

Dhaka Day by Day

A US Drama Director All Praise for Local Talent

By Rashed Mahmud Titumir

"To act is to do and so it seems natural one would learn by doing," said American drama director JoAnn Johnson at a workshop, organised for young actors of Bangladesh.

The workshop, co-sponsored by the United States Information Service (USIS), Dhaka and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, comprises a total of 16 sessions each for four hours.

The workshop focuses on voice movement, body language and improvisation, which she defined as 'creative play'.

"The students are young 'up and coming' Bangladeshi actors, who have acting experience," said JoAnn.

JoAnn has a masters in speech and theatre from the University of Oregon.

However, she said, "most of what I knew, I have learned from observation and experience."

Greenish-eyed JoAnn had the privilege of joining several festival on Shakespear as an actor in the USA.

While asked why America had no "Great" playwright like Shakespeare, JoAnn contended, "We do have great playwrights — O'Neil, Williams and Wilden among them."

But she said "whether any of them (or Brecht, for that matter), will match Shakespeare 400 years from now remains to be seen."

Theatre in the USA are now undergoing severe crisis, because of the trickle-down economies.

"But more significant is the problem of the

artistic future. What is the function of live theatre in a nation so oriented toward TV, CD and computer?" The director posed the question and then herself offered answer to it.

"I think theatre is all the more essential to the cultural life of the community but it must find creative ways to reach the media-satiated public."

JoAnn thinks that new playwrights in America show great promise and she likes the explorations of new forms.

"A good trend, in my view is that many theatres are trying to include new plays in the repertoire in order to encourage and support new playwrights," she asserted.

As a member of Artists Repertory Theatre, in its "Arts America town", she has visited many countries, including Egypt, Nepal, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

When asked to comment on Bangladesh's standard, she said "I have seen five plays here and do not think I should analyse except to say — the work is excellent and you need more and better equipped venues."

The American director was highly pleased with her students here saying they are "bright, creative and passionate in their love of their language and culture."

"Bangladesh has a bright theatre future, because these young artists are skilled inspired and absolutely dedicated," added JoAnn.



JoAnn Johnson

ASEAN-SAARC confce in January

A five-day ASEAN-SAARC conference on administrative and financial accountability will be held in the first week of January at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) at Savar, reports BSS.

BPATC and Kuala Lumpur-based Asian and Pacific Development Centre (APDC) would jointly organise the conference which is likely to be attended by 40 representatives from ASEAN and SAARC countries.

Board of Governors (BOG) of BPATC yesterday approved the terms and conditions of the proposed conference at a meeting in Savar with its Chairman and State Minister for Establishment, Barrister M Aminul Hoque presiding.

The objective of the conference is to focus the importance given by the government to establish accountability in administration and financial management. The conference will also expedite regional cooperation between ASEAN and SAARC countries in establishing good governance.

Spurious butter oil seized

Police seized huge quantity of spurious butter oil in capital on Sunday night, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip police raided a factory in Mohammadpur area and seized the spurious butter oil and some machinery of the factory.

Police also arrested proprietor of the factory, Nasim Ahmed from the scene.

Three die in separate incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

Three people died and another was injured in the capital and the outskirts in separate incidents yesterday.

A 16-year-old rickshawpuller, Mohammad-al-Amin, was run over by a truck at Postagola early yesterday and later died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

A young girl, Nilufar Begum, was electrocuted in her Agamasi Lane home at 11:00 am. She died in the DMCH after two hours of admission.

Workshop on theatre ends

A month-long theatre workshop jointly organised by Dhaka Little Theatre and Goethe Institut-German Cultural Centre ends in Dhaka through certificate giving ceremony yesterday, reports UNB.

Poet Shamsur Rahman, who was present as chief guest in the concluding session, distributed certificates at German Cultural Centre auditorium at 6:00 pm. Prof Serajul Islam Chowdhury, chief adviser of Little Theatre, presided over the function.

Thirty-five members of the Dhaka Little Theatre participated in the workshop which began on August 8.

Later two dramas of Rabindranath Tagore "Bidai Abhishap" and "Khyatir Birambana" produced by the workshop were staged.

Businessman killed in road mishap

A Matin, a businessman and proprietor of Trinex Complex at Tongi, was killed when he was run over by a speeding minibus at Amin Bazar under Savar police station at 11:00 am yesterday. He was 50, reports BSS.

The body was handed over to the relations of the deceased after post-mortem at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Son of late Ayub Ali, a retired deputy magistrate of Feni and eldest brother of Moazzem Hossain, Deputy Editor of The Daily Telegraph, Matin left behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relations. His Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at Chhapra Masjid at Azimpur after Zohar prayers.

Rabitat donation

The Makkah-based Rabitat Al-Alam Al-Islami had donated Tk 1,58,563 to Madrasah Yunus Fathul Islam, Madunaghat, Raouzan, Chittagong for its development.

Ali Ahmad Abdal Wahab, Charge d'Affaires, Saudi Embassy, handed over a cheque for the amount to Maulana Muhammad Shihabuddin, superintendent of the Madrasah, in the city on Monday last, says a press release.

108 arrested on various charges

Police arrested 108 people from different parts of the city in the last 24 hours on various charges ending 6 pm (Sunday), reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 15 were wanted criminals, one under arms act, another one for kidnapping, five for stealing and one for burglary.

Obituary

Rabeya Hossain, mother of Dhaka University's Surya Sen Hall Provost Dr. Anwar Hossain died last week and her quikhawani was held at her village home in Lalmonirhat on August 31. She was 79, reports UNB.

Mrs. Hossain, wife of late Dr. S M Hossain, left behind five sons, two daughters and scores of grandchildren to mourn her death.



Deputy Leader in Parliament Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury inaugurated an art exhibition of Anwar Arif at the National Museum in the city yesterday.

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Art show of Anwar Arif inaugurated

Deputy Leader of Parliament Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday called for portraying the hopes and aspirations of the people through art and culture, reports BSS.

Prof Chowdhury was inaugurating a week-long solo art exhibition of Anwar Arif Shaheen at the National Museum in Dhaka.

He urged the artists to project the positive side of the society along with the frustrations.



Anniversary of Dr Ibrahim's death today

By Staff Correspondent

The Diabetic Association of Bangladesh will mark the fourth death anniversary of late national professor Dr Mohammad Ibrahim by holding a discussion meeting followed by a milad mahfil at the Ibrahim Memorial Diabetic Centre this (Monday) evening.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas will be present at the discussion meeting to be held at 4 pm while president of the association and former advisor of the care-taker government Alamgir M A Kabir will preside.

Wife of late Dr Ibrahim, Sakina Ibrahim, would be present on the occasion as special guest.

A milad mahfil will be held following the discussion while the association's officers' club will organise a Quran khatam after the Jhoh prayers.

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National Professor M Shamsul Haque giving away prizes to the students of the Laboratory High School who passed the SSC examinations with distinction this year at the school premises yesterday.

'Make food for education programme a success'

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda yesterday underlined the importance of formulation of coordinated development strategy and its proper implementation to ensure overall socio-economic welfare of the people, report BSS.

Speaking at the meeting of the coordination committee for Dhaka district test relief programme held at the conference room of the Ministry of Information, the Information Minister instructed the concerned officials to take up steps to make the food for education programme of the present government a success.

Presided over by the Information Minister, the meeting discussed and exchanged views on the implementation of different development programmes under the food for work programme in Nawabganj, Keraniganj, Dohar, Dhamrai, and Savar thanas, Tejgaon circle and Dhaka City Corporation during the current rainy season.

State Minister for Civil Aviation Abdul Mannan, State Minister for Women Affairs Sarwar Rahman, Mir Shawkat Ali, MP, Amanullah Aman, MP,

National Cotton mills on the verge of closure

CHITTAGONG, Sept 5: National Cotton Mills Sramik League president Kanu Ram Baidya today called upon all concerned to save the mills from closure due to dearth of running capital and other problems, reports BSS.

He said this while addressing a press conference at the local press club this afternoon.

He said, about 1000 workers and employees of the mills were passing their days in extreme hardship for nonpayment of their salary. He urged the concerned authorities to provide necessary running capital for the mill and arrange for marketing of its products immediately.

He claimed that products worth Taka 2.10 (Two point ten) crore were lying unsold in the godown of the mills.

Executive president of the cotton mills Workers Federation Masudul Hossain, general secretary of the National Cotton Mills Sramik League Habibur Rahman and others were also present at the press conference.

Salam visits injured JCD leader

BNP Secretary General and Minister for LGED and Co-operatives Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder yesterday visited an injured leader of the Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at the Pango Hospital, reports UNB.

Masudur Rahman (Nanday), Tangail district unit JCD leader, was seriously wounded in an attack, allegedly by a group of Chhatra League activists on Thursday.

Barrister Talukder condemned the attack and demanded arrest and exemplary punishment of those involved in the incident.

He also went to see the ailing Gopalpur Pourashava Chairman and BNP leader Abdul Mannan at the Diabetic Hospital.



Monday

- 5:00 Opening Announcement
- Al-Quran
- Programme Summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Bible
- 5:25 Sports programme: Football
- 6:15 Moder Garb Moder
- Aasha
- 6:50 Open University
- 7:20 Nazrul songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Family Planning programme: Sukher Thikana
- 9:00 Bernali
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Comedy series: Murphy Brown
- 10:50 Musical programme: Disco Rally
- 11:30 Khabor/The News
- 11:45 Close down

DU VC at meeting of researchers

Identify ways for educational uplift

By Staff Correspondent

The Vice-chancellor of the Dhaka University Professor Emajuddin Ahmed yesterday underlined the need to identify issues and ways for educational uplift.

He was speaking as chief guest in the inaugural session of the "South Asian sub-regional meeting of educational researchers" held at the auditorium of the National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM) yesterday morning.

The Vice-Chancellor, however, mentioned that educational research has long been neglected in this region.

He also urged the researchers to undertake more educational research with the limited opportunities that we had.

The inaugural session of the three-day meeting was also addressed by Dr A K Jalaluddin, senior programme advisor of UNESCO, Dr Abu Hamid Latif and A F Fazlul Majid.

Three delegates from India, Nepal and Sri Lanka joined the sub-regional meeting jointly sponsored by The Southern Educational Research Initiative (SERI) and Bangladesh Forum for Educational Development (BAED).

UNESCO advisor Dr Jalaluddin, in his speech said that there was a crisis in funding research in the developing world.

Educational research was not only important to understand the reality but also necessary to change the global reality, Dr Jalaluddin added.

The main objectives of the sub-regional meeting are to ar-

rive at a state-of-the-art delineation of educational research in the sub-region (South Asia) with special attention to research capacity building and research utilization and to identify areas of educational research programmes and explore the possibility of establishing a network for the south Asia sub-region.

Delegates present at the inaugural session are Dr Usha Nayar, from India, Dr Ratna Man Pradhan from Nepal, Dr NG Kularatne from Sri Lanka and Dr Shamsul Haque, former Professor of the Institute of Education and Research (IER) of the Dhaka University.

ADAB workshop concludes

Chairman of the Board of Editors of the daily Ittefaq Barrister Mainul Hossain yesterday said the press should have proper access to information for the institutionalisation of the country's newspaper industry, reports BSS.

Addressing the concluding ceremony of a 10-day workshop on "presentation of development information through media", arranged by Dev Feature and ADAB, he said the role of the journalists was to project the anomalies and injustice as well as the development process of the society. If the role was properly played the news media of the country would become people-oriented in the real sense, he said.



Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed speaking at the inaugural session of the South Asian Sub-Regional meeting of Educational Researchers at the National Academy for Educational Management in the city yesterday.

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