

In memoriam

30th death anniversary of Shilpacharya observed



Eminent artist Murtaja Baseer speaking at the programme

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MAY 28 is the death anniversary of master painter Shilpachariya Zainul Abedin, who has been a catalyst in the development of art and its institutional form in Bangladesh. To observe the day, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged a

discussion programme at the Shilpakala premises. Acclaimed artist Murtaja Baseer was the chief guest while Begum Jahanara Zainul, wife of Zainul Abedin, was the special guest of the programme. Presided over by ABM Salahuddin, the director of Department of Fine Arts of BSA, veteran art critic Mainuddin Khaled was the

other discussant. Speakers focused on the contribution of Shilpacharya to the development of fine arts in Bangladesh. According to them, he is yet to get his due. Mainuddin Khaled said, "Though there has been a dynamic increase in the number of artists, exhibitions and sale of the art works, Shilpacharya

Zainul's death or birth anniversary is not celebrated with zeal. In the digital era at least one documentary on Zainul Abedin could have been made to acquaint the younger generation with the artistic legend."

On the creativity of Zainul, Khaled said, "Zainul Abedin first introduced modernism in the paintings. He featured the common rural people, riverscape, the plight of the masses during the famine and more, using watercolour and inexpensive paper, but his art works are aesthetically rich."

Chief guest Murtaja Baseer said, "We expect to know more about the master artists such as Zainul Abedin and Quamrul Hassan from veteran teachers of the Fine Arts Institute in such programmes. I don't see any grand initiatives to honour the legend, which I think is the result of the current social turmoil." Subsequently Baseer illustrated the contribution of the Shilpacharya in creating artists.

In her speech, special guest Jahanara Abedin, said, "Some of Abedin's works are being pirated these days, which should be brought to public attention. Otherwise, the future generation will be totally misguided and consider those standard works as Zainul's."

Chairperson ABM Salahuddin, said, "Next year BSA hopes to undertake a bigger initiative to honour Shilpacharya."

The absence of the director general and even the secretary of BSA at the discussion session raised some eyebrows.

Exhibition

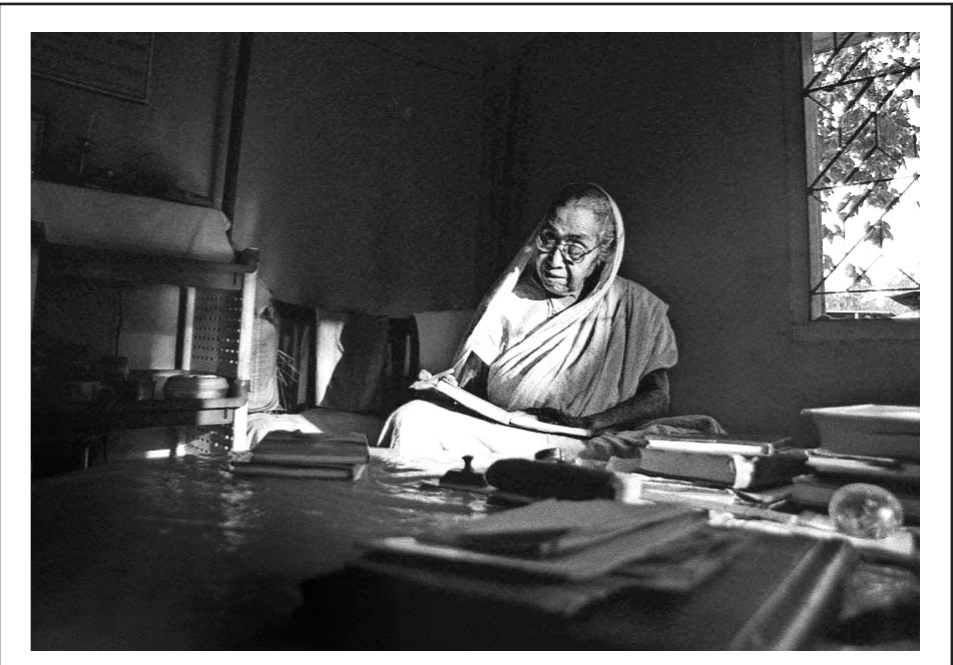
Immortalising personalities

FAYZA HAQ

A group of volunteer researchers are collecting information on famous personalities of Bangladesh. These are collected on the computer at the bilingual website www.gunijan.org. To illustrate the work is the exhibition of portraits of some of the personalities, to be seen at Drik Gallery.

In one of the pictures we see Jewel Aich taking a walk in a park with its cluster of leafy trees. We see him along with nature as we normally have not seen him before. Hamida Hossain is seen with her cat in her garden, as she is going about her interest in touching up the garden. This is also a close, personal focus. Suhashini Das, who has been managing orphans for decades is seen relaxing and reading a book at leisure in a dark room. Angela Gomes is seen outside her office at Jessore. Mustafa Monwar is seen watching clouds, standing on his terrace. Murtaja Baseer is seen looking through his staircase and this is an unusual angle. Rabeya Khatoun, a writer, is seen relaxing near a window in her house, with a book in hand.

Professor Anisuzzaman is seen contemplating



Srimati Suhashini Das leisurely reading a book (Top), noted chess player Rani Hamid in a pensive mood



on what to write next. Ferdousi Priyobhashini is seen among her driftwood creation.

Asked to comment on the exhibition on the whole, taking into consideration the new web site, Murtaja Baseer said, "People don't usually bother all that much about the *gunijan* (revered personalities). This is an adventurous step that makes us aware of so many personalities. This brings together facts about our famous people and I think this way of paying homage is remarkable."

Dr Shahidul Alam of Drik Gallery said, "I'm reminded of Norwegian photographer Martin Krogvold who commented on what a civilised nation meant and he talked about how in the past culture was gauged on the basis of people's strength or their wealth. Today when civilisation is gauged on how people valued their *gunijan* this makes one happy."

Dr Mohammed Shibly, the young photographer who had captured the *gunijans* through the lens said, "I wanted to bring the best products of our soil, whether they be scientists or litterateurs or social or political personalities. This was so that the new generation would learn of their contributions.

Their lives, their work and their portraits will all be in the web site www.gunijan.org. This would inspire the average individual to struggle ahead in their own lines."

When asked about details of the photographs, Shibly said that at first he took pictures of 100 personalities from which he selected 25 for the exhibition. They had no priority basis but were selected randomly. Some were out of the country, some ailing and old, but they were generally enthusiastic and gave their time. He tried to avoid the beaten track and he tried to include the portraits in wide angles. It's like seeing a portrait on a big canvas. Shibly tried to make them as artistic as possible.

Shibly studied Mass Communication from Rajshahi. Meanwhile he was fascinated by photojournalism for a long time and studied at Pathshala. He began work in *Prothom Alo* in 1994. He then worked in *Ice Today*, *Charbela Char Din*, *Kali Kolom* and *Jamini*. With the *gunijan* project he is working as a freelancer. His favourite photographers are Sebastio Salgado, Raghu Rai and Dr Shahidul Alam.

An evening of dance by Nrityanchal

KHALD-BIN-HABIB

Around the globe, dance has one language that of rhythm. If music is the food of love, then dance provides the garnish required.

On Sunday, May 28, Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium came alive with captivating dance performances presented by the dance students of the Nrityanchal Performing Arts Academy (NPAA). The organisation inspires classical dance practice and performance in Bangladesh. The NPAA consists of a group of young, vibrant and dedicated dancers.

The evening began with a series of dance ensembles, highlighting the historical and regional significance of dance in Bangladeshi culture. Artists and connoisseurs of dance from the city came to enjoy this cultural treat.

Performances included, dance -- solo and group along with vocal and instrumental music both by junior and senior students of the Academy. The dancers performed Bharatnatyam, Kathak, traditional and other folk forms. A variety of dance styles provided the casual visitors the ideal opportunity to grasp the splendour and subtlety of a living



A group dance presentation by the students of Nrityanchal

performance tradition.

Kathak is both a religious and an entertaining dance form. A dance troupe from the senior section of the Academy presented an eye catching performance. Bharatnatyam is a complex fusion of pure dance, gesture, and mime. A group of young boys and girls performed two Bharatnatyam pieces with energetic movement and rapid, rhythmic footwork, interlaced with vivid narrative sequences and lyrical explorations of mood. An impressive dance number, titled *Pal uraiya dee* was staged in the show.

The glitzy dance show became more enjoyable when a comical dance item named *Safdar doktor* was presented. The dance *Chol chol chol*, was one of the most fascinating pieces of the show. Different ethnic and traditional music instruments complemented the brightly attired dancers. The concluding dance number of the event, titled *Jonmohumi* gave a fascinating glimpse of Bangladeshi rich dance heritage. The dance event ran for two hours. More than 150 students participated in the colourful dance event.



Morning Sky, an all women's singing group; participated in a concert at the Radisson Water Garden on May 27 with the Jago Arts dancers and Cantemus, a mixed choral group.

Wind blows fair at Cannes

English film bags Palme d'Or award

Veteran English director Ken Loach shocked the 59th Cannes Film Festival by winning the Palme d'Or for best film.

He did the deed with his openly anti-British, pro-Irish history lesson, *The Wind That Shakes the Barley*. The sombre, methodical film starring Cillian Murphy traces the modern roots of the Irish Republican Army in 1920, chronicling a brother-against-brother tragedy when the partition of Ireland sets off a fresh wave of violence.

Loach's victory meant that the media favourites at Cannes, including Spanish director Pedro Almodovar with *Volver* and Mexican director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu with *Babel*, were left with lesser prizes.

The highest profile award in the Palmes went to Penelope Cruz as best actress for her stunning, career-best performance in *Volver*, but the jury was feeling generous and decided she should share it with her five female co-stars -- a twist that absolutely thrilled

Cruz. The best actor prize was also shared, in this case by the five Arab actors who star as Algerian soldiers heroically fighting for France in the Second World War, but being treated like second-class citizens. The five--Jamel Debbouze, Samy Naceri, Roschdy Zem, Sami Bouajila and Bernard Blancan -- are featured in French director Rachid Bouchareb's *Indigenes*.

Source: Internet



A scene from *The Wind That Shakes the Barley*

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTV
News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 12:15 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm.
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

BBC WORLD
Every hour on the hour

BTV
09:05 Open University
12:15 Songbad Potrer Pata Thake
12:30 Sastho Totto
01:30 Sobar Jonno Sikha
02:15 Selected Programme Sangita
04:00 Prothashar allo
06:10 Shondha Maloti
07:30 Musical Programme
08:45 Drama Serial: Shap Ludu
10:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulia

CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Triloymatra
11:05 Cricket Online
11:30 Amar Chhobi
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Selected Drama
03:30 Born To Play
04:05 Bosundhora Amdar Gaan
04:40 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 i-Sports
06:00 Kemon Budget Chai
07:50 Shera Radhuni 1412
08:20 Chhali Haoya
09:35 Drama Serial: Ek Din Ghum Bhenge Dekhi
10:00 Drama Serial: Shei Tumi Ei Tumi

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08:35 Aajker Shokal
09:05 Drama Serial-Labonno Prova
09:30 Crime Watch
10:30 Music Express

11:00 Cine Gaan
11:30 Gambhira
12:02 Single Episode Drama
01:00 Muktagora
02:30 Ramijer Ayna
03:50 Biborno Bhalobasha Gallery
04:25 Apnar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Frankly Speaking
08:25 Drama Serial: Labonno Prova
09:10 Dance Programme: Nupur
09:50 Drama Serial: Amader Anonobari Din Dorpon

ATN Bangla
10:30 Anyodrishti
11:05 Drama: Ek Akasher Sopno
11:35 Three Stujece
12:15 Amar Computer
12:50 Atn Taroka
01:30 Cine Gaan
02:30 Drama Serial: Teen Tekka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
03:45 Special Programme on late President Ziaur Rahman
04:20 Talk Show: Somosamoyik
04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time
05:10 Talk Show: Nari
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab
06:20 Aynar Samney
08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar Apartment
08:30 Drama Serial: Ferari Syren
09:00 Atn Taroka

PICK OF THE DAY

Shei Tumi Ei Tumi
On Channel-i 10:00 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Azizul Hakim, Quindrila

Jibon Charcha
On Rtv at 8:50 pm
Magazine Programme
Host: Afsana Mimi

Rtv
10:40 Mukto Shonglap
09:00 Human Nature
10:00 Aaj Potrikay
10:30 Dristidaan
01:00 Rabindra Dance
02:30 Drama: Kaal Mregoya
03:00 Islamic Programme
03:30 Air Combat
04:00 Tomar Bina Tarer Geeti
06:00 Aajker Bangladesh
06:30 Rtv Exclusive
08:00 Drama Serial: Shimul Tolir Ghat
08:50 Jibon Charcha Concert
10:50

BANGLAVISION
10:00 Jibon Dhara
10:30 Shahorer Shesh Bari
11:00 Amader Otthi
11:30 Drama Serial: Album
12:00 Ebong Classer

08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh Cartoon
10:00 Bangla Feature Film
10:30 Shuktatar
04:30 Bioscope
05:30 Small Ville
06:00 Chokh Maley Dekhi
07:00 Akar Ikar
08:15 Drama Serial: Nakol Poshak
09:00 Drama Serial: Rode Jabo

05:00 Deep Blue Sea
07:15 The Making of Spider-Man 2
7:30 You Got Served
9:30 Welcome To The Jungle
11:45 Legend of a Fighter
01:45 Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed
3:45 Deep Blue Sea
6:00 Tales from the Crypt 29: House of Horror

STAR MOVIES
10:30 The Ladykillers
12:35 Shall We Dance
02:45 Civil Brand
04:40 Hoosiers
06:55 National Treasure U
09:30

HBO
10:00 Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed
12:00 Fahrenheit 9/11
02:30 Outbreak

11:50 Out Of Time
STAR WORLD
08:00 Hollywood Squares
08:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
09:00 The Drew Carey Show
09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 My Wife And Kids
11:00 Yes Dear
11:30 My Big Fat Obnoxious Fian
12:30 Still Standing
01:00 Frasier
01:30 The A Team
02:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
03:25 Sports Update
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Angel
06:25 Sports Update
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 The King Of Queens
07:30 Friends Sr 8
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 Dance Fever
09:30 The O.C.
10:30 North Shore
11:30 Seinfeld

DISCOVERY
10:30 Seven Wonders of the Industrial World
11:30 Extreme Machines
12:30 For Women Only
01:00 The Therapy
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Detective Stories
03:30 Truth or Scare
04:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids

04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 Greatest Ever Challenge
06:30 Wild Discovery
07:30 Science Frontiers
9:30 Mythbusters
10:30 Building the Biggest
11:30 True Crime Scene

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:00 5*1 Sofa Bed 3521
08:30 Nat Geo Junior
10:30 Planet Football
12:30 Hard Grain
01:30 Chasing Time With Hutch
02:00 Chasing Time
02:30 Air Crash Investigation
03:30 Planet Football
04:00 Planet Football
04:30 Nat Geo Junior
06:30 Wild! Life Adventures
07:30 Storm Stories
08:30 Adventure Challenge
09:30 World Cup Cities
10:00 World Cup Cities
10:30 Nat Geo Investigates
11:30 Built for the Kill

STAR SPORTS
07:00 Australia Tour Of Bangladesh
08:30 Extreme Programming
09:30 Iri Racing
01:00 Fifa World Cup Programming
03:00 Asian 9-Ball Tour
04:30 Tna Wrestling International
05:30 Motorsports News
06:30 Tna Wrestling Programming
07:30 Hitz
08:00 Cricket Classics

08:30 Australia Tour Of Bangladesh
10:00 Fifa World Cup Preview
10:30 Sportscenter India
10:32 Tna Wrestling Programming
11:30 Sportscenter India
11:32 Indian Premier Hockey League

ESPN
08:30 Asian X Games
09:00 Sri Lanka Tour Of England
10:30 Icc Cricket World
11:00 Tour De Taiwan (Int'l)
12:00 Track & Field/ Athletics
12:30 Nba Conference Finals
05:00 Team India Programming
06:30 Asian X Games
07:30 Fifa World Cup Programming
08:00 Born To Play: Masters Of Football
09:00 Sportscenter
09:30 Fa Cup
10:30 Sportscenter
11:30 Fifa World Cup Programming

TEN SPORTS
08:00 Gamer TV
10:00 WWE: Raw
11:00 Trans World Sports
12:00 French Tennis Highlights : Day 2
12:30 Martini World Circuit
01:00 WWE: Smackdown
11:00 French Tennis Open: Day 3