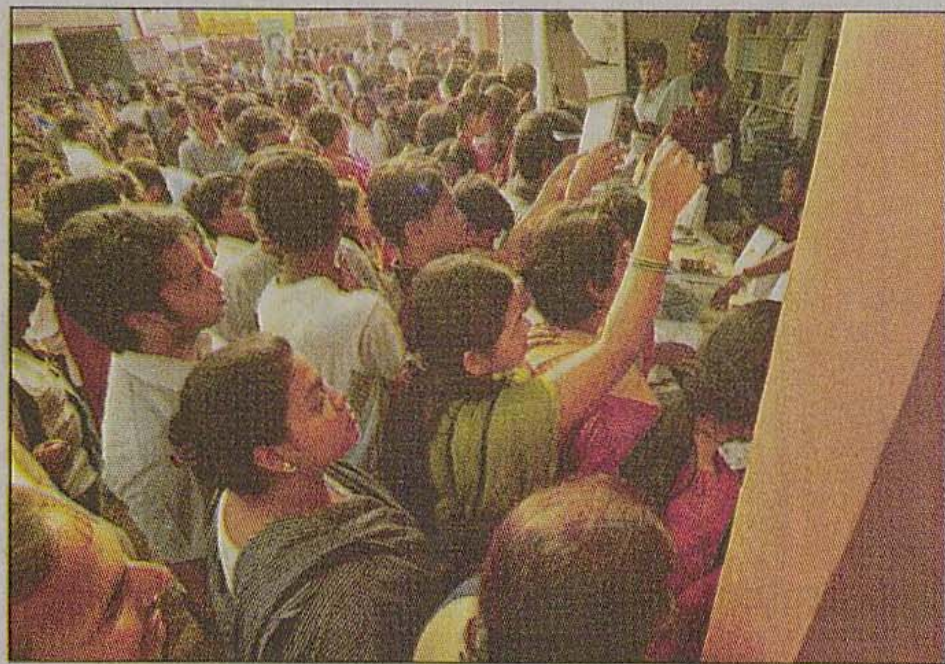


Ekushey Book Fair '06 wraps up

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EKUSHEY Book Fair, considered to be the largest book fair in the country, ended yesterday in Dhaka amidst enthusiasm. The book fair, organised by the Bangla Academy and the Bangladesh Book Publishers and Sellers' Association...



Eager fair-goers thronged the stalls yesterday

Encourages preservation of Liberation War memorabilia. LWM also aims to educate the new generation with history of independence, so that, they are proud of their motherland and imbued with the spirit of patriotism and liberal democratic ideas.

Tagore's musical Tasher Desh staged by Surer Dhara

Surer Dhara staged Rabindranath Tagore's musical Tasher Desh at the National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy recently. Renowned Tagore artiste Rezwana Chowdhury Banyan was in charge of the over all direction. Professor of Sangit Bhaban, Bishwa Bharati (Shantuniketan) Gora Sarbadhikary directed the drama and dance...



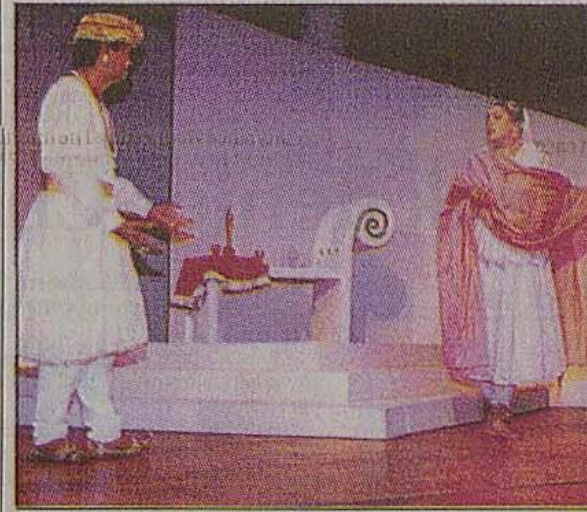
A colourful portrayal of the musical by the artistes

The prince makes an attempt to break the robotic existence of the 'cards' by explaining to them what it is like to give in to one's innermost feelings and passion. The result is outstanding. Tasher Desh emphasises the philosophy of creation. Tagore believed that an existence is meaningless if it's devoid of expressions of human emotions.

JRSP's council in Comilla

Jatio Rabindra Sangeet Parishad's (JRSP) 25th council will be held in Comilla from March 3 to March 5, says a press release. Since 1982 the organisation has been regularly arranging councils and competitions at different corners of the country.

Shubochan Natya Shogsad stages Khudhito Pashan



A scene from the play

The final show of the ongoing ITI theatre festival Khudhito Pashan, a Shubochan Natya Shogsad production, will be staged today at the Mahila Samity Stage. The darker side of aristocracy -- the oppression of women -- is the theme of Tagore's classic Khudhito Pashan. Samar Chattopadhyaya has dramatised Tagore's short story.

Wedding items and accessories exhibited

Elite Marriage accessories exhibition of Dhaka, was held recently at the Novera Hall, National Museum. Besides the exhibition of the marriage materials of old Dhaka, the programme included kite exhibition of Sonal Mian, various books published in Dhaka, lyre playing of Abdul Kadir, Chan Miah and his band presented instrumental versions of marriage songs. Dances were presented as well.



Models act out a traditional wedding at the event

Desperate Housewives to go Latin

Wisteria Lane is getting a Latin makeover. Latin America will be getting its own version of the ABC hit drama Desperate Housewives this summer -- actually make that four versions. In an unusual move, Buena Vista International Television Latin America will shoot editions of Desperate Housewives for four different markets: Brazil, Argentina, Ecuador and Colombia. Complete with their own casts and tweaked scripts to reflect local language and cultural flavour. In Latin America, viewers have long seen American programmes but rarely remakes. Shows, including Desperate Housewives, are mostly dubbed or subtitled. The show is currently exported to some 200 territories around the globe. Starting in April, 23 episodes of Amas de Casa Desesperadas/Donas de Casa Desesperadas will be produced by Pol-Ka Producciones in Buenos Aires, where a Latin version of the Wisteria Lane set, the Desperate Housewives neighborhood, is being built as Calle Manzanaras. Some key changes for Latin America: The plumber will have a white-collar occupation, such as engineer, because a plumber living in a ritzy neighborhood strains credulity in some Latin American countries. The Hispanic couple in the ABC version, Carlos and Gabrielle Solis, will be recast as a foreign couple from another Latin American country. Characters' names will be Hispanicised; Gabrielle will become Gabriela; Susan, Susana; Bree, Elisa; and Lynette, Lia.



The cast of Desperate Housewives

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