

PM to inaugurate Int'l Film Festival today

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate a gala week-long International Film Festival-2003 at the Osmany Memorial Hall here today amidst much pageantry and grandeur.

All preparations have been made to hold the festival through screening as many as 93 famous films from 31 countries including 30 from host Bangladesh. The slogan of the festival is "Film for the people".

"Amar Bhuban" made by celebrated Indian film maker Mrinal Sen, already here, will be screened on the inaugural day of the festival. At least 45 foreign guests from 15 countries are expected to join the festival, organisers said.

Bangladesh Federation of Film

Societies (BFFS) in cooperation with the government is organising the festival.

BFFS has already nominated a five-member jury board, including foreigners to select three films, from which the best one will get 6,000 US dollars and the rest two will get 2,000 US dollars each under special consideration. The best film makers will be given a certificate and festival souvenir, the organisers said.

Ten of Bangladeshi films will be exhibited in the festival under the auspices of the Bangladesh Panorama Chapter of the carnival.

They are Nodi O Nari (river and the woman), Surya Snan (sun shower), Edesh Tomar Amar (this country is yours, mine), Arunodoyer Agnishakhi

(witness to sunrise), Nabab Sirajuddowla, Alor Michhil (the procession of light), Suprobhat (good morning), Megher Onek Rong (cloud has many colours), Chaka (the wheel) and Golapi Ekhon Trene (Golapis in train).

Besides, six rated films of celebrated Bangladeshi film makers late Zahir Raihan and Alamgir Kabir will be exhibited in the festival.

Besides the Auditoriums of the Central Public Library and the National Museum, the films will also be screened at Abhisar, Balaka, Ananda, Purnima, Syamoli, Lion, Star, Asia, Saikat Club, Chanda, Binaka, New Diamond, Gulshan and Asha cinema halls of Dhaka and Narayanganj.



A girl performs at the final round of Shaplakuri 2003 competition at the Shishu Academy auditorium yesterday. The Zia Shishu Academy organised the competition.

JUTA continues non-cooperation

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The second day of the nine-day "non-cooperation" programme of Jahangirnagar University Teachers Association (JUTA) passed off peacefully yesterday.

JUTA enforced the programme to press its demands for removal of the Vice Chancellor and punishment to the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists who confined the provost and eight house tutors of Shaheed Salam Barkat (SSB) hall on August 11.

On the second day most of the students were absent and many departments were kept under lock and key. The Pro-JUTA teachers did not attend classes but the teachers having link with vice chancellor took classes. The programme began on September 16.

All examinations were held on time as it had been kept out of the purview of the programme.

Meanwhile, the second phase of the programme will begin on September 24 and continue till September 30. JUTA will boycott all academic and administrative activities during the second phase.

JUTA at its general meeting on September 14 decided to observe a nine-day non-cooperation programme.