

Anniversary

Nazrul : The rebel in pursuit of freedom for the masses

Nazrul Academy held a discussion and cultural programme to pay tribute on the occasion of the National Poet's 102nd birth anniversary.

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EMINENT Nazrul scholars stressed the need for delving out Nazrul's poetic spirit

In his opening note, Mintu Rahman recapped some of his points that he had made on the previous day's programme saying, "Nazrul Academy is 35 years old;



Nazrul Islam's daughter-in-law (wife of Kazi Sabyasachi) speaking at function

and rebellious vision in the wake of persisting socio-ethical deterioration and discrimination to establish social equilibrium, justice and equality. The discussants spoke out their views knowledge on the rebel poet at a discussion programme held by the Nazrul Academy at its Nazrul Bhavan on May 24 and 25 in the city to celebrate poet's 102nd birth anniversary.

On each day a cultural function featuring Nazrul songs, poetry recital and dance followed. The speakers urged to resort to Nazrul's teachings and revolutionary message of his work as a remedy for the malady of our bourgeois society and to bring about socio-religious equality and co-existence.

The second day of the discussion programme opened with poet and lyricist Sabir Ahmed Chowdhury in the chair alongside eminent Nazrul exponent Khalid Hossain, Siddiqur Rahman, Dr Ashraf Siddiqui, Abu Zafar Ahmed Rasul and the General Secretary of Nazrul Academy, Mintu Rahman.

Abu Zafar Ahmed recited two of Nazrul's devotional poems from the collection of verse *Kabya Ampara*.

and split Nazrul's ideals. He stressed upon the necessity of retaining purity of Nazrul is songs preventing its deliberate distortion.

Khalid Hossain claimed that Nazrul has composed many more lyrics than that of Rebindranath Tagore but still only eight or nine hundred of them have got printed. He said that cultivating Nazrul is facing problems. "Nazrul song has an individual character and he has created a different *gharana* in the domain of music," Khalid pointed out. He also said, "It is wrong to throw Nazrul away out of his own orbit of literary creed in the name of adopting the trend of the age. One must remain faithful to the original tune of Nazrul songs when one cultivates different genres of these songs. One successful Nazrul trainer has to be research-minded. He has to be duly respectful to the correct form of Nazrul songs."

Next Siddiqur Rahman who spoke, analytically viewing contemporary perspective of which Nazrul was a product. He said, "Nazrul's contemporary social milieu was marked with the clash between vice and virtue; good and evil; justice and injustice all that is still prevalent in today's society."

This very fact recommends Nazrul's necessity and relevance to today's society. "A versatile genius, Nazrul endured untold miseries throughout his life. He sustained sorrows extracted from his own life. Nazrul took part in the World War II various types that we suffer in practising Nazrul and disseminating his teachings and message of humanitarianism," he said further. Ideally Nazrul was above communalism, a patriot, a humanitarian and rebel. It may be noted here that Nazrul had a fearless voice for the downtrodden of the society. It was Nazrul who bravely sang the song of freedom of the masses in view of their socio-economic emancipation. He heroically rebelled against the colonial exploitation and suppression by the British colonisers in the then Indian sub-continent. People under the grip of colonial rule in this part of the world were deeply stirred by Nazrul's inspiring work comprising lyrics of rebellion.

Mintu also called upon all so that we do not indulge in factionalism

watch on him. The British Government intelligence used to keep a record of their reports called 'Bolshevik Diary' in which they noted, "Nazrul Islam has formed a formidable organisation in Comilla," hinting at his political activities there. He joined the *Swaraj* movement of Deshbandhu Chitryaranjan and Subash Chandra Basu's 'Forward Block' from where he contributed to anti-colonial movement. Interestingly enough, though Nazrul had no direct involvement with any separatist political movement, but he did the groundwork for a mass upsurge against the British colonial rulers in the British-India through his fiery writings. The British government might be aware of Nazrul's behind the scene role against colonial exploitation made it apprehensive of a revolution. As a consequence, Nazrul was subjected to frequent imprisonment and other rigorous treatment. But his was an indomitable soul yielding to no intimidation. Even while imprisoned, he composed anti-establishment

poems like "Karar Oi Louha Kapat Bhenge Phel Korrey Lopat."

Dr. Ashraf Siddiqui spoke from the audience row reminding that Nazrul and Rabindranath are equally honoured in the Barak valley of neighbouring state of Assam in India. He said, "Though history, it is not in the common knowledge that apart from that in 1952 in Bangladesh, another language movement that wanted to establish Bangla as an official language took place in July 1961 in the valley of Barak comprising Karimganj, Hailakandi, Shilchar and Haplong." Nazrul's work is taught in the University of Assam.

The discussion was followed by a cultural function including chorus and solo recital of Nazrul songs and dances. Besides noted artistes, students of Nazrul Academy's Magbazar and Dhanmondi branch performed on the occasion.



Ariste Ferdous Ara singing at the occasion

Book Review

Artistes of our times

MUNEERA PARBEEN

FROM Firoza Begum and Ferdous Rahman to Kaneej Shuborna and Momtaz, the country's singers have been brought together in a single book for music fans as well as other users. *The Rhythm of Bangladesh*, presented by Enam Sarker, has been published by Adore Publication and it is for the first time in the country that we now have a book on our vocal artistes.

The book is a compilation of portraits of vocal artistes, right from the 60s leading to the present time. This

ace to the book tells us. It also points out that more pictures will be added in future editions of the book when brought out later. At present, the book, priced at Tk 500, has put together as many pictures as was possible to obtain.

The other helpful compilation in this album are the contact addresses of the artistes and a short description of their work, including the place and date of birth of the artist and how many songs he/she has recorded so far.

Apart from the usual portraits of the vocal artistes, there are some interesting shots in this book as one of the folk singer Abdur Rahman



Shahnaz Rahmatullah



Abdur Rahman Bayati

includes those who have earned a name for themselves through their different contributions in the field. Thus a picture of a very new name as Rukshi is seen alongside those who are considered icons in the field, such as Syed Abdul Hadi or Shubir Nandi.

The pictures are taken by such photographers as Imtiaz Alam Beg, Iqbal Ahmed, Zahurul Hoque, Chanchal Mahmud, David Barikder, Shafulq Alam Milon, Shahjahan Shaju, Tuhin Hossain and Wajed Ahsan Khokhon, making the album a rare collection.

The book has an admirable collection of 78 (why this number, one wonders) portraits of old as well as new singers, arranged in alphabetical order. There has been no particular criteria in selecting the pictures of these singers as such, the pref-

Boyati, in a tuxedo! This is a rare picture indeed and shows this very popular singer in an attire that is so completely different from how he is otherwise seen in his usual self. The other pictures are not that rare in their composition but have their value in the sense that some were taken by none other than Imtiaz Alam Beg, the pioneer of professional photography in the country.

Enam Sarker, who has brought out the book, in a short preface to the book, says that this compilation is meant both as a collection for music lovers about the artistes of this era, as well as a guide for those in the media.

The book will remain a testament of this time and the singers who were making waves at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS



New German Film Festival

On the inaugural day of the week-long festival of New German Cinema celebrating the 50th anniversary of Goethe-Institut in Germany and 40th anniversary of Goethe-Institut in Bangladesh, Zahir Raihan Film Society and Goethe-Institut Dhaka will screen three films on May 10: 'Bagdad Cafe', 'Rossini' and 'My Mother's Courage'. Venue: Goethe-Institut Dhaka, Road No 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:30 pm, 5:00 pm, and 7:00 pm respectively.

Duhshomoy: The Rape and Death of Shima Chowdhury

'Duhshomoy', a documentary video by Yasmine Kabir will be shown at the Liberation War Museum on June 9 at 5:00 p.m.

A discussion on the film and the case (including Yasmin who was raped and murdered in Dinajpur) will follow the film show.

Calligraphy

A calligraphy exhibition by 10 artists is being held at the NATIONAL Museum Lobby.

The exhibition will continue everyday from 10:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. till June 13.

Group Exhibition

A group exhibition by six front ranking artists of the country will start at the Bengal Gallery from June 8.

The artists are - Shafiuddin Ahmed, Mohammed Kibria, Kazi Giasuddin, Monirul Islam, Shahid Kabir and Shahabuddin.

Publication ceremony

The launching ceremony of Duswapner Khama Nei by poet Bely Shamsunnahar will be held at Biswa Sahitya Kendra at 4 p.m. today. The ceremony will be followed by a musical programme.

TV GUIDE

BTB
Morning Session
10:00 Live telecast of the Parliamentary session of the 7th National Parliament
Evening Session
Evening Session
3:20 Open University
3:45 Shukhi Poribar
4:00 Khabar
4:05 Cartoon: Burney & Friends
4:30 Sur O'Chanda
5:00 School Debate
5:45 Dharma O'Jibon
6:00 Khabar
6:20 Shasthathatha
6:35 Shandhamaloti
7:00 News Headlines
7:05 E/Prithibi
7:30 Special on 'Choy Dofa Andolon'-Day
8:00 News in Bengali
8:30 Drama Serial: Sparsha
9:00 News Headlines
9:05 Magazine Show: Bohurupi
9:30 Karishma
10:00 Special documentary
10:30 News in English
10:50 Mukti Pothe
11:10 Khabar / The News
11:45 Closing

Ekushey TV
12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:20 Bangla Fnti ilm: Sonali Akash
2:40 Dris
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial : Na
3:30 Kena Kata
4:00 Bauliana
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00 Circus Circus
5:30 Drishti
5:50 Ajker Patrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Classic Cartoons
6:30 Charidike
7:00 Supernatural
7:30 Ekushey News
8:00 English Series: Peter Benchley's Amazon
9:00 Drama: Jibon Je Rokom
10:30 BTB News
11:00 Ekushey Nightly
11:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho
12:00 Ekushey News Headlines

CHANNEL-i
6:15 Drama: Harjit
7:40 Chitti Pelam
8:00 Din Protidin
8:25 Sustain Music Time
9:00 Audio Bazaar
10:10 Addar Table
11:15 Drama: Harjit
12:40 Chitti Pelam
1:15 Sustain Music Time
2:00 Audio Bazaar
3:00 Bangla Cinema: Nach Nagina Nach (Jasim/Natun)
6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran
6:10 Special Programme
7:15 Surjer Sapno
8:00 Drama: Dui-e Dui-e Dui
8:40 Magic po Sarkar
9:15 House Full
10:00 Drama: Juboraj
11:00 Telefilm: Sai dinar Valobhasa

STAR GOLD
10:30 Woodland Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Bandhan Kuchchey Dhaagon Ka (Shashi Kapoor, Rakhee)
3:00 Woodland Bollywood News
3:30 Naya Din Nai Raat (Sanjeev Kumar, Jaya Bhaduri)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Lamhe Pyaar Ke Daal Me Kala (Kishore Kumar, Nirmali)
11:00 Woodland Bollywood News
11:30 Palki (Rajendra Kumar, Waheeda Rehman)
12:30 Palki (Contd)...
3:00 Geet Bahar
3:30 Shabab (Bharat Bhoshan, Nutan)
7:00 Meraa Suhaag (Rati Agnihotri, Deepti Naval)

HBO
7:00 Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment
9:00 Psycho III
10:45 Rear Window
1:00 The American President
3:15 Silhouette
5:00 Contact
7:00 Supernatural
7:30 Angels in the Outfield
10:00 The Shadow
12:15 Urban Legend
2:15 The American President
4:30 Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment

BBC WORLD
6:30 World Business Report
7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report
8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report

10:30 Top Gear
11:30 Reporters
12:30 Hardtalk
1:30 Talking Movies
2:30 Rep Polar
3:30 Hardtalk
4:30 Holiday
5:30 Rep Polar
6:30 Face to Face
7:15 World Business Report
7:30 Top Gear
8:30 Rep Polar
9:30 Asia Today
10:15 World Business Report
10:30 IT India Tomorrow
11:45 World Business Report/World Sport
12:30 Hardtalk
1:30 Click Online
2:30 World Business Report
3:30 Life ex Panorama
4:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today
5:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today

STAR WORLD
6:00 Water Rats
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Home Improvement
8:30 Happy Days
9:00 The Drew Carey Show
9:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
10:00 Ally McBeal
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 The Practice
1:00 Fashion TV
1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
2:00 Mork & Mindy
2:30 Happy Days
3:00 Baywatch
4:00 The Simpsons
4:30 Home Improvement
5:00 STAR News Asia
5:30 Friends
6:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
6:45 STAR New Asia
7:00 Angel
8:00 Millennium
9:00 Friends
9:30 Star News
10:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
11:00 Angel
7:30 Millennium
1:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
10:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
2:00 Angel
3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily
3:30 Keeneth Copeland Ministries
4:00 Life in the World With Joyce Meyer
4:30 World News
5:00 Media
5:30 Mork & Mindy

STAR PLUS
6:00 Sanskriti
6:30 STAR Geetmala
7:30 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
8:00 Hit Ya Fit
8:30 Good Morning India
9:30 Fox Kids Daily
10:30 Small Wonder
11:30 Maal Hai to Taal Hai
11:30 Hera Pheri
12:00 Cincinnati Bublabeo
12:30 Hit Ya Fit
1:00 Tu Tu Main Main
1:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki
2:00 Sanskriti
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00 Shagun
3:30 Shanti
4:00 Meri Saheli
4:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
5:00 Telebrands
5:30 Hit Ya Fit
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Fox Kids-Daily
7:30 Sanskriti
8:00 Tu Tu Main Main
8:30 Ma Shakti
9:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz
9:30 Koru Kagaz
10:30 Ji Mantriji
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Aaj Ki Baat
12:00 Shagun
12:30 Telebrands
1:00 Hit Ya Fit
1:30 Meri Saheli
2:00 Kalash
2:30 Sonpari
3:00 Maal Hai to Taal Hai
3:30 Hera Pheri
4:00 Cincinnati Bublabeo
4:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
5:00 Shanti

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS
Channel i: 9:00 a.m. **Audio Bazaar**. Gahzal singer Mesbah is coming up with his own written and composed Bengali songs. The programme presents two numbers from his new album and also an exclusive interview of the artist.
EKUSHEY: 8:30 p.m. **Jibon Je Rokom**. Ruma studies at the university. Her father's son Mamun comes to live with them. They become very good friends. She tells him that she loves a sitar player, but he only loves his sitar.
HBO: 10:00 p.m. **The Shadow**. Alec Baldwin takes on the dual role of The Shadow and his playboy alter-ego, Lamont Cranston, both of whom must thwart the ruthless Shivan Khan in his quest for world domination.
STAR WORLD: 11:00 p.m. **Angel, Rm W/A Vu**: Cordelia falls in love with a gorgeous rent-controlled apartment that turns out to be haunted by a ghost; a demon comes to collect on Doyle's loans.

PICK OF THE DAY
Barbra Streisand: Timeless
On Star Movies at 7:00 p.m.
This two-hour special presents material from Barbra Streisand's historic concert production, which is an intimate blend of warmth and humor, blending her signature hits with pop standards and Broadway favorites.

11:30 Horse Tales II
12:30 Animal Planet Safari
1:30 Animal People
2:00 Lifesense
2:30 Planet's Funniest Animal
3:00 Judge Warner's Animal
3:30 Vets in practice
4:00 Emergency Vets I
4:30 Rolf's Amazing World of Animals
5:00 Animal Doctor II
5:30 Wildlife Emergency
6:30 Really Wild Show
7:00 The Aquanauts
7:30 Money Business III
8:00 Tamed N Trained Thursday
9:30 ParkLife: Africa
10:00 O'Shea's big Adventure II
10:30 Animal Planet Safari
12:30 Money Business
13:30 Tamed N Trained Thursday
8:00 Tamed N Trained Thursday
9:30 ParkLife: Africa
3:00 O'Shea's Big Adventure II
3:30 Animal Planet Safari
4:30 Natural World
5:30 Animal People

ZEE MUSIC
7:00 Aalap
7:30 Tararun
8:30 Hit Pe Hit
9:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Just Jammin
11:30 Music Box
12:00 Zee Music Plus
1:00 Hit Pe Hit
1:30 Jharokha
2:35 Cool-Age
3:05 Tararun
4:00 Hit Pe Hit
5:00 Zee Music Box
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Blue
6:30 Zee Music Plus
7:30 Hit Pe Hit
8:30 Pyar Mohabbat Etc
9:00 Artist Of The Forntign
9:30 Zee Music Box
10:00 Sizzlers
10:30 Jharokha
11:05 Dil Se
12:05 Phoren Maal
12:35 Shabab
1:05 Zee Music Box
1:30 Jharokha
2:00 Hit Pe Hit
2:30 Born To Laugh
3:00 Campus Rompuz
3:30 Tararun
4:30 Phoren Maal
5:30 Sizzlers

ZEE CINEMA
9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
9:45 Dada Moni
10:00 Qaid Main Hai Bulbul
1:00 Cine News
1:15 Madhyantar
1:30 Jaane Wafa
5:00 Darpan
5:15 Tara Rum
5:45 Film Time
6:00 Pyase Dil
9:45 Chapati Chat
10:00 Top Of The Tops
10:30 Pathar Ke Insaan
2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
2:30 Hawas
5:30 Chhren
5:45 Film Time
6:00 Raton Ka Raja

ALPHA BANGLA
6:30 Bhalobasha Mondobasha
7:00 Foot Ball
7:30 News Bulletin
8:00 Aalaap
9:00 News Bulletin
9:05 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Apna Der Janya
10:00 Manush Mukh Achena Chenu

10:30 Bhristi Megher Akash
11:00 Swapnoneel
11:30 Grhasajia
12:00 Bahari Ahaar
12:30 Lookochuri/Dour
1:00 Ingeet
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Nayantara
2:30 Ranga Bou-Feature Film
5:00 Jeebon Rekha
5:30 Beauty Parfour/Disney
6:00 Alpha Khabor
6:25 Jhankar
6:30 Foot Ball
7:00 Anya Bhuvan
7:25 Jhankar
7:30 Ki Likhi Tomai
7:55 Jhankar
8:00 Nayantara
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
9:00 Saregama
10:00 News Bulletin
10:05 Ek Palake
10:10 Ingit
10:40 Ek Palake
10:45 Shayola
11:10 Alpha Khabor

ZEE TV
6:15 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:45 Old Is Gold
7:00 Bhakti Geet
7:30 Jagran
8:00 Morning Zee
8:30 Nickelodeon
9:00 Nickelodeon
9:30 Guldasta
10:30 Filmi Chakkor
11:00 Babul Ki Duayein Leti Ja...
11:30 Ek Nazar
12:00 Basera
12:30 Sangini
1:00 Dastaan
1:25 Jhalak
1:30 Manzilein Apni Apni
2:00 Chandan Ka Palna Resham Ki Dori
2:30 Amanat
3:00 Gharana
3:30 Yeh Dil Kya Kare
4:00 Kaise Kahoon?
4:30 Ankahee
5:00 Nickelodeon
5:30 Nickelodeon
6:00 Ek Nazar
6:30 Banegi Apni Baat
7:00 Compact Disc
7:30 Ek Nazak
8:00 Devrani Jethani
8:30 Babul Ki Duayein Leti Ja...
9:00 Amanat
9:30 Chandan Ka Palna Resham Ki Dori
10:00 Manzilein Apni Apni
10:30 Samander
11:00 Gharana
11:30 Yeh Dil Kya Kare
12:00 Kaise Kahoon?..
12:30 Baazi Thursday Hits
3:00 Dastaan Feature Film
5:45 News In Hindi

SPORTS

ESPN
6:30 Sportscenter Hindi (R)
7:00 NBA Finals Game 9:30 Boxing Series Friday Night Fights Prior Lake MN USA(R)
11:00 ESPN's Wednesday Night Baseball(S)
2:00 Sportscenter (S)
3:00 Bowling WTBA World Bowling Master 2001 Abu Dhabi, UAE Finals Highlights (T)
4:00 NBA Finals Game # 1 (R)
6:30 Sportscenter Hindi (L)
7:00 ECB International Cricket Natwest Series 2001 Birmingham, ENGAND Pakistan @ England 1st Odi, 2nd Session (L)
11:00 ESPN's Wednesday Night Baseball(S)
2:00 Sportscenter (S)
3:00 Bowling WTBA World Bowling Master 2001 Abu Dhabi, UAE Finals Highlights (T)
4:00 NBA Finals Game # 1 (R)
6:30 Sportscenter Hindi (L)
7:00 ECB International Cricket Natwest Series 2001 Birmingham, ENGAND Pakistan @ England 1st Odi, 1st Session (L)
11:00 Sportscenter Hindi(T)
11:30 ECB International

STAR SPORT
6:00 Figure Skating Grand Slam Super Teams of Skating Sports Unlimited
7:30 PGA Tour Golf Memorial Tournament Dublin, OH USA Final Round @Zimbabwe 1st Test Day 1, 2nd & 3rd Session
6:30 Sportsline Tonight
7:00 Zimbabwe Cricket @Zimbabwe 1st Test Day 1, Review
8:00 Asia Sport Show
10:30 Sportsline Tonight

ZEE MGM
8:30 Original Sound Track
9:00 Act of Love
11:00 Hollywood Remembers
11:30 Born To Laugh
1:30 Hollywood Remembers
2:00 Rodic
4:00 Total Recall
4:30 Not Since Casanova
6:30 Hollywood Remembers
7:00 Struck By Lightning
9:00 Hollywood Remembers

PGA TOUR HIGHLIGHTS
11:00 PGA Tour Highlights Memorial Tournament Dublin, OH USA
12:00 Sportsline Tonight
12:30 Zimbabwe Cricket @Zimbabwe 1st Test Day 1, Highlights
1:30 Samsung Nations Cup 2001 Rome, Italy Highlights
2:30 Futbol Mundial
3:00 NFL Europe League 2001 Highlights Show
3:30 Sportsline Tonight
4:00 Formula Nippon 2001 Mine Central Park, Japan Round 3
5:00 Sportsline Tonight
5:30 PGA Tour Highlights Memorial Tournament Dublin, OH USA