

CULTURAL FEAST

26th anniversary of Benuka Institute of Fine Arts

Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Date: June 19, Time: 5:45pm

Film Screening

Title: Festival of films co-produced by the South Funds of France. Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society in association with Alliance Francaise of Dhaka. Venue: Alliance Francaise of Dhaka, Rd# 3, Dhanmondi. Date: June 18. Film: Tropical Malady (Thailand). Director: Apichatpong Weerasethakul. Time: 5:00pm.

Film: Luna Papa (Tajikistan). Director: Bakhtyar Khudonazarov. Time: 7:00pm. Date: June 19. Film: Shanghai Trud (China). Director: Zhang Yimou. Time: 5:00pm.

Cinema

Organiser: Alliance Francaise of Dhaka. Venue: Alliance Francaise of Dhaka, Rd# 3, Dhanmondi. Film: Jeanne d'Arc. Date: June 23. Time: 10:30am and 6:00pm.

Children Theatre Festival '06

Organiser: People's Theatre Association. Venue: Central Konchikancha Auditorium. Date: June 18 from 4:30- 8:30 pm. Troupes: Play Saint, Philip Tutorial, Progoti Girls, High School, People's Repertory Theatre, Khondokar Adarsha Bidya Niketon, Little Theatre. Play: Muktir Upay, Kupokat, Bobby. Date: June 19 from 4:30- 8:30 pm. Troupes: Redolent Model School, Medhabikash, Kindergarten, People's Repertory Theatre, Ishli Kutum, Bangla Shishu Natyam. Play: Ultradhikar, Joggi Chhele, Chhotto Shona O, Biraler Bhromon, Kahini, Totakahini, Indur Raja.

A boost to dance

Bangladesh gains representation in the World Dance Alliance

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

EMINENT dance historian, researcher, a critic of Indian classical dance and vice president of World Dance Alliance, Asia Pacific, Dr Sunil Kothari was in Dhaka recently. During his stay he attended several performances by dance organisations of renowned Bangladeshi dancers. Dr Kothari, who will be in charge of the Bangladesh chapter of the World Dance Alliance, recently announced that noted dancers, Minu Haque and Tamanna Rahman have been elected as members of the World Dance Alliance. This announcement was made at a convention of the World Dance Alliance 2006, held at Hong Kong between June 11 to 17. The president of World Dance Alliance, professor Md Anisur Rahman, chairman of research and documentation network Urmila Sarkar and a noted choreographer are due to arrive in Dhaka sometime in December this year. Around this time the team will conduct a seven-day course on choreography.

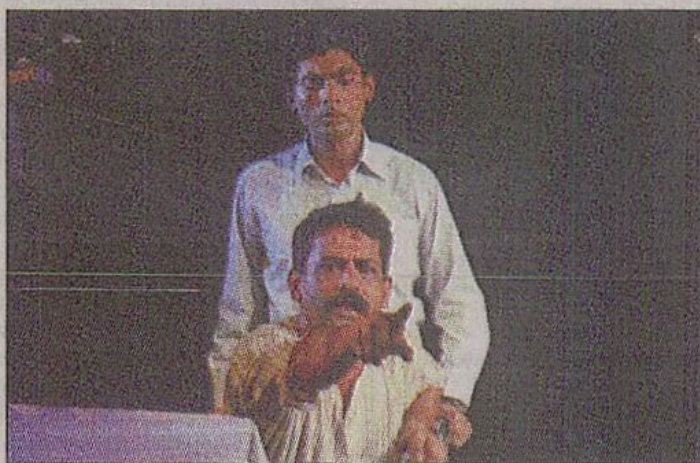


Tamanna Rahman(2nd from left) and her troupe stage a colourful dance

PHOTO: STAR

Fifteenth anniversary of Nandimukh

Eight-day theatre festival begins in Chittagong



A scene from Bela Obelar Golpo --one of the participating plays

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To mark the 15th anniversary of Nandimukh, one of the most popular theatre troupes in Chittagong, the group has arranged an eight-day theatre festival at Shilpakala Academy, Chittagong from June 23.

Theatre personality Professor Zia Hyder will inaugurate the festival. Hyder has a good standing in the cultural world for his promotion of the post-Liberation theatre movement in Chittagong and putting it at par with Dhaka.

Nandimukh, FAIM School and IDGC-- four troupes from Dhaka and Sawdaboli from Barisal are participating in the festival.

Troupes from Dhaka are Janmasutra, Kanthashilon, newly formed troupe Karigor and Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation member troupe Shubachan Natya Sangsad.

Chief of organising troupe Nandimukh Ahijit Sengupta asserted, "This is the fourth festival arranged by Nandimukh, one of the few troupes which has been staging theatre regularly in Chittagong."

Ninth volume of The World of Theatre launched

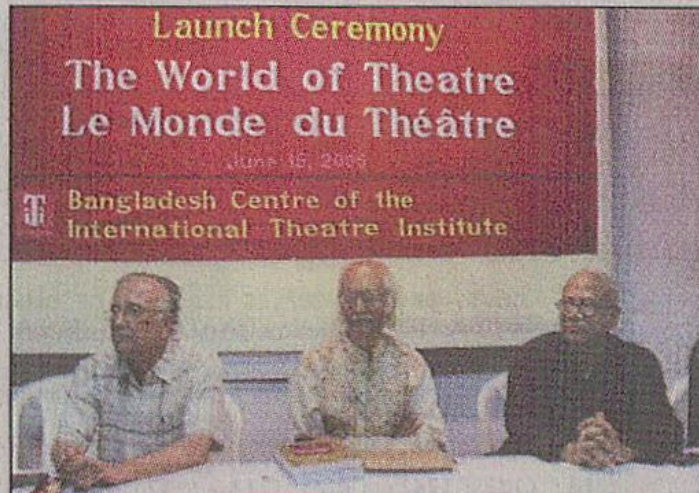
ERSHAD KAMOL

The ninth volume of *The World of Theatre*, the regular publication of International Theatre Institute (ITI) on the contemporary global theatre scenario, was launched in Bangladesh on June 15 at the Liberation War Museum. *The World of Theatre* has been published from Bangladesh, which accounts for the recognition accorded to the Bangladesh Centre of ITI.

Honorary member of the Bangladesh Centre of ITI, Professor Kabir Chowdhury launched the book. President of the same institution, Ramendu Majumdar, who is also the vice-president of the ITI Worldwide Committee, asserted that earlier the ninth volume of *The World of Theatre* was launched at the Manila Council by the Director General of UNESCO on May 23.

Majumdar pointed out that the current volume of the publication showcases the contemporary theatre scenario of 48 countries. In his words, "The Communication Committee of ITI formed an International Editorial Board, which executed the publication of the ninth edition. I was the chairperson of the editorial board. And this is for the first time we have published the French edition of the ninth volume. Maifudul Haque and I edited the English version, while Nicole Lecrocq, from Belgium, edited the French version."

"Of the nine volumes of *The World of Theatre*, Bangladesh Centre of ITI has published seven. It has been regularly publishing the biennale theatre journal since 1991. The first two volumes of *The World of Theatre* were published in the former Soviet Union."



(L-R) Ramendu Majumdar, Professor Kabir Chowdhury and Ataur Rahman at the book launch

In memoriam

Anwar Parvez no more

CULTURE DESK

Composer of invaluable patriotic songs, Anwar Parvez, who was suffering from cancer, died at the National Heart Foundation, at the early hours of June 17.

Parvez had contributed timeless songs, such as *Ekbar jetye de na amar chhotto shonar gaye*, *Amaye jodi proshno koro*, *Ektara tui desher kotha bol ray*, *She jey keno elo na*, *Aul Baul Laloner deshey* and many more.

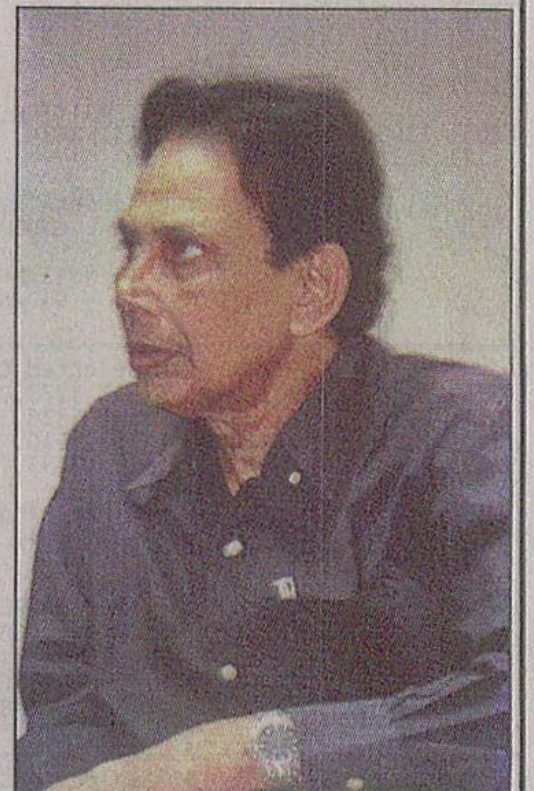
His composition, *Jai Bangla Banglar jai* was the opening and closing song of the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra during our Liberation War. The inspirational song kept the spirits high at the camps. At the age of 27, Parvez had composed the song for the film *Jai Bangla*. The song reverberated with the emotional storm that was cloaking the country at that time.

"It was not that the song was composed for any particular party. It was rather composed at a time when people were united under a single banner for a common cause -- independence," said Parvez, in an exclusive interview to *The Daily Star*, prior to his demise.

"When a composer works with a song, he has to depend on his basic instincts and his 'third eye'. His vision must not only focus on the context of the song, but also on the impact the song would have on the audience. So, when I was asked to compose a tune for the particular film, the first thing I visualised was the half-fed and half-clad people in distress, having lost all hope of livelihood, but still holding dear the hope of independence. And I wanted to create a tune that would rekindle that hope into an engulfing flame."

Abdul Jabbar and Shahnaz Rahmatullah (Parvez's sister) along with co-artists lent their voice to the song.

Parvez was also one of the leading names in film music. He had composed songs for several Bangla films such as *Abhijan*, *Madhu Maloti*, *Shonar*



Harin, Talaiq, Shokal Shandhya and many more. He had never won any major award but his songs hummed by millions, was his greatest reward.

After his illness was diagnosed, renowned artists and musicians of the country took initiative to raise funds for his medical treatment.

His demise marks an irreparable loss to our cultural arena. *The Daily Star* extends its condolences to his bereaved family.

Children's Theatre Festival '06

Liberation War through the eyes of youngsters

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

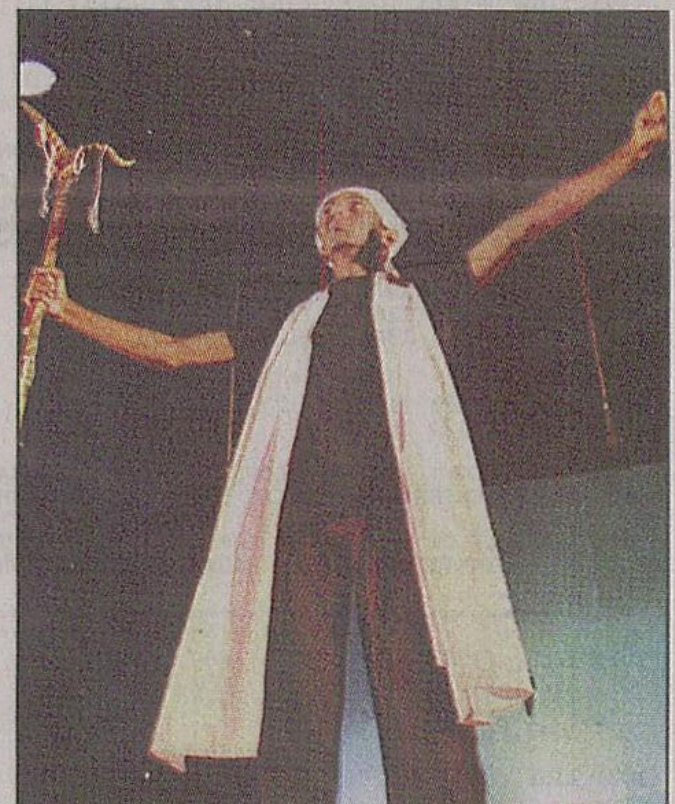
Hassan Hussain ER Maa Kande Baro Mash is based on the true stories of mothers who have lost their sons in the Liberation War of 1971. The play was staged at the Seventh Children's Theatre Festival at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium by the Faridpur-based organisation Fulki on June 16.

Amena's two sons, Hassan and Hussain have gone to war against the Pakistani invaders. Eagerly awaiting their return, she hopes that they will come back victoriously. Time goes by; the war ends but they still do not come home. Thirty five years on, she still waits for their return.

With a combination of dance and song numbers, the actors unfolded the whole story. The audience greeted them with a huge round of applause.

Earlier, Preeti Shammiloni Shishu Academy, Shayestaganj Little Theatre, Shundorom Children's Theatre, Kid's Cultural Institute, Barisal Shishu Theatre and Nagorik Natyangan Children Ensemble staged plays at the same venue. The 17 day festival began on June 12 in which about 80 theatre troupes are participating.

After the performance the members of Fulki received a certificate each from renowned actor Jamaluddin Hossain.



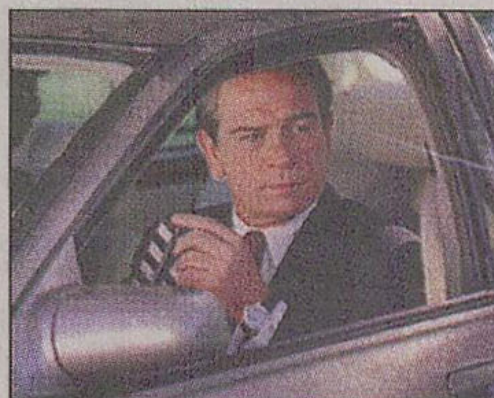
A young performer at the festival

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



FIFA World Cup 2006 On BTV at 10:00pm Group F: (Australia Vs Brazil) Live from Munich



U.S Marshals On HBO at 08:30pm Genre: Action/Adventure Cast: Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes, Robert Downey Jr.

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) 11:30 pm.
CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.
Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.
News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:30pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.
Tara 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
10:00 Satellite Broadcast
12:15 Shongbadpotrer Pala Thekey
12:30 Shasho Tethyo
01:30 Protyashar Alo
02:15 Computer Show
02:40 Educational Programme
03:05 Banshori
03:30 Amader Ranna
04:00 Musical Programme
04:30 Angona
05:05 World Cup-2006 Highlights
06:35 Tagore Song
07:00 Melli O Manush
07:30 Drama Serial: Angona
08:45 Rangdhanu
09:25 Teknaf Theke Tetulla
10:00 FIFA World Cup-2006 (Australia Vs Brazil)
CHANNEL i
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Gramophone
11:05 Tele Prescription (Live)
11:30 Hindoye Melli O Manush
12:30 A J Dupurey O Citycell Tarakakoltrion (Live)
01:05 Ekong Cinemat Gaan
01:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Selected plays of

04:05 Humayun Ahmed Bagshundhora Alnader Gaan
05:30 FCT Business Talk
06:00 Music Plus
06:20 Talk Show
06:40 Bishwa Cup Special
07:50 Hello Minister
09:35 Shanchita
10:00 Drama Serial: Bela Obelar Golpo
12:00 Aiker Shongbadpotrer
ATN BANGLA
10:30 Onyodrishti
11:05 Drama Serial: Ek Jonome
11:35 Gandheraj Samsung Cine Ahe
12:15 Adibeshi Jonopod
12:50 Smritir Monikothay
01:30 Shomali Shadkalo
02:30 Drama Serial: Nirob Koshito
03:10 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai Shapla Shaluk
04:20 Musical Programme
04:45 Special Programme on World cup-2006
05:10 ATN Music
05:45 Islami Sawal O
06:25 Three Stooges (Live)
06:50 Drama Serial: Khola Duar
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera
12:05 World Of Arts
12:30 Hoi Hullor
01:05 Mukitangan
02:35 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
03:15 The Heart Of
04:25 FIFA fever

04:40 Coca-Cola Award
05:10 Din Darpan/Illahasher Ei Diney
05:20 Apanar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Ogroz
08:20 Drama Serial: Romizer Aaina
09:10 Lux Glamour World
09:50 Drama Serial: Bibarno Bhalobasha
11:25 Dindarpan
Rtv
09:00 Gopshop
09:30 Wide Angle
10:00 A J Potrikay
11:00 Musical Programme:

01:00 Air Combat
02:30 Islamic Programme: Shoto Proshno
03:30 Technology Today
04:00 Music Music
05:05 Shoptahajurey
05:30 Football Carnival
06:00 Aiker Bangladesh
06:30 Rtv Exclusive
06:35 Amar Desh
08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntak
08:50 Drama: Biddhashram
10:50 Travel Show: Pritibir Pothey Pothey
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12:15 Chasing Liberty
02:30 Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason
04:45 Problem Child
06:30 No Way Back
12:30 US Marshals
12:30 Bird on a Wire
02:45 Finding John
02:45 Finding John Christmas
02:30 Nat Geo Reveals
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11:30 Wild Sex
STAR WORLD
08:30 Billboard Us Countdown
09:30 Hogan's Heroes
10:00 Get Smart
10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
12:30 Desperate Housewives
01:30 Lost
02:30 The O.C.
03:30 The Apprentice
04:30 Dance Fever
05:30 Hollywood Shootouts
06:30 Baywatch Hawaii
07:30 The Simpsons
08:00 Luxury Unveiled
09:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:00 Rendezvous With Simi Gare
10:30 Desperate Housewives
11:30 Lost
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:30 Nat Geo Investigates

09:30 Dogs With Jobs
10:00 Dogs With Jobs
10:30 Nat Geo Junior
11:45 Nat Geo Junior
12:00 Nat Geo Junior
12:30 Human Edge
01:00 Human Edge
01:30 Nat Geo Reveals
02:30 Nat Geo Reveals
03:30 Nat Geo Style
04:30 People Out There
05:00 People Out There
05:30 Thrill Seekers
06:30 Planet Football
07:30 The Living Edens
08:30 Secret Bible
09:30 Secret Bible
10:30 Nat Geo Reveals
11:30 Wild Sex
ESPN
09:00 News Special
09:10 Super Centuries
09:30 Ice Cricket World
10:00 Cricket Classics
10:30 FIFA World Cup Programming
11:50 News Special
12:00 FIFA World Cup
02:00 Australia Tour Of South Africa
04:30 FIFA World Cup Programming
09:00 Super Centuries
06:00 Germany 2006
06:50 FIFA World Cup(Japan Vs Croatia)
09:00 Germany 2006
09:50 FIFA World Cup(Brazil Vs Australia)
12:50 FIFA World Cup(France Vs Korea Republic)

STAR SPORTS
08:30 Sri Lanka Tour Of England
10:00 U.S. Open Golf Championship
11:00 Ice Cricket World
11:30 Asian Tour Magazine Show
12:00 Formula One Highlights
01:00 Malaysian Field Hockey
02:30 Super Spells
02:57 Fim World Motorcycle Championship
07:00 U.S. Open Golf Championship
08:00 Malaysian Field Hockey
09:30 U.S. Open Golf Championship
10:30 Hitz
11:00 U.S. Open Golf Championship
TEN SPORTS
08:30 WWE: Experience
10:30 West Indies v India: 1st ODI Highlights
12:15 Indian Golf Show
01:15 French Tennis Highlights: Day 14
02:15 WWE:Heat
07:00 Moto GP - Grand Prix Premi de Catalunya
08:00 West Indies v India: 2nd ODI Highlights
09:30 Chevrolet Cricket Show
10:00 French Tennis Highlights: Day 15