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4th National Children Theatre Workshop Ends

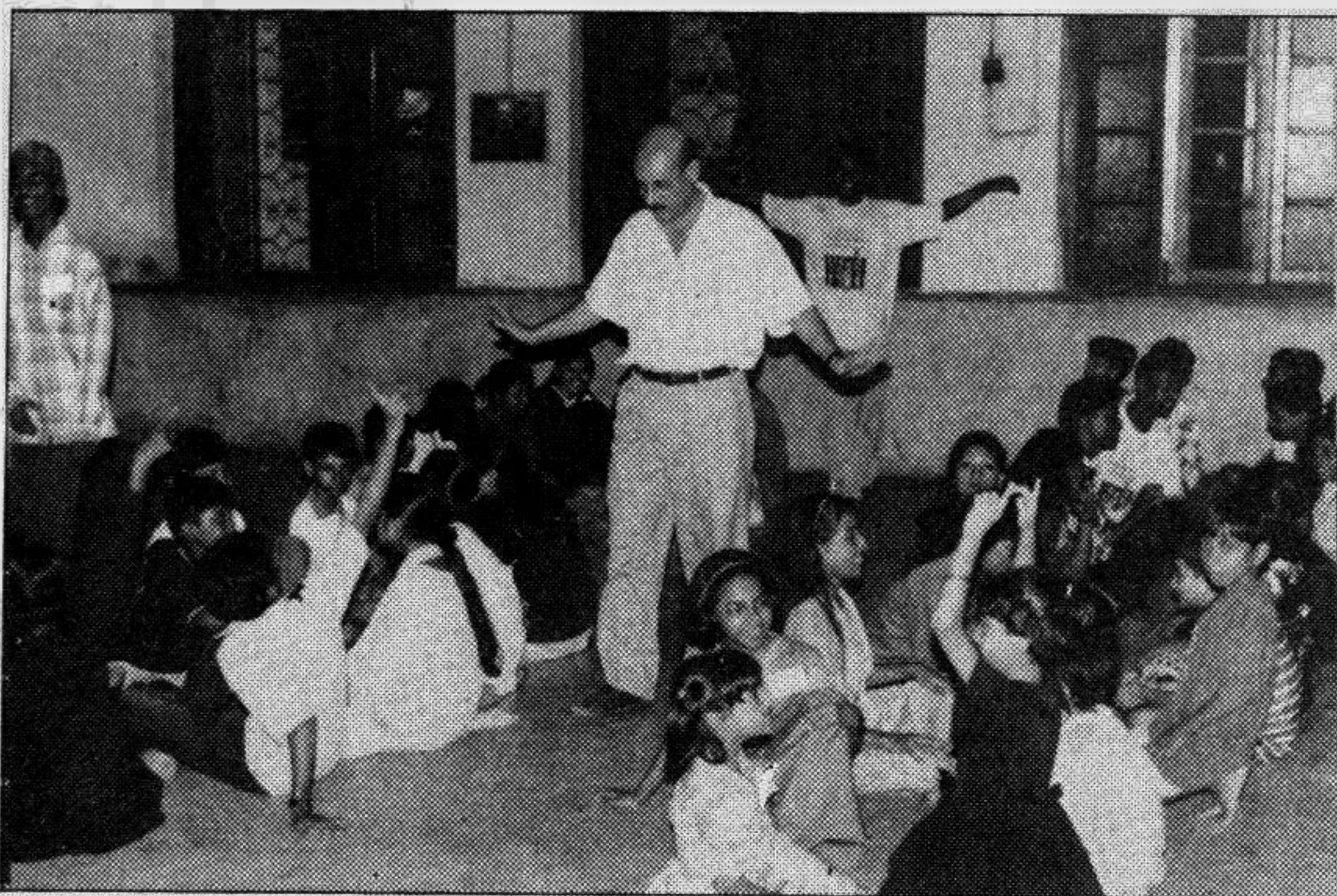
250 children labour for their love of theatre activities

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

THE fifteen day long 4th National Children Theatre Workshop 1999 came to an end on Sunday. The concluding ceremony of the workshop was held at the Teacher Students Council (TSC) auditorium, University of Dhaka. Minister for children and female affairs Professor Zinatun Nesa Talukdar was present as chief guest at the occasion. The ceremony was presided over by the Secretary General of the association.

Liakat Ali Lucky. The scheduled programme which started two and a half hours late, began with a lottery draw where the general secretary of the association Liakat Ali Lucky gave away some old toys and gifts which had been given to him by a French friend. The part of the programme was very interesting. The prizes were kept on two different tables and the participants came up in different groups and had to take whatever came up in the lottery! This made some children not get the toys they wanted to choose. Their disappointment and anger amused the audience.

In his speech Liakat Ali Lucky said, "We all know children come first but today in reality we see that this does not happen. We can learn a lot from



Abul Hayat conducts the 4th National Children Theatre Workshop at Curzon Hall Cafeteria.

the children." He promised that he would try his best to organise an international children drama festival in our country. And asked the Prime Minister's help for that.

In her speech chief guest Zinatun Nesa said, "Creativity does not come out in itself. Workshops are a way of creat-

ing artists. We are all acting in our daily life, playing individual roles in our life which is like a drama itself."

Around 250 children and teenagers aged between 8 to 14 years of age from different districts of the country took part in the workshop. The participants were divided into nine

groups. Secretary General of Peoples Theatre Association Liakat Ali Lucky was the head instructor. Other instructors included famous theatre personalities like Abul Hayat, M. S. Mohsin, Sara Zaker, Manan Hira, Afroz Banu, Khalil Alam Shabuj and others including the instructors of Peo-

ples Theatre.

The main motive of the workshop was to establish Children Theatre Media like the Group Theatres to bring out talented youngsters from the new generation. Drama for Capability is the principle and for this, lessons on special techniques for recitation, dancing, singing and especially acting was provided at the workshop.

The closing ceremony saw the TSC premises filled with hundreds of children along with their parents. They appeared to be having fun playing around, chatting, singing and dancing. In the second part of the programme participants children performed a group song 'Mukto Jibon Gore Tolar Moncho Moder Toron'.

Certificates were handed out to the two hundred and fifty participants who laboured in the workshop with love for the fifteen days.

The association was formed in 1998. People's Theatre Association, it organised the first National Children Theatre Workshop in 1990. As part of their children theatre campaigns for reforming the few vanishing children theaters of Bangladesh, the association has successfully organised three workshops in 1993, 1995 and 1997, where hundreds of children and teenagers from all around Bangladesh took part.

Homage to Kabi Guru

By Mishu M Chowdhury

PLAYING tribute to *Baishe Shabani*, marking the death anniversary of poet Rabindranath Tagore, Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangsta organised a two day long music and recitation programme beginning last Friday at the Shishu Academy Auditorium.

Representing the extraordinary unity between melody and words of the great composer Tagore, the function was enlightened by some of the exceptional and renowned Tagore exponents of the country.

The inaugural day commenced with the Chittagong division performers of Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangsta, performing some extraordinary creations of the great litterateur. The general secretary of Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangsta Chittagong division, recited *Jodio Shandha Aschhey Monda Monthore*. The rich voice of Shahidur Rahman enthralled the house full audience. Nasreen Islam performed *Akashe Aaj Kon Chorone Asha Jawa*.



Artists give a performance at the Shishu Academy auditorium to commemorate 'Baishe Shabani'.

Alamgir Kabir's performance on *Jibone Amar Joto Ananda* was also exceptional.

The Tagore songs expressed the philosophy of life of one of the world's greatest philosophers Rabindranath Tagore, verbalising his own search for a meaning of life. Songs had a central place in Rabindranath Tagore's works. His conception of the Creation, and of Man's own relation with the Creator led him to experience something beyond material, an illustration of all existence which is very prominent in all his

works. Tagore composed many songs on different themes, varying from prayers, love, pain, nature to patriotism and about the human species itself. The unparalleled creation of Tagore still reigns in the heart of his admirers. As the literary works of Tagore including the songs and poetry made him as one of the exceptional poet and musician of the world, earning him the title of *universal poet*.

The programme by Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangsta was a glowing tribute to the poet on his death anniversary.

TV Guide

Tuesday 24th Aug

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

BBC WORLD

6:00 World News Headlines 6:05 USA Direct 6:30 World Living: The Big Trip #11/16 Thailand & Malaysia 7:00 BBC World News Inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Focus: Europe Direct 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Mastermind India (Quiz) Presenter: Sidhartha Basu 1:30 Heavy Bodies #3/6: Time & Space 2:00 World News 2:30 World Focus: Earth Report: Brave New World 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC The World Today 4:30 World Focus: The Big Trip #11/16 Thailand & Malaysia 6:30 World Focus: Earth Report: Brave New World 7:15 World Business Report: 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30

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STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 TVC 10:00 Good Morning India 12:00 Star Talk 12:30 ITC 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Viraasat 2:00 Pal Chin 2:30 Swabhiman 3:00 Srimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 3:30 Marchiali 4:00 3-2-1: ep 7 4:30 Animal Adventure 5:00 WWF Superstars 6:00 Small Wonders 6:30 Zaban Sambhalke 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 I Love My India 8:30 Hera Pheri 9:00 Kora Kagaz 9:30 Star News 10:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal Benazir Butto 10:30 We the People 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 A Mouthful of Sky 12:00 Star News 12:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 1:00 Brittas Empire 1:30 Class Act 2:30

PTV-2

8:00 Tilawat Aur Tarjuma/Hamad/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Beauty Care 8:50 Fun Kadha 9:10 Dhanak &

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Hanging Out VJ Rahul/Sonia 9:00 Classic MTV VJ Sarah/Rahul 10:00 Non-Stop Hits 10:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya 11:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/Nikhil 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Housefull V Nafisa 1:30 Made In India VJ Cyrus 2:00 MTV Hipshakers 2:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 3:30 Love Line VJ Malaika 4:00 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 Pepsi Dance Connection Special-TV MTV 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/Nikhil 7:30 MTV Chito Chat VJ Amrita/Cyrus 8:30 MTV In Control 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 Housefull VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:00 Club MTV VJ Malaika 1:00 Chill Out Non-Stop Hits Continue...

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B&W Gems 8:30 All Time Hits 9:00 Hit Parade 9:30 World Premiere 9:45 Brake Fail 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day 11:30 Bajaj Music Box 12:00 World Premiere 12:15 Medimix Madhur Moments 12:30 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 12:45 Pop Re Pop 1:00 Jharokha 1:30 Super Vasmol 33 Keshkala Old Is Gold 2:00 Pop Re Pop 2:15 World Premiere 2:30 Music Zone 3:00 All Time Hits 3:30 Medimix Madhur Moments 3:45 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 4:00 World Premiere 4:15 Pop Re Pop 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Pop Busters 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Brake Fail 6:45 World Premiere 7:00 Hit Parade 7:30 All Time Hits 8:00 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 8:15 Medimix Madhur Moments 8:30 Gaaye Ja 9:00 Super Vasmol 33 Keshkala Old Is Gold 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Old Tavern Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Brake Fail 11:45 Shabab 12:30 Old Tavern Sizzlers 1:00 Sa Re Ga Ma 1:30 Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 World Premiere 2:45 Pop Re Pop 3:00 Geeton Ki Bahar

1:30 2 Point 4 Children 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 10 World News 5:00 AsiaNews Update 5:15 World Business Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 LA Heat 6:45 AsiaNews Update 7:00

7:30 Tea With [V] 8:00 Virtual [V] 8:30 Tea With [V] 9:00 [V] Launch Pad 9:30 Tea With [V] 10:00 [V] Line Lagao 10:30 Video Preview 11:00 [V] Hit Machine 1:00 [V] FDFS 1:30 [V] Hit Mahim 2:30 [V] Crossword 3:00 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 Tea With [V] 5:00 Virtual [V] 5:30 Tea With [V] 6:00 [V] Job Shop 6:30 Tea With [V] 7:00 [V] Line Lagao 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 [V] Sabha 9:00 [V] Hit Machine 9:30 [V] FDFS 10:00 [V] Hit

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