

Nat'l Film Awards to be distributed Nov 24

The national film awards for the years 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 will be distributed on November 24, an official handout said in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will distribute the awards.

This was informed at a meeting of the full-fledged committee on national film award distribution held in the conference room of the Ministry of Information with State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed in the chair.

Int'l seminar on renewable energy

A three day-long international seminar on commercialisation of renewable energy technologies will begin from October 31 at the BRAC-CDM, at Gazipur, says a press release.

Lt General Mohammad Noor Uddin Khan PSC (Rtd), MP Minister for Science and Technology will inaugurate the seminar at 9 am.

Folk drama festival begins Nov 1

A 10-day Folk Drama Festival-2000, the first of its kind in the country, will begin at Mohanagar Narva Mancha in the city on November 1, reports BSS.

Mohakal Natya Sampradaya, a theatre group, will organize the festival, a press release of the organization said yesterday. Food Minister Amir Hossain will formally inaugurate the festival. Sved Shamsul Haque, Shamsuzzaman Khan, Sved Salahuddin Zaki, Likat Ali Lucky and Golam Quddus will present as discussants.

Dashrath Das and his troops will perform a special drum beating show at the inaugural function.

An open air folk songs programme and a Folk Fare will also be arranged at the festival venue.

A total of nine groups, one from India, will participate in the festival.

The groups and dramas are: Suddhaholi Group Theatre (Bari-sal) - 'Gunaibibi', Department of Dramatics of Jahangirnagar University - 'Monoshar Katha', Natyalok (Sirajganj) - 'Noorenahar Pala', Tangail Sangdal - 'Sang Pala', Swatik Natya Sampradaya (Dhaka) - 'Moidhar Badsha', Lok Natya Dal (Dhaka) - 'Sonai Madhab' and host Mohakal - 'Sonai Kaimyara Pala'.

'Sharavooz', a Medinipur-based theatre group from the West Bengal, India, will stage its folk drama 'Pathvoga'.

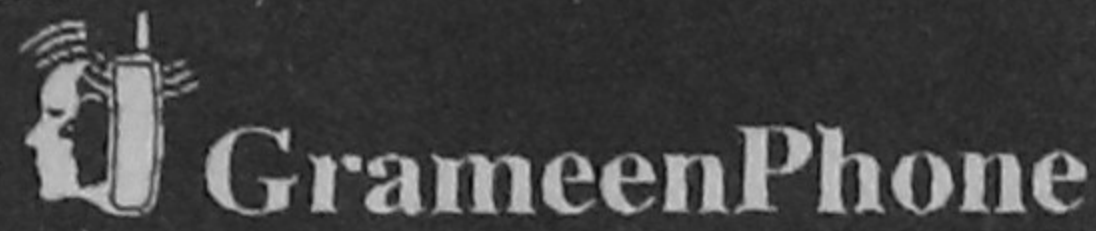
The Desh Opera, a renowned Jatra group, will stage a popular Jatra Pala - 'Kamolar Banobas'.

An eleven-member preparatory committee has been formed with Saiful Islam Mahmood, Alzal Hussain and Mir Zahid Hussain as its convenor, joint-convenor and member-secretary respectively.

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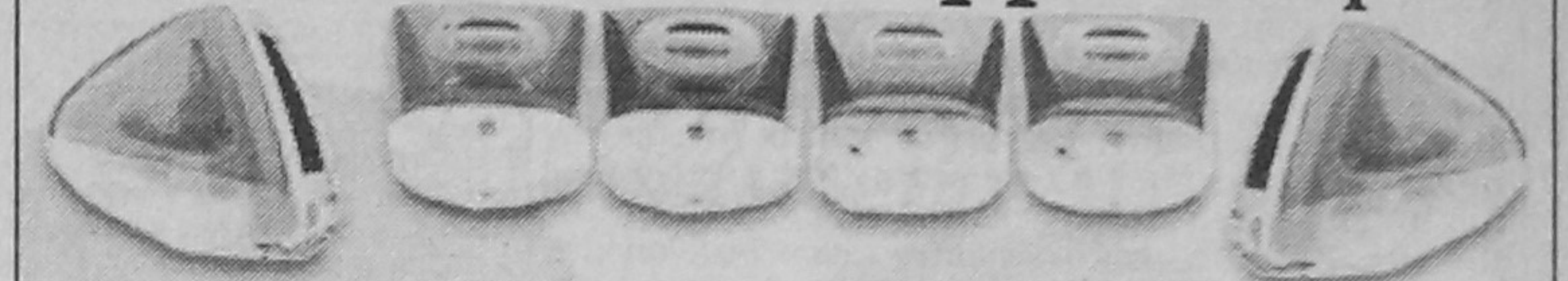
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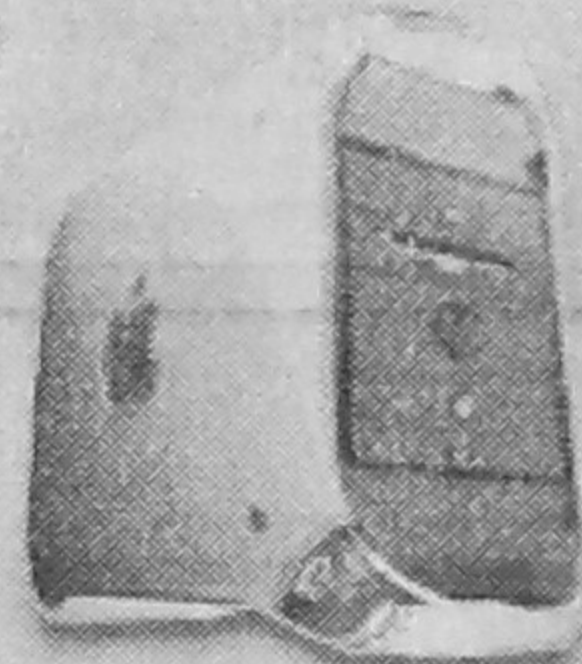
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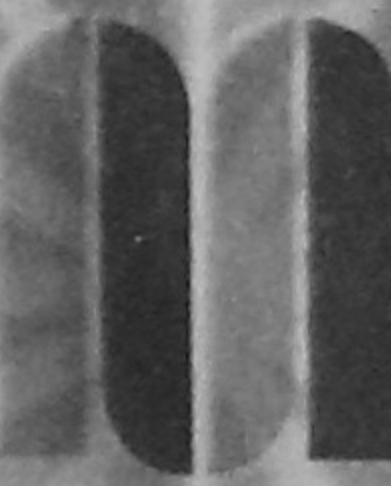
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