

festival

Theatre Extravaganza

National Drama Festival 2000 starts February 7

By Cultural Correspondent

To observe the International Language Day 2000, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation holds a 19-day National Drama Festival at the Mahila Shamiti auditorium. The festival opens Monday. A total of 19 theatre groups, 13 from Dhaka and 6 from outside Dhaka, are taking part in this festival with their latest productions.

Mayur Shinghashon: Aran-nok will stage their 32nd production, Mayur Shinghashon on the first day of the festival on February 7. The play is written by Mannan Hira and directed by Shah Alam Dulal.

Kaal Shakale: Theatre Art's 'Kaal Shakale' will be staged on the second day of the festival on February 8. Main story by Amjad Hussain and adaptation and direction by S M Solaiman.

Ek Jon Lakhindar: Directed by Mannan Hira and Irin Parveen Lopa, Shaibal Nattaya Chakra's 'Ek Jon Lakhindar' will be staged on February 9.

Chile Khothar Shepal: A production of the central committee of Udichi, 'Chile Khothar Shepal' will be staged on February 10. Based on the novel of Akhtarujaman Ilias the play is adapted by Ratan Siddiqui and directed by Kamal Uddin Karim.

Ekti Juddoh: Written by R.C. Sherif the play is translated by Mahbuba Haq Kumum and directed by Nader Chowdhury. Dhaka Patatik's Ekti Juddoh will be staged on February 11.

Shapnabaz: 33rd production of Nagarik Nattaya Shampriyad, 'Shapnabaz' will be staged on February 12. The play is written by Nasrin Khan and directed by Khaled Khan.

Nawkar Shaitan Malik Halran: Chittagong Ganayan Nattayad's 'Nawkar Shaitan Malik Halran' will be staged on February 13. Story by Karlo Goldani and translated by Ashim Das.

Court Marshal: Kathakali Sylhet's production will be staged on February 14.

Tebhagar Pala: Nattayan's 3rd production 'Tebhagar Pala'



A scene from Prachanar's 'A Man For All Seasons'

will be staged on February 15. Written by Alak Bashu the play is directed by Ahsanul Haq Minu and Chitralekha Guho.

Berosha Mundaar Gaan: 'Berosha Mundaar Gaan' a production of Anirban Darshana will be staged on February 16th. Written by Alok Dev the drama is directed by Anwar Hossain.

Chand Banker Pala: Nagarik Nattayan's famous production 'Chand Banker Pala' will be staged on February 17. Written by Shobhu Mitra the play directed by Jamal Uddin Hossain.

Modhu Mala: This Kazi Nazrul Islam play will be performed by Lokonattayad (Liyakat Ali Lucky) of Dhaka and Tirjak Nattayad of Chittagong on February 18 and February 22 respectively.

Loha: 'Loha' - the 14th production of Desh Natak will be staged on February 19. Story by Masum Reza, the play is adapted and directed by Ishrat Nishat.

Montar Shankani: Theatre Centre's latest production 'Montar Shankani's' premier show will be staged on February 20.

Abar Chupi Chupi: Boishakhi Nattogoshthi from Faridpur will stage 'Abar Chupi Chupi' on February 21.

A Man For All Seasons: The 6th production of Prachanar's 'A Man For All Seasons' will be staged on February 22. The drama is an adaptation of Robert Bolt's play. The play is translated by Shahed Iqbal and directed by azad Abul Kalam.

Katha Pundrabardhan: Bo-

gra Theatre's 'Katha Pundrabardhan' will be staged on February 23. Written by Towfiq Hassan Moyna the play is directed by Nasir Uddin Yusuf Bachhu.

Botobrikker Dharamkaram: Theatre's (Arambag) production 'Botobrikker Dharamkaram' will be staged on the last day of the festival, February 25. The play is written and directed by Montaj Uddin Ahmed.

Organized to commemorate the 'International Mother Language Day' the festival will simultaneously hold shows featuring posters, souvenir and photographs of the plays. Everyday before the play starts, well-known cultural personalities will share their ideas and thoughts with the audience.

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Urbanisation in a New Light

Special programmes on BBC this February focusing on the urban development

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IN February BBC will be exploring the pleasures and pain of modern urban living, looking at urban society and design around the globe.

These include 'How Buildings Learn' (six programmes beginning from Feb 3, 2.30pm), which brings Stewart Brand's American bestseller to television, in an attempt to understand the processes that shape building over time.

In the first series entitled 'Flow', Brand revisits the Media Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he once worked. "In the three months I was there, the elevator caught fire, the revolving door kept breaking, every doorknob had to be replaced, automatic door closures were stronger than people, and an untraceable stench filled the lecture hall for months. This is normal," he notes.

In Paris, under Mitterand's Grand Project, buildings were "built quick to look impressive...these have had a terrible maintenance record." The Bibliotheque Nationale was built in glass, so the sun started to destroy the books inside and wooden blinds had to be fitted. In Plymouth, the Western Morning News was designed to look like a large, see-through boat but it too, couldn't cope with solar heat loss and gain.

"Architects don't want change in their buildings," comments Brand, who advises that they should follow the advice of John Ruskin: "Let us build such works our descendants will thank us for." Stewart Brand is the creator of The Whole Earth Catalog and author of The Media Lab. He runs a global business consultancy in scenario planning for the future.

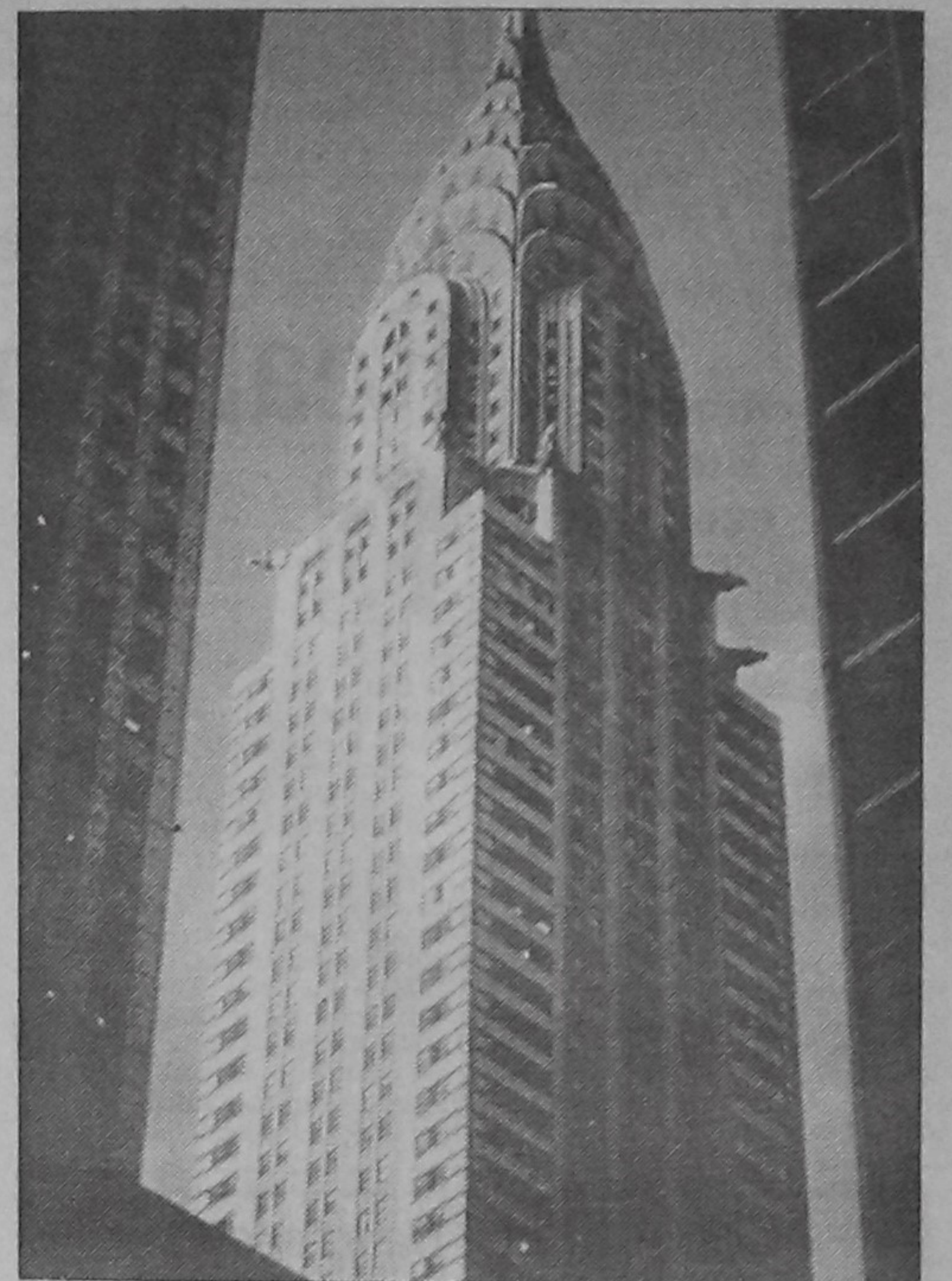
from his office, a beached boat in Sausalito, California.

The popular architectural series, 'Building Sights' (beginning February 5, 2.30pm), offers a collection of personal reflections from a mixture of very different people who all share a common interest in striking 20th century American and British buildings. The sights featured include The Chrysler Building, NYC; Los Angeles Airport; The Arab Institute, Paris; and The Royal College of Physicians in London.

'The Pull of the City' (beginning from February 11, 7.00pm) looks at what makes a million people become city dwellers every three days. To explore this phenomenon the three part series visits the cities of New York, Mexico City and London.

Man is becoming a seriously urban creature. All over the world people are crowding into cities. New cities are being thrown up right across the globe, as a million new people become city dwellers every three days. Old cities are bruising at their seams.

In the first series entitled, 'New York Cleans Up', Harvey Molotch, Centennial Professor at the London School of Economics, returns to the city of his student days. New York, the world's most powerful city, is rolling again, but in a unique way. Molotch is our guide to what is giving the city a new spin. He takes us on a high-energy ride, starting off with a look at Manhattan's renaissance, evident in its cleaned-up parks and spaces, regenerated by local businesses and patrolled by private security guards.

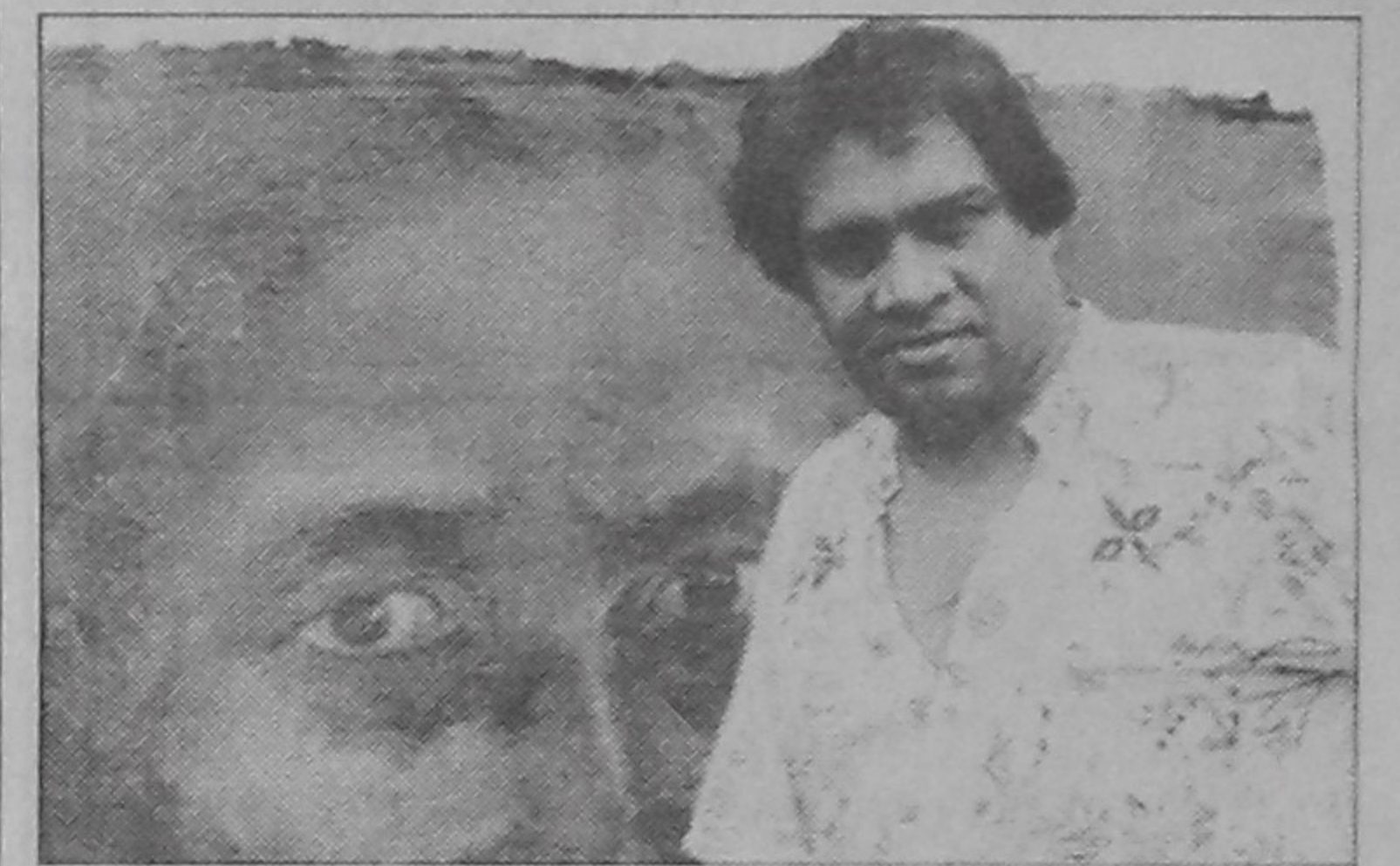


City Life

exhibition

40th solo exhibition by Jamal Ahmed Starts

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Jamal Ahmed

THE renowned Bangladeshi artist Jamal Ahmed's 40th solo exhibition started yesterday. The Designer's Den Gallery, H E John C Holzman, Ambassador of the United States of America inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest. Aminul Islam, eminent artist was also present as special guest on the occasion. A total 50 of his recent works are on display at the exhibition.

Jamal Ahmed did his BFA from the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka in 1978. He completed his MFA from Tsukuba University, Japan. He had also completed a course at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw, Poland and researched on oil painting under Professor Fumeiko Yamamoto in Tsukuba University, Japan. Jamal Ahmed also taught as a visiting teacher at the Art and Design Department, North

Carolina State University, USA.

The exhibition will remain open till February 15.



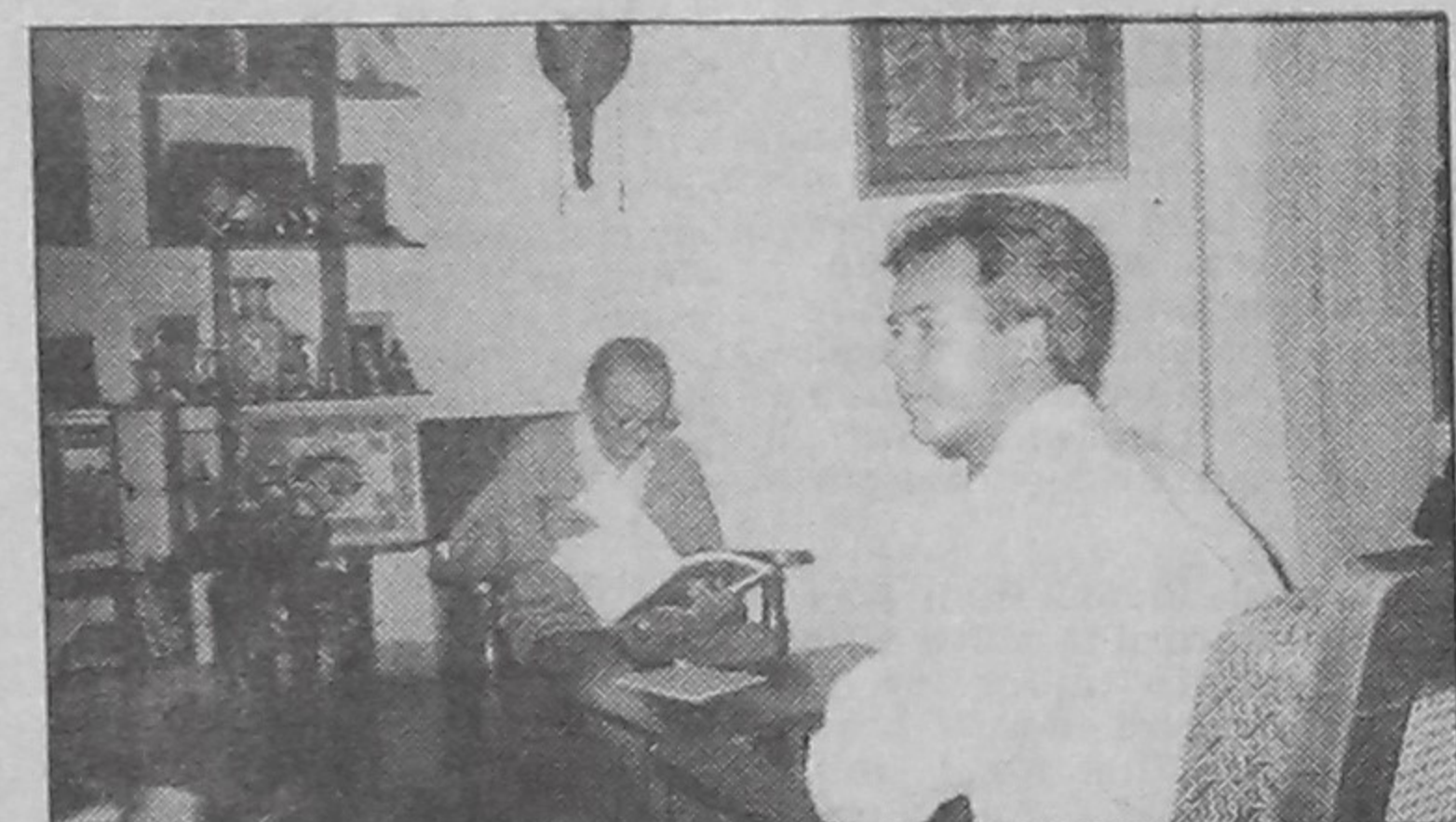
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Pariprekhit on BTV

THE 60th episode of Pariprekhit will be aired on BTV on February 6. The subject of this episode is 'Non-readable and Readable Texts'. Over one month time the Pariprekhit team has been trying to figure out the standard of the board text books. The programme not only highlights low standard texts, it also investigates into the reasons behind this. The programme also highlights on the unauthorized selling of primary class texts, which is free for distributing. It also gives an overall report on the irresponsibility and corruption of the textbook board.

Pariprekhit's special section 'Dristanta' goes face to face with a poor but talented student Abdul Khalek from Bogra.

Among the invited personalities there will be Professor Shamsul Haq, Chairman, National Education Policy Committee and Ex-Vice Chancellor



Pariprekhit will be aired on BTV on February 6

of Dhaka University, Dr Humayun Azad, Professor, Department of Bengali, University of Dhaka, Abul Momen, Editor, Chittagong branch, Daily Pratham Alo, Shamima Tasmin, Analyst on English Text.

Music Horizon on Channel i

The 9th episode of the musical show Music Horizon will be

aired tonight on 8.00pm. Directed by Zerin Bappi and hosted by Ferdous Bappi the programme contains music video 'Lokjon Kome Gese' by LRB, 'Ashamajic' by War Fame, 'Ananda' the new title song by Feed Back. The programme will also show 'El Neel Monihar' the ever green song by Lucky Ak-

hand. **Money Game Show - Tatkhani**

Tonight Channel i will air the money game show Tatkhani at 9.45pm. In a very short time Tatkhani has become most popular show among Channel i viewers. The programme is hosted and directed by Khairul Islam Pakhi. Two families, each having four members will take part in the show. They will be asked interesting questions. The answers will be pre ranked by public. The total scores of the families will be converted into prize money and given to them. The awaiting prizes worth taka 20,000 for the winner of the bumper round. This is a special attraction of the show. 'Money Game Show', the only game show of the country is created by Impress Telefilms Ltd.

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Building Sights

TV Guide

Saturday 5th February

(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 6:30 Hard Talk: 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hard Talk: 11:00 World News 11:30 World Living: Talking Movies 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Question Time India Talk (Presenter: Dr. Prannoy Roy) 1:30 BBC World News 1:30 Earth Report: 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 USA Direct 3:10 The World Debate 4:30 World Living: Holiday 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 World Headlines 6:10 World Weekend: A History of British Art #5/6: All Change 7:00 BBC World News 7:10 Last Machine 8:05 Weekend Dream 8:30 Wild World Living: The Trials of Life

13/24 9:00 BBC World News 9:10 The World Debate 10:00 World News 10:30 Face To Face India (Quiz Presenter: Siddhartha Basu) 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 Talking Movies 12:00 World News 12:30 This Week 1:00 World News Headlines 1:30 USA Direct 2:00 BBC World News 2:10 World Weekend: A History of British Art #5/6: All Change 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Reporters 4:00 BBC News 4:10 Last Machine #5/5: The Waking Dream

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 Virtual [V]/[V] Jobshop 11:00 [V] On Campus 11:30 [V] Hit Machine 12:00 [V] Style Police 12:30 [V] Gone India 1:30 [V] Hit Machine 2:30 [V] Mainstage 3:30 [V] Hit Machine 5:30 [V] Saturday Special 6:30 [V] Top Of The Pops 7:00 [V] Hit Machine 7:30 Karaoke 8:00 [V] News 8:30 Billboard US Countdown 9:30 [V] Hit Machine 11:30 [V] Saturday Special 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Travel Asia 10:00 The Great Escape 10:30 Living On The Edge 11:00 I Love My India 11:30 Star Best-sellers 12:30 TVC Sky Shopping 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Ajeeb Dastaan 2:00 Serial: Dhund 2:30 Bakamans - Ooh La La 3:30 Screen Videcon Awards 6:30 Kinetic Mega Show 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Living On The Edge 8:00 Pal Chihin 8:30 Zindagi 9:00 Serial: Gumrah 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Box Office: Gharwali Baharwali (Anil Kapoor, Raveena) 11:00 Aaj Ki 11:47 Gharwali Baharwali (cont) 1:30 Aaj Ki Baat 2:00 Kinetic Mega Show 2:30 Zindagi 3:00 Serial: Gumrah 3:30 Saaboot 4:30 Serial: Chhotisi Baat 5:00 Ninaad 6:00 Kahani Mein Twist 6:30 Ninaad

STAR WORLD

6:00 Batman 6:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure 7:00 Crystal Maze 8:00 Fox Kids Show

Biker Mice From Mars 18/26: 8:30 Spiderman 9:00 X Men 9:30 Goosebump 10:00 TV, Com 10:30 Travel Asia #135 R 11:00 Jackie Collins Hollywood 11:30 Grace Under Fire 12:00 Murder One 10:00 The Bold & The Beautiful 3:00 The Adventures of Sinbad 4:00 Series: Hercules 5:00 World Wrestling Federation Metal 6:30 Series: Xena 7:00 Baywatch 8:00 Series: Water Rats 9:00 3rd Rock From The Sun 9:30 Baywatch 10:30 Series: Xena 11:30 Series: Hercules 12:30 Mike Hammer Private Eye 1:30 Series: Water Rats 2:30 Grace Under Fire 3:00 Series: The Key of David 3:30 Morris Cerullo 4:00 Hour of Power 5:00 Lassic 5:30 Mysterious Island

STAR MOVIES

8:30 Romance: Map of The Human Heart (15) 10:30 Drama: Wing And A Prayer (12) 12:30 Action/Adventure: The Last of The Mohicans (15) 2:30 Star Kids Club: Wild Blue (PG) 4:30 El CP: Pierce Brosnan 5:30 Drama:

Photographing Fairies (15) 7:30 Thriller: Hypstoria (15) 9:30 US Top Ten 10:00 Thriller: Escape From New York 12:00 Saturday Late Night Movies: White Sands (15) 2:00 Romance: Map of The Human Heart (15) 4:00 El CP: Kathy Najimy 5:00 Thriller: Hysteria (15)

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

12:30 The Ultimate Guide: Bears 1:30 Seatek 2:00 Medical Detectives 2:30 Lonely Planet 3:30 Discovery Profile Series 4:30 Splat 5:00 Beyond 2000 5:30 Discover Magazine 6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Travelers 8:30 Lonely Planet 9:30 Eyewitness 10:30 Without Warning 11:00 What Went Wrong? 11:30 Uncharted Africa 12:00 Lands of Legends 1:30 New Sanctuaries 2:00 Oceans of Mystery 1:30 Hunters 2:30 The Ultimate Guide 3:30 Untamed Amazonia 4:30 Beyond 2000 5:00 Discovery News

5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 Going Wild With Jeff Gorwin 7:00 So You Want To Be? 7:30 Extreme Machines 8:30 Challenge 9:30 High Adventure 10:00 Outer Bounds 10:30 Wings 11:30 Ultrascience 12:00 Next Step

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7:00 NBC Nightly News 7:30 Animal Attraction 8:00 Born To Be Wild 9:00 Family Hour 10:00 Bolow Zero Stunt 1:00 Personalities 2:00 Science 3:00 Wild: Hypsi 4:00 Giants of Ningaloo 5:00 Family Hour 6:00 Find of The Century 6:30 Human Impact 7:00 On The Edge 8:00 Violent Earth 9:00 Personalities 10:00 Find of The Century 10:30 Human Impact 11:00 On The Edge 12:00 Violent Earth 1:00 Personalities

ALPHA TV

6:00 Gria Laksheer Jinn 6:30 Alaap 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow 7:30 Monihaar 8:00 Looko

Choori 8:30 Dour 9:00 Andolon 9:30 Bangla Movie 11:30 Gria Laksheer Jinn 12:00 Ekushe Pa 12:30 Shyaola 1:30 Bahari Ahaar 1:30 Plabon 2:00 Gria Sajja 2:30 Bangla Movie: 5:00 Bharat Bhromam 5:30 Kee Darun Dreshow 6:00 Amar Tumi 6:30 Reen 7:00 Ebar Jombe Mawja 7:30 Shesh Prashna 8:00 News In Bengali 8:30 Andolon 9:00 Nil Chander Alo 9:30 Bangla Movie 12:00 News In Bengali 12:30 Bharat Bhromam 1:00 Gria Sajja 1:30 Bangla Movie 4:00 Ebar Jombe Mawja 4:30 Shesh Prashna

CARTOON NETWORK

6:30 Jetsons 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Poppy Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 8:30 Dexter's Laboratory 9:00 Johnny Bravo 9:30 What A Cartoon Show 10:00 The Completely Mental Misadventures of Ed Grimley 10:30 Big Bag 11:00 Mon Chichis 11:30 Tom & Jerry Kids 12:00 Two Stupid Dogs 12:30 The Twisted Tales of Felix The Cat 1:00 Bugs

& Daffy Show 1:30 The Detective Squad 2:00 Goldie Gold And Action Jack 2:30 Captain Planet 3:00 The Mask 3:30 Adams Family 4:00 The Real Adventure of Jonny Quest 4:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You? 5:00 The Poppy Show 5:30 Dexter's Laboratory 6:00 Johnny Bravo 6:30 What A Cartoon Show 7:00 Tom & Jerry Show 7:30 Bugs & Daffy Show 8:00 Two Stupid Dogs 8:30 The Detective Squad 9:00 The Twisted Tales of Felix The Cat

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Rishiprasad 8:30 Ramayan 9:30 Music Mantra (Trailer show) 10:00 Chaiturbusters 10:30 The Byte 11:00 Indian Magic Show 12:00 Cook It Up With Tarla Dalal 12:30 Cine Matinee Hindi Film: Mr. India (Anil Kapoor, Shridevi, Amrish Puri) 4:00 Udaan 4:30 Mahayaga 5:00 Heena 5:30 Kanyadaan 6:00 Saaya 6:30 Star Yaar Kalakar 7:30 C.I.D. Ep-Files 8:30

Special Event- Femina Miss India 12:30 Khoya Khoya Chand 1:00 Aahat 1:30 Missing 2:00 CID 2:30 Bhanwar 3:00 Chaiturbusters 3:30 Cine Nite-Film: Alibaba & 40 Thieves

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 7:55 Fitness Hour (Cartoon) 8:30 Gul-dasta 8:30 TVS Saregama 9:30 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:30 Ek Nazzar 11:00 Hip Hip Hurray 11:30 Jaanam 12:00 Mityudand 12:30 Nestle - Jhatpat Khazana 1:00 Ashiqui 1:30 Ashirwad (Sandhya Mridul, Nasir, Poonam Narula, Govind Nameed, Navin Nischal) 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Daayre (Mostafa Siraj) 3:00 Khubsoorat (Fashion Tips Show) 3:30 Cinema Hits-Hindi Film: 6:30 Gaane Anjane 7:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 8:00 Gudgudde 8:30 Cinema Hits-Hindi Film: 11:30 Vijay Jyoti 12:00 Close-up Antakshari (Anchore-Anu Kapoor & Pallavi

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Brake Fall 10:00 Star's Day Out 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day 11:30 Romantic Hits 12:00 Bajaj Music Box 12:30 Saarc Ga Ma Classic 1:00 Himani Gold T Jharokha 2:00 Popbusters 2:30 Ta Ra Rum 3:30 Brake Fall 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Re Ga Ma Classic 6:00 Sa Romantic Hits 7:30 Music Quiz 8:00 Music Zone 8:30 Samay Quartz Best of Best 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Disco Mein Khisko 11:45 Shabab 12:00 Brake Fall 1:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day 1:30 Himani Gold T Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 Nex Zen 3:00 Ta Ra Rum 4:00 Music Zone 4:30 Brake Fall

Joshi) 12:30 Serial: X Zone 1:30 Professor Pearcelal (Ashok Shroff, Rakhi Tandon) 2:00 Zee News 2:30 Zee Arabia: Bassera 3:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W):