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their emotion about the country, its people and their

himself from the political development of the then East

Pakistan leading ultimately to the emergence of

Bangladesh. Although he was never active in politics,

he composed a number of political poems, which were

particularly devoted to the country's struggle for free-

One of his most popular poems in this group is

Asader Shirt (Asad's shirt) where the poet gives an

emotional description of the death of a young demon-

strator, who was brutally killed in police firing at a pro-

emerged as the most powerful poet of the country,

reflecting the true spirit of independence and the

After the independence of Bangladesh, Rahman

test rally against the despotic army rule.

As a poet and a citizen of Dhaka he could not refrain

2006: A recap

This year the cultural arena was guite active. Cultural festivals held this year attracted a sizeable audience, talent hunts found new faces and voices that received a warm welcome from the nation and

some of our artistes were lauded overseas for their work. A round up of this year's buzz-worthy events:

Bangladeshi photographers awarded in Japan: Two Bangladeshi photojournalists Shahadat Parvez and Monirul Alam of Prothom Alo were awarded in the 66th International Photographic Salon of Japan, one of the world's largest and most prestigious photoiournalism contests. The awards were announced on January 1.

Farida Parven makes waves in Paris: Noted Lalon artiste Farida Parveen performed at the esteemed Théâtre de la Ville, Paris on January 14. The theatre with a capacity to accommodate 1000 people was filled to the brim; some enthusiasts were even waiting outside hoping to hear the idyllic songs of Lalon, made memorable by Parveen.

Fifteenth anniversary of The Daily Star: The Daily Star celebrated its 15th anniversary with a glitzy evening that included who's who in the country as well as foreign emissaries and distinguished journalists from overseas. The event was held at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Center on February 4. A photography exhibition that displayed memorable images published in the newspaper over the years was held at the premises

ITI Theatre Festival: The International Theatre Institute Bangladesh Centre (ITIBC) organised its eighth biennial theatre festival from February 21. Twentytwo theatre performances were staged at three venues -- National Theatre Stage, Experimental Theatre Stage and Mahila Samity Stage. In the ranks of the 25 member ITI central committee participating in the gala event were. Jennifer Walpole, executive secretary of ITI central committee; Stephanie Regnar, Nevill Shulman, Tobais Biacone, Zeljka Turcinovic and Fuad Al Shatti.

3rd International Film Festival Bangladesh: Amidst much anticipation, 3rd International Film Festival Bangladesh began on March 1. About 111 films from 60 countries were screened during the 16-day festival. Besides screening films in different categories such as 'International Contest', 'International Showcase', 'Focus of the Festival', 'Retrospective', 'Celebrating 50 Years of Bangladeshi Cinema', 'Tribute', 'Bangla Showcase' and others, seminars on different aspects of cinema were held during the festival.

12th Asian Art Biennale: Inaugurated on March 5, the 12th

Prizes. Mrinal Hague and Teiosh Haldar of Bangladesh received Honourable Mention Awards

Folk Music Festival: A five-day Music Soiree on folk genre organised by the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) at its premises, offered a veritable bonanza for folk music lovers. The festival was

inaugurated on April 18. The festival featured live performances of Lalon geeti, Bhawaiyya, Chotka, Gambhira and other genres, discussions and special events. BBC audience selects 20

> greatest Bangla songs of all times: BBC conducted an opinion Ibsen Commemoration

award for her notable accomplish-The talent hunt ATN Taroka ments and contribution to our Tarokader Taroka picked theatre and TV. Besides the award-Mohammad Rezwanul Huque giving ceremony, a glitzy musical (music) from Rangpur and Queen programme, a fashion parade and Rahman (acting) from Bogra district as winners. The winners walked skits based on current social issues entertained the audience. away with their laurels -- a flat, a car,

Lux Channel i Super Star '06: The grand title went to Zakia Bari Momo, who was crowned by the former Lux Channel i Superstar, Shanu. Through winning the title, Momo got the chance to play the lead role in the upcoming movie Daruchini Dwip, based on Humayan Ahmed's popular novel.

Shehnai maestro Ustad Bismillah Khan passes away: Subcontinental music suffered an irreparable loss with the passing away of shehnai maestro Ustad Bismillah Khan in the early hours of August 21. The Times of India, termed his demise as a "personal loss" but said his music "will always be around us".

> Clockwise (from top-left): Dancers at The Daily Star's 15th anniversary celebration, a photograph by Shahidul Alam at Chobi Mela IV, Shabnoor in Abu Sayeed's film Nirontor, Lux Channel i Superstar '06 Momo (L) embraced by last year's winner Shanu and veteran baul artiste Shah Abdul Karim (C) honoured at the Citycell-Channel i Music Award '05





pool on the "greatest Bangla songs Theatre Festival: The 10-day theatre of all times". According to the surfestival, beginning on May 11, was vey Manush manusher jonyo and arranged to mark the centenary death Amar bhai-er roktey rangano anniversary of the great Norwegian ekushey February came second playwright Henrik Johan Ibsen. The and third respectively. National festival continued simultaneously at anthem Amar shonar Bangla was two theatre halls of Bangladesh selected as the greatest Bangla Shilpakala Academy-- National song Theatre Stage and Experimental Theatre Stage-- in two sections. In the international theatre festival titled Meril-Prothom Alo Award '05: "Staging Ibsen in Asia'. theatre Meril-Prothom Alo Award 2005 was troupes from Bangladesh, India, held on May 12 to honour and Pakistan, Nepal, Taiwan and Japan inspire talents in the arenas of music, television, filmmaking and participated.

Hrishikesh Mukheriee passes away: Filmmaker Hrishikesh Mukherjee, who made a number of

Ferdaus Ara (Nazrul songs) Momotaj (best artiste in folk songs) and Kiron Chandra Roy (best artiste in mystic songs), Cryptic Fate (best underground band), Raya (best upcoming artiste) and late Imran Ahmed Chowdhury Taka 2lakh and loads of gifts each. Mobin (best sound engineer).

> Bengal Bikash: Bengal Bikash stood out in the current fad of talent hunts for its commendable efforts to discover artistes who have taken the less lucrative path of traditional Bangla songs. The talent hunt had five different categories that included Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet, folk music, songs of three poets (Atul Prashad, DL Roy and Rajanikanto) and modern songs. About 20,000 singers from 20 districts participated in the talent hunt that started in May 2005. The one and a half year long competition ended on September 6 with 15 young artistes receiving Sreshtha Maan, 15 receiving Uttam Maan and the rest of the 100 finalists receiving Shaphal Maan.

Chobi Mela IV: Chobi Mela, the largest photography exhibition in Asia, was held in Dhaka from November 9 to November 30. The festival with more than thousand images had 'Boundaries' as its theme. Chobi Mela IV received more than 300 digital and analogue entries, out of which 44 entries were exhibited at the British Council, National Museum, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bengal Gallery, Alliance Francaise, Goethe Institut, Russian Cultural Centre and Drik. Apart from this, there was a moving exhibition on rickshaw vans. In addition to this, seven workshops and discussion sessions were held at the Goethe Institut, Dhaka. The Daily Star was the media partner of Chobi Mela IV.

Abu Saveed and 'Nirontor' receive international acclaim: Filmmaker Abu Saveed and his movie Nirontor, brought internaglory for Bangladeshi cin ional

In remembrance...

The cultural arena of Bangladesh lost some of its brightest and most talented stars in the year 2006. This is a tribute to the personalities whose demise have left an irreparable void in their respective fields:

language

dom and independence.

Anwar Parvez (1941-2006): Composer of invaluable patriotic songs, Anwar Parvez, who was suffering from cancer, died on June 17,

Parvez had contributed timeless songs, such as

Lux-Channel i Performance Award '05: Lux Channel Performance Award 2005 was held at the Sharjah Cricket Association Stadium on November 17. More than 40,000 spectators attended the award giving ceremony. The award for the Best Playback (female) went to Sabina Yasmin. Subir Nandi won the Best Playback (male) award. Salauddin Lavlu received the Best Director Award for Molla Barir Bou and Mostafa Sarwar Farooki received the award for Best Director (TV play) for his popular serial 69. Shykh Siraj received the award for the Best TV programme for Hridoye Mati O Manush

Ekbar jetey de na amar chhotto shonar gaye, Amaye jodi proshno koro, Ektara tui desher kotha bol rey, 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

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.

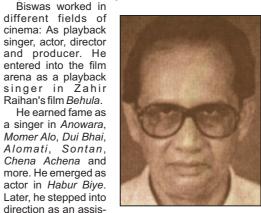
"When a composer works with a song, he has to depend on his basic instincts and his 'third eye'. His vision must not only focus on the context of the song, but also on the impact the song would have on the audience. So, when I was asked to compose a tune for the particular film, the first thing I visualised 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 re-kindle that hope into an engulfing flame.

Abdul Jabbar and Shahnaz Rahmatullah (Parvez's sister) along with co-artistes 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, 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 artistes

and musicians of the country took initiative to raise funds for his medical treatment

Dilip Biswas (1946-2006): Award winning film director and producer Dilip Biswas passed away on July 12. He was suffering from cancer.



tant director through Agun Niye Khela. His first directorial venture. Samadhi was an immense success Other well known films are Dabi, Bandhu, Asami, Anurodh, Jinjir, Anarkali, Angshidar, Apaman, Ashwikar, Apeksha and Ajante.

Biswas bagged National Awards thrice as bes

The Daily Star-DHL best entrepreneur Nitun Kundu also crafted several national trophies, including those of the national film award. President Gold Cup, Notun Kuri Award of Bangladesh Television, Asia Cricket Cup, and the Ekushey Padak.



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words related to independence. Swadhinata Титі (То Independence) is one of his most popular poems, in which the poet tries to reflect the heartfelt urge and describes the true meaning of independence and freedom.

A prolific writer Rahman authored nearly 100 books, of which more than sixty are collec-

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tions of poems. He received numerous awards including the Bangla Academy Award in 1969, Ekushey Padak in 1977 and the Swadhinata Award in 1991

Nitun Kundu (1935-2006): Nitun Kundu, a freedom fighter and the famed sculptor of Shabash Bangladesh on the Rajshahi University campus -- a tribute to the martyrs of the country's Liberation War, passed away in Dhaka on September 15.

A celebrated painter and founder of international standard furniture maker Otobi Limited, Nitun Kundu (original name Nitva Gopal Kundu) will remain alive in the mind of countrymen for his artistic works.

Nitun Kundu worked with artist Quamrul Hasan at the public relations department of the exiled Bangladesh government during the Liberation War in 1971. He designed a good number of posters published by the Information and Publicity Department of the government in exile. Of them, Banglar Hindu, Banglar Bouddha, Banglar Khristan, Banglar Musalman--amra shobai Bangalee and Sada Jagrata Banglar Muktibahini are remarkable.

Kundu added a new dimension to the fine arts movement in the 1960s, showing his skills in both abstract and realistic art.

Apart from Shabash Bangladesh, his other important works include the Saarc Fountain at Karwan Bazar, the fountain in front of the High Court, and the Sampan at Chittagong Airport. A pioneer in using metal with wood in making furni-

ture, Kundu served the USIS in the pre-Liberation

period. His multidimensional artistic sense and work

skill has made the Otobi an ever-growing organisation.

Kundu earned the

award.

Awarded both as an artist and an entrepreneur. Nitun

Asian Art Biennale, one of the most popular biennales in Asia, ended successfully on March 31, 532 artworks by 348 artists of 33 countries, including Bangladesh exhibited and competed in different art forms such as paintings, sculpture, etching, mixed media, installation, calligraphy and others at three galleries -- National Art Gallery in Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Osmani Auditorium and National Museum. Bangladeshi artiste Dhali Al Mamoon received two Grand

modelling. Ferdausi Majumder received the lifetime achievement

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films that attained mass popularity like Anand, Guddi and Abhimaan, passed away after a stroke on August 27.

Citycell-Channel i Music Award '05: Citycell-Channel i Music Award 2005, a much-needed boost to our music industry, was held on August 31. The lifetime achievement award went to legendary folk artiste Shah Abdul Karim and other award recipients were

Papia Sarwar (Tagore songs),

ema. Sayeed's movie received The Golden Crow Pheasant Award (Suvarna Chakoram) at the 11th International Film Festival of Kerala and a Special Jury Award that included a Silver Peacock (Roupya Mayoor) at the 37th International Film Festival of India. The film was presented by banglalink and pro-

duced by Impress Telefilm Ltd.

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director. He also produced popular films such as Akritagga, Shasurbari Zindabad and others.

Shamsur Rahman (1929-2006): Eminent poet Shamsur Rahman breathed his last in Dhaka on August 17.

Shamsur Rahman started composing poetry at a time when most people, particularly the Bengali Muslims, were not aware of the development of modern poetry. He started on the ground prepared by the poets of the 1930s and developed and added new features to Bangla poetry. He popularised modern Bangla poetry among the general mass by successfully expressing

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

* News Bulletin

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;	Islamic Programmme	05:15	Shoptaho Sheshey
;	Bangla Feature Film	06:00	Saaj Bela
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