# CULTURE

# Ekushey Book Fair '06 wraps up

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KUSHEY 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, marking the Language Movement, run during the month of February. The fair was named Amar Ekushey Granthamela

Ekushey Book Fair had something new to offer everyday with a number of eminent poets, writers, novelists, dramatists, actors and actress, artistes, painters as well as other distinguished personalities gathering at the venue making it a focal point for everyone--young and old.

The visitors were seen browsing through the stalls of their choices at the fair. The fair was divided into four zones -- commercial publishing houses, children's books, publications of socio-cultural organisations, NGOs and other organisations. Only books written, edited or translated by Bangladeshi writers were included

A number of innovative programmes included discussions and cultural programmes focusing on the literary personalities of the 20th century at the main stage every day. The academyset up a writers' corner.

A survey of different stalls reveal that Holud Himu Kalo Rab by Humayun Ahmed and Duswapner Jatri by Anisur Rahman sold well, compared to other books. The most popular novels were Lilua Batash and Chayaleen. Amader Boimela, a compilation of works by late Humayun Azad also sold well. Samoy Prakashon launched a new book titled Nodi O Chashir Golpo by Abdullah Abu Sayeed.

Bangladesh Asiatic Society introduced visitors to some good books. The Banglapedia CD also sold well. Mela Publications said that a book for children titled Raj Dorbarer Shial Pandit and



a book of rhymes Cholo Jai Chhorar Deshe have

Eager fair-goers thronged the stalls yesterday

received a good response from children.

An attendant of the stall Jatir Jonok Bangabandhu Memorial Trust, Alauddin Shagor said, "Books on Liberation War were in great demand. Besides that, a collection of photographs on Liberation War, highlight images of destruction and brutality. Itihasher Moha Nayak by Motahar Hossain Sufi has received good response from buyers.'

The Liberation War Museum (LWM), Dhaka in a big stall displayed several books and photo albums on the Liberation War. The museum 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. In the stall, a letter to Bangabandhu from a Birangona's (victim of Liberation War) father drew considerable attention.

Till yesterday the book fair was abuzz with activities and crowds lined up to satiate their literary taste. Today the vacant Bangla Academy premises will miss the hustle bustle until the

## 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 Banya was in charge of the over all direction. Professor of Sangit Bhaban, Bishwa Bharati (Shantiniketan) Gora Sarbadhikary directed the drama and dance artiste Tamanna Rahman did the dance direction, says a press release.

While staging Tasher Desh Surer Dhara tried to maintain the trend introduced by Tagore. Costumes and art direction were based on the works of Nandalal Bose. Tasher Desh is a satire on the then social environment of undivided India during the last phase of the British raaj. The play begins with a prince exasperated by the monotonous restrictions and boundaries of the royal palace.

In a state of boredom, he embarks on a voyage with a young merchant. As destiny would have it, they fall prey to a violent tempest and after the shipwreck finally find refuge on the 'Island of cards' -- a domain inhabited and ruled by cards. The prince makes an important discovery through the robot-like lifestyle led by the residents of the island. There is no laughter, no mirth and no tears. In other words the inhabitants are devoid of emotions.

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 inner-



A colourful portrayal of the musical by the artistes

result is outstanding.

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social order can never be permaphilosophy of creation. Tagore overcome a stagnant social state is nent and in such a case society

### JRSP's council in Comilla

Jatio Rabindra Sangeet Parishad's (JRSP) 25th council will 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. Currently the organisation has about 5000 activists, who participate in musical soirees in the capital as well as in district towns.

#### CULTURAL FEAST



Group Exhibition Venue: Shilpangan, Road 5 House 25 Dhanmondi

Date: February 11-March 3

Musical Programme Title: 10th Orchestra musical evening Organiser, Orchestra Artiste: Farida Perveen Date: March 03 Time: 6:30pm Venue: All community Club Hall, House no-40, Road no-35

## Shubochan Natya Shogsad stages Khudhito Pashan



A scene from the play

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The final show of the ongoing ITI theatre festival Khudhito Pashan, a Shubochan Natya Shongsad 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 Chattyapadhyaya

has dramatised Tagore's short story. For professional reasons, the protagonist of Khudhito Pashan goes near Barich 'Prashad' (palace), which was used by King Shah Mahmud the second for his entertainment with his courtesans. There in his surrealism, the protagonist hears the wailing of the souls of courtesans. Khaled Khan directs

## 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 Sona 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.

Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, chief advisor of Dhakabashi was present as chief guest, says a press release.

A festival featuring different kinds of delectable Bakarkhani, a flaky bread with cheese stuffing. popular in the old part of Dhaka, was held at the same venue.

The function was organised by Elite Cosmetics Ltd. and social organisation Dhakabashi.



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

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

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

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

Some key changes for Latin



The cast of Desperate Housewives

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, America: The plumber will have a will be recast as a foreign couple

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Football League

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Desperate Housewives

Medical Investigations

from another Latin American country. Characters' names will be

Hispanicised: Gabrielle will become Gabriela; Susan, Susana; Bree, Elisa; and Lynette, Lia.

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## TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Dally Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme

### News Bulletin

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55

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