

Metropolitan

• What's on today... •

SAARC Theatre Festival: The inaugural ceremony of a 13-day South Asian theatre festival, organised by Nagrik theatre group, will be held. Venue: Shilpkala Academy auditorium. Time: 6:30 pm. It will be followed by staging of 'Khatta Tamasha', a Nagrik production.

Indian Film Festival: 'Rao Saheb' by Bijoya Mehta will be screened. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium. Rd: 2, Dhamondi. Time: 3:30 pm.

Dance Festival '97: Leela Samson will present Bharata Natyam. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on 'Feed additives of F Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, Switzerland', will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 10:30 am.

Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officers' Club, Baily Road. Time: 5:30 pm.

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Prof Kabir Chowdhury (L) inaugurated a week-long solo painting exhibition by Asma Kibria (2nd L) at the Shilpkala Academy in the city yesterday. — Star photo

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Asma Kibria's solo show opens

A week-long solo painting exhibition by renowned artist Asma Kibria began at Shilpkala Academy in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury inaugurated the exhibition as the chief guest while Syed Shamsul Haque was present as special guest.

Presided over by the Director General of Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy, Shamsuzzaman Khan, the inaugural session was addressed by Asma Kibria and director of the Academy, Subir Chowdhury.

Some 42 paintings by the artist, done at various phases of her career, are displayed at the exhibition.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury in his speech said the vibrant colours of Bangladesh's countryside and the subtle shifts in the balance of colour and lighting with the change of seasons are often reflected in the works of the artist.

Calling the artist, "a leading poet on paintings", Prof Chowdhury said she expressed her artistic mind through colours.

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria and Education Minister ASHK Sadek were also present.

PM condoles city AL leader's death

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed deep shock at the death of veteran Awami League leader Saifuddin Ahmed, reports UNB.

Saifuddin, a leader of Dhaka City Awami League, died of old age ailment at Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital in the city yesterday. He was 76.

4 new addt'l judges call on President

Four newly appointed additional judges of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

The judges, led by Justice Gora Gopal Shaha, stayed with the President for some time and discussed matters relating to disposal of cases in the Supreme Court.

Programme on Ramkrishna's birth anniversary

A five-day annual function on the occasion of 162nd birth anniversary of Ramkrishna Dev will begin tomorrow at Ramkrishna Math and Mission premises in the city, reports UNB.

The five-day programme will include puja on Ramkrishna, bhajan sangeet, recitation from the holy book, Ramayan Ghan.

135 arrested in city

Police rounded up 135 people from different parts of the city on various charges in 24 hours till 8 am yesterday, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 17 were wanted criminals and 32 were held for killing, dacoity, snatching, extortion and terrorist acts, said a DMP press release.

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