

Dhaka Day by Day

In Search of a Woman's Individuality

by Fayza Haq

Ibsen's "A Doll's House," a play that G.B. once dismissed as "plain as dishwater" has won worldwide acclaim over the years. "Putul Khela," an adaptation of the play, is staged by "Kanthashilon," a group that has an excellent record on promoting recitation. Staged at "Guide House" the play has a heroine who comes out as a promising actress although it is her debut. The play has been mentioned by many critics and the connoisseurs have considered it one of the successful ones of '93. This production has been praised for its good delivery of dialogue - something which is not always found in Dhaka productions. This is the first performance in Bangladesh of Ibsen's greatest play.

One of the reasons why "Kanthashilon" ventured to take up this complex play is because it is normally difficult to get a good script and

which she had to use a false signature. Meanwhile Keshtopada, the villain of the piece comes to the house to plead his cause. He tries to blackmail Bulu in connection with the money she had once borrowed in her desperate need.

While Bulu tries to save Tapan, her home is broken. Her husband does not appreciate his wife's tremendous sacrifice for him. He is a male chauvinist who loves his wife all right, but refuses to treat her as his equal partner. To him her individual independent self does not exist. He would love her like children do their toys in their own terms. All her wishes must converge with those of his. This absence of recognition to her individuality by an egoistic husband is demeaning to a sensitive girl like Bulu. She wanted love on the basis of mutual respect, not just patronage.

Bulu, on the other hand, tries to fit into the image of the perfect wife. She has spent years trying to please a selfish father and then a husband of the same nature. She finally defies the dictates of social life, and feeling demeaned, and cheated walks out on him. She comes off as a brave woman who says goodbye to social security in order to maintain her individuality. Today when the question of women's lib is gradually gaining ground in Bangladesh, the theme of the play is very relevant and topical.



A scene from Putul Khela.

The stage props include a large photograph of the couple's children, cane furniture and four doors leading to inner chambers and outside. The door outside has a bell and the ominous letter box that contains the letters of the bank clerk Keshtopoda and the family friend Dr. Roy. The lighting is adequate and includes spotlights and a candle light at times.

Golam Sarwar with a rich voice has hardly betrayed any sign that this is his debut stint with the big stage. Naila Tarannum Chowdhury, a student of only BA (final) pass course, has all the makings of a powerful actress. She has done enough justice to the lead woman character. We expect her to fulfil the promises she has shown. Jharna Sarkar is no less promising. Under the able guidance of Khaled Khan, himself a leading actor of the country, the actors and actresses have given a good account of themselves.

The play begins with a discussion between two friends Bulbuli or Bulu Chatterjee and Krishna Lahiree. Bulu and Krishna introduce the other characters in course of their parley. Krishna asks for a job from Bulu that her husband can provide. Krishna's own family is a broken one and she got a new lease of life from Tapan Chatterjee's offer of a job. While the two friends talk together, one gets the gist of how Bulu borrowed Rs 1 lakh in the process of



The nineteenth session of SAARC standing committee began in the city yesterday. Among others, the Chairman of the standing committee Foreign Secretary M R Osmany and SAARC Secretary General Y K Silwal are seen. —PID photo

CUJ condemns police attack on journalists

CHITTAGONG, July 27: Leaders of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) and Reporters' Standing Committee yesterday condemned the police attack on journalists at New Market square here today, reports BSS.

In a statement here tonight Akhterun-Nabi, and Anjan Kumar Sen, president and general secretary respectively of the CUJ, Mohammad Belal and Helaluddin Chowdhury, president and member-secretary respectively of the Reporters' Standing Committee said when a group went to cover the meeting of all party students unity at New Market today, at least fifteen journalists from local and national dailies were beaten by the police.

CUJ has convened a protest rally at Chittagong Press Club tomorrow.

Artificial flower export fetches Tk 3.18 cr

The country has earned Tk 3.18 crore from export of artificial flower during the year 1993-94, reports BSS.

This was disclosed at the 31st meeting of parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Commerce, held at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam in the chair.

The Commerce Minister said for a sustainable economic growth, it was a must to promote and diversify our exportable items along with the traditional goods.

He underlined the need for all-out effort to implement aggressive export policy as well as liberal trade policy.

Int'l trade fair in January

An international trade fair will be held here January 7-21 for the exposition of exportables, reports UNB.

This was disclosed in an interministerial meeting on organising the "Dhaka International Trade Fair-95," held Tuesday in the conference room of Commerce Ministry with Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam in the chair, reports UNB.

The meeting elaborately discussed different aspects of organising the fair successfully with cordial participation of both government and non-government organisations.

The commerce minister said this trade fair could play an important role in boosting our exports as well as making our products competitive both in price and quality.

"The present government would provide all sorts of co-operation along with our private entrepreneurs in promoting and expanding our export market."



4:30	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
4:45	Children's programme: Rumjhum
5:10	News in Bangla
5:25	National TV School Debate
6:30	Eso Para Shikhi: Mass Education
7:00	Jiboner Alo
7:20	Nazrul songs
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Drama of the week
10:00	News in English
11:30	Mini series: Melba
11:30	Khabar/The News
11:40	Tomorrow's programme
11:45	Closing

Indonesian cultural team may visit Dhaka next month

An Indonesian cultural team may visit Bangladesh in the third week of August under the auspices of diplomatic mission of Indonesia in Dhaka, reports BSS.

This was intimated by State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum while the ambassador of Indonesia in Dhaka, Hadi Wayarabi Alhadar, called on at latter's office yesterday.

BUET Health Complex bldg opens

Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Prof Mohammad Shahjahan yesterday inaugurated the newly built Health Complex building, reports UNB.

The Complex, constructed at a cost of Taka 72 lakh, would be able to render modern health services to the teachers, students and staff of the varsity.



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