaan Unltd.
12:00 Spandan
12:30 Ananya
1:00 Nayantara
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:30 Hirer Angti
3:00 Gaan Unltd.
3:30 Ek Palak
3:45 Gaan Unltd.
4:00 News In Bengali
4:30 Chokher Bali
7:00 Ek Palak
7:15 Gaan Unltd.
7:30 Mathe Maidane
8:00 Pratimba
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
8:10 Ananya
9:50 Spandan
10:30 News In Bengali
11:00 Ek Palak
11:15 Gaan Unltd.
11:30 Nayantara
12:00 Blind Lane

HBO

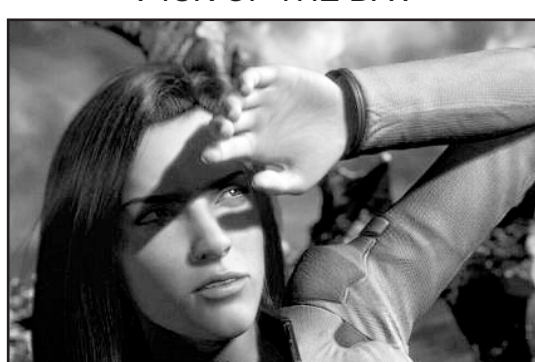
- 6:30 Cinema Secrets II Ep 6: When In Rome
7:00 The Butcher's Wife
9:15 Superman
12:00 We're No Angels
2:15 Dennis The Menace Strikes Again
3:45 Justice League of America
5:30 Death Warrant
7:15 Bicentennial Man
10:00 Alaska
12:15 To Die For
2:30 We're No Angels
4:45 Death Warrant
AXN
6:30 Movie: No Mercy
8:30 Adventure Central
9:30 Relic Hunter: Out of the Past
10:30 Earth Final Conflict: Blood Ties
11:30 Farscape: Eat Me
12:30 Guinness World Records: Primitime
1:30 Martial Law: Shanghai Express
2:30 Movie: No Mercy
4:30 High Action
5:30 Guinness World Records: Primitime
6:30 Farscape: Thanks for Sharing
7:30 Adventure Central
8:30 Relic Hunter: Eyes of Toklamanee
9:30 Now See This!
10:30 The Horror Movie: Believe
12:30 The Hunter
1:00 Relic Hunter: Eyes of Toklamanee
SONY
6:00 Music Mantra
6:30 Just Mohabbat
7:00 Dil Ka Dwar Khol
7:30 Amrit Varsha
8:00 Sant Asaram Vani
8:30 Charbustars
9:00 Good Morning Disney
10:00 Music Mantra
10:30 Milan
11:00 Chamatkaar
11:30 Family No. 1
12:00 Hum Sab Ek Hain
12:30 Mathe Maidane
1:00 Kkumum
1:30 Gooni-Ateet Ki
2:00 Kahani Terri Merri
2:30 Hubahu
3:00 Om Namay Shivay
4:00 Just Mohabbat
4:30 Chhoti Si Asha
5:00 CATS
5:30 Star Yaar Kalakaar
6:30 Disney Hour

- 7:30 Chartbusters
8:00 Music Mantra
8:30 Meri Biwi Wonderful
9:30 Current Bollywood
9:30 Kkumum
10:00 Kahani Terri Merri
10:30 Achanak 37 Saal Baad
11:00 Aahat
11:30 Hubahu
12:30 Chhoti Si Asha
SET MAX
4:00 Australia vs Holland M 20 Live
10:30 Extra Innings+1
12:00 M17 Highlights
1:00 Kapil Dil Se
3:30 South Africa vs New Zealand M 13
ZEE TV
6:00 World Spirituals
6:30 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Life In The Word-Good News
7:30 Jagran
8:00 Bhagwat Katha
8:30 Manav Dharam
9:00 Cartoon On Zee
10:30 Ghar Jamai
11:00 Aati Rahengi Baharein
12:00 Milk
12:30 Dharma
1:00 Astiva-Ek Prem Kahani
1:30 Mitti
2:00 Kittie Party
2:30 Piya Ka Ghar
3:00 Gopi
6:30 Cartoon On Zee
7:00 Piya Ka Ghar
8:00 Yeh Kaisi Mohabbat
8:30 Countdown Show
ZEE CINEMA
7:00 Dadamoni
7:30 Hindi Feature Film
10:15 Hindi Skyshop
10:30 Hindi Feature Film
1:30 Hindi Feature Film
5:15 Tvc Skyshop
5:30 Hindi Feature Film
9:00 Bollywood Tonight
9:30 Hindi Feature Film
ZEE MUSIC
6:30 Zee Music Box
7:30 Taaza Maal
8:30 Artist of the Fortnight
9:00 Sizzlers
9:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:30 Hit Mix
10:45 Tvc Skyshop
11:00 Taaza Maal
12:00 Pop Re Pop New
12:30 Tele Brands
1:00 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Jharokha
2:00 Tvc Skyshop
2:15 Tara Rum
2:30 Hit Mix
3:30 Hit Mix

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- HBO: 10:00p.m. Alaska. Jake Barnes and his two kids, Sean and Jessie, have moved to Alaska after his wife died. He is a former airline pilot now delivering toilet paper across the mountains. During an emergency delivery in a storm his plane goes down somewhere in the mountains. Annoyed that the authorities aren't doing enough, Jessie and Sean set out on an adventure to find their father with the help of a polar bear which they have saved from a ferocious poacher (Charlton Heston). Conflict ensues.
AXN: 10:30p.m. Believe. After being continually kicked out of boarding schools, Ben is sent to live with his stern Grandfather in a small town. While there, no one is interested in him with the exception of a girl named Kathrine. The two become fast friends despite the unexplained protests from Ben's grandfather and Katherine's uncle. Almost as soon as he arrives, Ben begins to see the ghost of a woman around his grandfather's house.

PICK OF THE DAY



Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within
On Star Movies at 8:30p.m.
In the year 2065, the next great assault against an invading race of phantom-like aliens is about to be launched. Dr. Aki Ross, a brilliant young scientist, races to find the invaders' secrets, not only to save the planet, but herself as well after her body is infected by alien particles. She teams up with the prestigious Deep Eyes military squadron, led by her old friend Grey Edwards.

- 3:45 Tvc Skyshop
4:00 Zee Music Box
5:00 Pop Re Pop New
5:30 Hit Mix
5:45 Tvc Skyshop
6:00 Dialogue
6:30 Zee Music Box
7:00 Tele Brands
7:30 Zee Music Box
8:30 Best of the Best
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Pop Re Pop New
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Zee Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal
18:30 Earthpulse
19:00 Gorillas From Heart Of Darkness
20:00 Keepers Of The Wild
21:00 Wildlife Warriors
22:00 Cheetahs
23:00 Truth Files
7:00 Truth Files
8:00 Mummy Road Show
8:30 Tales Of The Living Dead
9:00 The White House
10:00 More Weddings & Another Funera
10:30 Revolutionary
11:00 Dogs With Jobs
11:30 Earthpulse
12:00 Penguin Baywatch
13:00 Treasures Of The Deep
14:00 Tempest From The Deep
15:00 The Black Robin A Chatham Island Story
16:00 Truth Files
17:00 Sea Stories
17:30 Return To The Wild
18:00 Dogs With Jobs

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- 6:30 Josie and the Pussycats
7:00 The Ku Koo Du Koo Show
8:00 The Scooby Doo Show
8:30 Dexter's Laboratory
9:00 Jackie Chan Adventures
9:30 The Cartoon Cartoon Show
10:30 Tom & Jerry Kids Tiny TV
2:00 The Powerpuff Girls
2:30 The Scooby Doo Show
3:00 Flintstones
3:30 The Mask Power Zone
4:00 ThunderCats
4:30 Centurions
5:00 Dexter's Laboratory
5:30 Jackie Chan Adventures
6:00 All New Popeye
6:30 The Legend of Snow White
7:00 The Powerpuff Girls
7:30 Scooby Doo Hour
8:00 Toon Talkies
8:30 Jackie Chan Adventures
9:00 The Mask
9:30 Flintstones
10:00 Johnny Bravo
10:30 Top Cat Power Zone - Late Night
11:00 ThunderCats
11:30 Centurions
12:00 The New Scooby Doo Movies
1:00 Courage the Cowardly Dog
1:30 Ed, Edd n Eddy
2:00 The Mask

- (Thirty minutes plus)
5:30 America's Cup Finals
America's Cup 2003 Race 4(L)
8:00 Follow Through Day 11(R)
8:30 Formula One Boat Racing 2002
Hydroprop Thrills And Spills (R)
9:00 Usa Vs Europe Bowling Championships Usa Vs Europe Tenpin Bowling 2002 (T)
10:00 Uefa Champions League 2002/03 Uefa Champions League London, ENGLAND Arsenal Vs Afc Ajax Group Phase 2, Matchday 9(R)
12:00 Best Of Pga Golf South Africa (T)
12:30 Taking Guard Day 12(L)
13:00 Taking Guard Day 12(R)
13:30 Pool World Pool League 2002 (R)
14:30 Ama Motocross Ama Motocross (125 Cc) Sacramento, CA USA (R)
15:30 Uefa Champions League 2002/03 Uefa Champions League Madrid, SPAIN Real Madrid Cf Vs Borussia Dortmund Group Phase 2, Matchday 9(R)
18:00 Uefa Champions League 2002/03 Uefa Champions League Manchester, ENGLAND Manchester United Vs Juventus Fc Group Phase 2, Matchday 9(S)
20:00 Sportscenter Hindi (L)
20:30 Pool World Pool League 2002 (T)
21:30 Follow Through Day 12(L)
22:00 Spanish League Highlights 2002/03 Spanish League Highlights (T)
22:30 Best Of Pga Golf Pro-Ams (R)
23:00 Sportscenter Hindi (T)
23:30 Follow Through Day 12(R)
STAR MOVIES
09:00 The Negotiator
11:15 The Annihilators
12:45 Nina Takes A Lover
02:45 Death Ring
04:30 The Return Of The Swamp Thing
06:15 Apex
08:00 Bojangles
09:45 The Air Up There
11:45 White Men Can't Jump
13:30 The Scout
15:15 Broadcast News
17:30 Addicted To Love
19:00 The Third Wheel
20:30 Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within
STAR GOLD
+ 30 Minutes
02:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
03:00 Subah Ka Tara
06:30 Geet Bahar
07:00 Raja Aur Runk
10:20 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
10:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
11:00 Kartavya
13:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
14:00 Geet Bahar
14:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
14:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
15:00 Bandhanakuchcheydha agonka
18:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
18:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
19:00 All Rounder
22:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
22:30 Flashback
23:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
23:30 Salim Langde Pe Mat Ro
STAR PLUS
+ 30 Minutes
00:00 Film Toppers
00:05 Shagun
00:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
01:00 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
01:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
02:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
02:30 Kaahani Ghar Ghar Kii Bahu Thi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Saans
04:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
05:00 Geet Bahar
06:30 Geet Bahar
07:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
07:30 Aatma
08:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
09:00 Fox Kids
09:40 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:00 KabhieKabhieMergh-armeinbhucha
10:30 Hera Pheri
11:00 Meri Saheli
11:25 Film Toppers
11:30 Shanti
12:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
12:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
13:00 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
13:30 Bhabhi
14:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
14:30 Shagun
15:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
15:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
16:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
16:30 Saans
17:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
17:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
18:00 Fox Kids
18:40 Aaj Ki Baat
18:55 Kya Film Kya Geet
19:00 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
19:25 Film Toppers
19:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
20:00 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr
21:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
21:30 Kashmeer
22:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
22:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
23:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
23:30 Aaj Ki Baat
STAR WORLD
+ 30 Minutes
00:00 Charmed
01:00 Ally Mcbeal
02:00 Cheers
02:30 Creflo Dollar Daily
03:00 Kenneth Copeland Ministries
03:30 The Simpsons
04:00 World News
04:30 Suddenly Susan
05:00 Hollywood Squares
05:30 The Brady Bunch
06:00 Cheers
06:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
07:30 Chicago Hope
08:30 Charmed
09:30 Ally Mcbeal
10:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Titus
12:00 Two Guys And A Girl
12:30 Suddenly Susan
13:00 The Bold And The Beautiful
13:30 Hollywood Squares
14:00 The Brady Bunch
14:30 Baywatch
15:30 The Simpsons
16:00 Cheers
16:30 Starnews Asia
17:00 Frasier
17:30 Roswell
18:25 Starnews Asia
18:30 Dark Angel
19:30 Fight School
20:28 Star Asia Travel
20:30 Frasier