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## Food for the Soul Indeed

5th National Recitation Festival Begins

by Shahana Parbeen

THEY say that music and poetry is the food for the soul. This is evidently true and as the city has luckily started on an extravaganza of poetry for four nights.



The fifth National Recitation festival began at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium of Central Public Library on Thursday. It is a four day festival organised by the Bangladesh Abritti Samannoy Parishad. The festival was formally inaugurated by noted journalist, musician and photographer Wahidul Haq. He tried the contribution and the role played by recitation in our social life and various national struggles.



Noted actor Golam Mustafa recites *Bidrohi* by national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at the inaugural session on July 29, of the 4-day National Recitation Festival at Public Library in city.

The organisers said that they had a few demands and luckily for them, these had all been fulfilled. Noted recitation artist Shimul Mustafa reiterated the demand for separate auditioning and gradation list in the Radio and Television for recitation artists. BTV's Director General Sahabuddin Zaki, who was a special guest at the programme in his speech

promised to take steps to do so. Furthermore, he even suggested that the Abritti Samannoy Parishad prepare a gradation list and send it to the BTV authorities and BTV will accept that list.

The chief guest, Obaidul Quader, Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs, announced a grant of Tk 30,000 to the parishad and said in fu-

ture, really good reciting groups (as recognised by the Abritti Samannoy Parishad) would be able to rent halls at half the actual charges. Among others who spoke at the inauguration programme were Hasan Arif, Golam Quddus and Asaduzzaman Noor, the General Secretary of Abritti Samannoy Parishad.

Renowned actor Golam

Mustafa recited Kazi Nazrul Islam's *'Bolo Bir-Bolo Unnata Momo Sheer'*

The first day's programme included group as well as solo recitations. Asaduzzaman Noor enchanted the audience with his of Rabindranath Tagore's *'Jhorer Kheya'*. So did Jharna Sarker when she presented Shamsur Rahman's *'Tomake Pauwar Jonney hey Shandhinota'*.

Among the group presentations, the Bodhon Abritti Parishad from Chittagong did a presentation entirely by children. It was titled *'Banijete Jabo Ami'*. This excellent production deserves high commend. Although each and every child was excellent, the little girl on the extreme right (who among other roles, played the *'Golden Parrot'* stole the show with her delightful recitation. *'Brishti Porey Tapur Tupur'* by the Abritti Angon was another piece presented at the show that

This four day festival has attracted poetry and recitation lovers as is evident from their 'sold-out' counters (all tickets for the four days of programme have already been sold out). The will run till tomorrow. With the monsoons in full swing, the rainy evenings literally watering the hungry poetic souls, the festival will provide entertainment for veteran recitation lovers as well as novices.

drama

## 'Rupkatha' – Fact in Fable

Battikrom theatre group's latest production received well



by Nafid Imran Ahmed

CORRUPTION and politics are now synonymous. Political corruption or corruption of politics do not get much attention as subject matter creative writing. Theater group 'Battikrom's' thirty-third presentation, new drama *Rupkatha* features the facts of political warfare. *Rupkatha* was staged at the Guide House auditorium on July 29. Written and directed by actor Syed Mahidul Islam *Rupkatha*, meaning fable, is a story of reality and aspiration.

Political power is no doubt a matter most hankered after. Fight for power always centres around the ruling party and the opposition. But what benefit

does it bring for the country and the citizens, who can tell.

*Rupkatha* features this political game and what really happens inside. *Monna Bhai* played by Sayed Mahidul Islam himself is a political leader for the Government party becomes a Minister. The drama starts with the death of two men and the political parties fights with each other for the dead bodies. To get their job done people pay inducement. In one of the sequences a man comes to *Monna Bhai* to get his job done. *Monna Bhai* agrees in exchange for some 'under table' money. The man asks his secretary (played by Saymon Gomes) about the sum. He claims five lakhs for *Monna Bhai* and another two lakhs for the rest of the office staff. Bargaining with the secretary, the bribe was fixed for a total sum of six lakhs. *Monna Bhai* while talking to his wife (played by Kushi) decides that they will pay for their son's wedding with the five lakhs he has earned. His wife wants to go to Singapore for shopping. *Ponta* (played by Nahid Ahmed) is the opposition party leader. He hates *Monna Bhai* who is actually fighting for and against corruption in all aspects of our life. *Rupkatha* is thus not really a fairy tale but a story of everyday life.

Fairy tales originate in people's imagination. But imagination comes from experience. *Rupkatha*'s *Monna Bhai* and *Ponta* are really no figures of our imagination. They are characters who come across in our daily life. It is, however, easy to imagine what will happen to these characters in the course of their lives.

The writer Syed Mahidul Islam in his drama tries to imagine what happens in the lives of such people who are fighting for and against corruption in all aspects of our life. *Rupkatha* is thus not really a fairy tale but a story of everyday life.

## TV Guide

Saturday 31st July  
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BBC

6:00 BBC World News

6:05 USA Direct 6:30

World Living: The Big

Trip #8/16 Thailand &amp;

Malaysia 7:00 BBC News

Headlines 7:30 Asia

Today 8:00 BBC News 8:30

World Focus: USA Direct/

Asia Today 9:00 BBC

World News 9:30 Hard

Talk: 10:00 BBC News

10:30 World Focus: The

Sky at Night #3/10 11:00

World News 11:30 Europe

Direct 12:00 World News

12:30 World Living: Face

To Face India Talk [Presenter- Karan

Thapar] 1:00 BBC News

1:10 Vanishing Peace:

The Aftermath Of Oslo

#2/2- Seeds Of War 2:00

BBC World News 2:30

World Focus: 3:00

World News Headlines

3:05 World Weekend:

20:20 Profiles of Century-

Mother Teresa 4:00 BBC

World News 4:30 World

Living: Holiday Guide

5:00 BBC News 5:30 This

Week 6:00 World

Headlines 6:05 World

Weekend: After One

Small Step- Story Of

Walked On Moon 7:00

BBC World News 7:30

Wild World : The Living

Planet #13/24 8:00 BBC

World News Headlines

8:05 World Weekend:

Watergate #4/5- Massacre

9:05 World Weekend:

20:20 Profiles of Century-

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After One Small Step-

Story Of Walked On Moon

2:00 BBC World News 2:30

World Focus: Top Gear:

The Air Show #7 3:00

BBC World News 3:05

World Weekend:

Watergate #4/5- Massacre

4:00 BBC News 4:30 HARD

talk



Kinetic Mega Show on Star Plus at 6:30 pm

6:30 Kinetic Mega Show 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Sapna Ki Baat 8:30 Living on the Edge 9:00 El Muallaq 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Bestsellers 11:00 Central 12:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehi Thi 12:30 Chef 1:00 Brittas Empire 1:30 Movie : Young Mr Pitt 3:30 Space Island One 4:30 Class Act 5:30 Jewel in the Crown

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