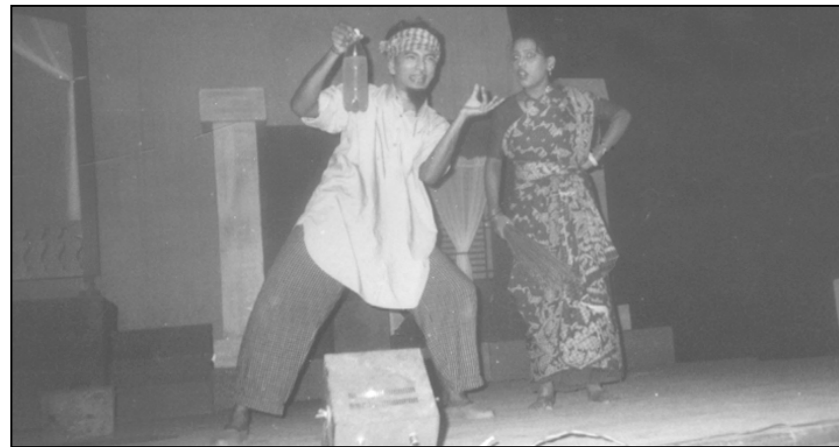


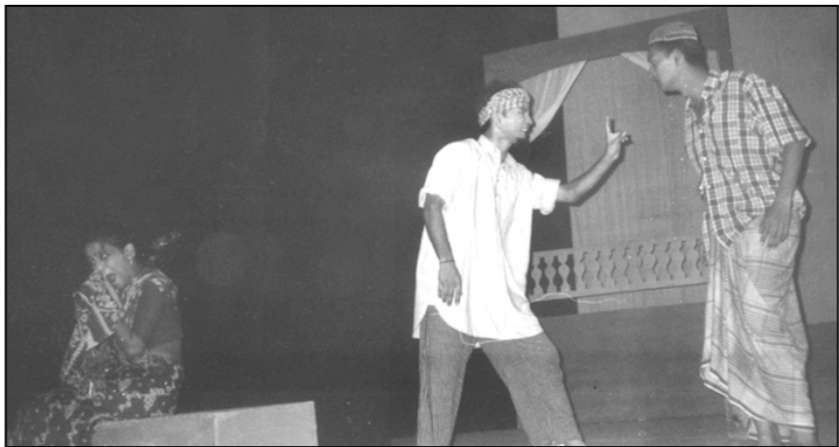
Theatre

# A commentary on time

Pezgee, Swattik Nattya Shomproday's ninth production, premiered



Pezgee Mia, a heavy drinker, nearly slips as he tries to amuse his dominating wife



Pezgee tries to warn the admirer of his wife



The two comedy characters provide sufficient element of humour

AZIZ AMIRUL

In the year 1994 a group of young cultural enthusiasts, inspired by the theatrical movement of Bailey road arena, formed their own assemblage on the outskirts of the city at Mirpur. The group Swattik Nattya Shomproday has so far staged nine productions, 'Ekattur Juddho', being their maiden effort.

Based on 'Le Medecine malgre lui', a play by the famous French dramatist, Moliere, Swattik staged the premiere show of their ninth production,

*Pezgee* on January 4 at the auditorium of Mahila Samity at Bailey Road.

*Pezgee* Mia, a sly and mean minded hypocritical character of the urban neighbourhood, rose to the peak of social life by using the steps of deception, misdeemeanour and exploitation.

Acciduated to alcoholism and pecuniary lust, *Pezgee*, a young plumber used to lead a cheap and disgraceful life in a slum of the capital. Continuously reprimanded by his wife, the ill-motivated *Pezgee* Mia seemed to worsen in his habits

ultimately ending up behind the bars for his acts of debauchery and deceit.

As the plot unfolded, the exploitative characteristic of *Pezgee* received a boost when a golden opportunity provided him the role of a doctor, what he fully utilised, in fact, became a con man.

Salam Mia and Manager, two idiotic individuals approached *Pezgee* in search of a specialist doctor who could cure the unknown illness of Lipi, the daughter of one Asgar Ali, a rich yet unsophisticated businessman of the urban community.

*Pezgee* reached the palatial residence of Asgar only to discover a maid, Kulsum. Infatuation and lustful tendency pushed *Pezgee* towards Kulsum and later on, gave a further acceleration when Lipi, became a target of the vagabond. Aakash, in this particular web of situation brought relief to the audience through his participation as a sincere lover of Lipi.

After a lot of hassling encounters *Pezgee* learned a good lesson as he entered the cells of confinement to spend part of his life among convicts. Comedy, being the main

ingredient of the play, several other contemporary social issues were also highlighted. The plot of '*Pezgee*' was created in a style that not only brought laughter among the audience but also has played the role of an indicator in measuring current demand of the common mass.

Since establishment, Swattik tried to focus on contemporary social issues and concern and continued with their effort to portraying the hypocrisy in the society. Each production of Swattik has a strong message that the theatre group could like

to get across the society.

'*Pezgee*' presented some clear and straightforward dialogues with bold physical language', mentioned Rafiqul Alam, who came with his family members at the inaugural show.

Observed by another member of the audience, 'Thanks to the theatre unit as they successfully exposed the pitfalls of our society through a magnificent symbolic presentation.'

Apu Aman and Qamruzzaman Tupa, both expressed their gratitude to 'Sust', a theatre group of Sylhet. Swattik was asked by Sust to

translate a play for them from among several ones and finally, the plot of Moliere's 'Le Medecine malgre lui' attracted the attention of Swattik members.

The creators of *Pezgee* sought support from all quarters of the cultural arena to guide and help them earn experience, the main stratagem of attaining culmination.

*Nosto Rokter Manush*, based on a story by Humayun Ahmed, a new venture by Swattik soon hits the stage.



An important scene shows Pezgee being beaten up

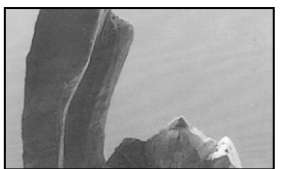


Members of the chorus provide fitting supplement to 'Pezgee'



A later scene shows Asgar Ali and his brother-in-law, one of the two comedians

RECOMMENDATIONS



Sculpture show

A group sculpture show is now being held at the gallery of National Museum at Shahbagh. The show showcases recent work by Hamiduzzaman, Ivy Zaman and Rowen Aziz. Open to all, the show runs till January 15.

Art show of three Bengali pioneers

An exhibition showcasing works of pioneer artists Zainul Abedin, Qamrul Hassan and S.M. Sultan--of Bangladeshi art movement opens at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts at Dhanmandi on January 12. This show is the second of a series presented from the collection of Abul Khair, chairman of Bengal Foundation.

Asian Art Workshop

Bengal Foundation will hold a three-day art workshop involving the participants and delegates of the 10th Asian Art Biennale at BRAC Centre, Rajendrapur on January 14 at 12:00 p.m. The workshop will be inaugurated by Fazle Hassan Abed, chairperson of BRAC as chief guest while noted artist Safuddin Ahmed and Professor Anisuzzaman will be present as special guests.

Group Art Show

The 45th Grand Group Art Exhibition of leading Bangladeshi artists organised by Saju Art Gallery is now being held at its gallery space at Gulshan, North Super Market 2nd circle. The month-long show, open to all, will run until February 7 from 10 am to 8:30 pm barring Fridays.



Nriyanchal Festival 2002

Nriyanchal, a front ranking organisation in the country to institutionalise dance as a popular form of art, is organising a five-day long dance festival from January 10 to 14 at Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium.

## TV GUIDE

- CHANNEL-i**  
 6:10 pm Music Plus  
 6:50 i Focus  
 7:15 News  
 7:30 Programme of book and book publication  
 8:00 Roving Eye  
 8:30 Ispahani Tele Quiz  
 8:35 Talk show Kada Aalap  
 9:00 News  
 9:20 Sangbadparay Bangladesh  
 9:30 Results of Ispahani Tele Quiz  
 9:45 Magazine Perfect Show  
 10:00 Quiz 60 seconds  
 10:30 Channel I News  
 11:00 Bengali feature film Dil, Starring Naim, Shabnaz  
**ATN BANGLA**  
 5:30 Islamic Prog  
 7:00 New Singer Competition Prog: Nabin Boron  
 8:00 ATN Bangla News  
 8:25 Musical Prog  
 9:00 Ganer Mela  
 9:35 Cine Songlap  
 10:10 Drama Serial: Jibon Nodir Jowar Vata  
 10:50 Bengali Film: Miss Longka  
 12:00 ATN Bangla News  
 6:07 Child's Prog: Shapla Saluk Gold Medel  
 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News  
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 8:10 Ghotonar Nepathe  
 8:45 Sutorang  
 9:20 Samokalin Prosongo  
 10:00 ATN Bangla News  
 10:30 Bondon  
 11:15 Bengali film: Saheb  
 11:30 ATN Bangla News

- STAR GOLD**  
 7:00 Sajjan (Manoj Kumar, Asha Parekh)  
 10:30 Geet Gata Chal  
 11:00 Geet Bahar  
 11:30 Aurat (Feroz Khan, Padmini, Rajesh Khanna)  
 3:00 Geet Bahar  
 3:30 Udhhar Ka Sindur (Jeeendra, Reena Roy)  
 6:30 Geet Bahar  
 7:30 Monday Magic Shradhanjali (Raakee, Suresh Oberoi)  
 11:00 Amul Bollywood News  
 11:30 Ramkali (Shatughan Sinha, Hema Malini)  
 12:30 Ramkali (Contd)  
 3:00 Geet Bahar  
 3:30 Udhhar Ka Sindur (Jeeendra, Reena Roy)  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
 6:30 The New Adventures of ARK  
 7:00 K-9 to 5  
 7:30 Animal Doctor II  
 8:00 Parklife Africa  
 8:30 Animal Planet Safari  
 9:30 Mad on Monday Zoo  
 10:00 Mad on Monday  
 10:30 Mad on Monday  
 11:00 Animals A-Z  
 11:30 Champions of the Wild  
 12:00 Wild Rescues I  
 12:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals  
 1:00 Barkin Mad (I)  
 1:30 The Aquanauts  
 2:00 Battersea Dogs Home III  
 2:30 Zoo Episode 7  
 3:00 The Whole Story  
 3:30 Baboons  
 4:00 Vet's School Episode 1  
 4:30 Crocodile Hunter (II) Episode 1  
 5:30 Mad on Monday Zoo  
 6:00 Mad on Monday  
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 7:00 Sea Trek  
 7:30 Zookeepers  
 8:00 Animal Planet Safari  
 8:00 In the Wild Tigers  
 10:00 Vet's School  
 10:30 Crocodile Hunter  
 11:30 Mad on Monday  
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**DISCOVERY**  
 7:30 Wild Discovery  
 8:30 Loney Planet IV  
 9:30 Deadline Discovery  
 TBD  
 10:30 On the Inside

- 11:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals  
 12:00 The Aquanauts  
 12:30 Discovery Sunday  
 1:30 Health Showcase  
 2:30 Wild Discovery  
 3:30 Real Kids, Real Adventures  
 4:00 Popular Mechanics for Kids  
 4:30 Extreme Machines Rockets  
 5:30 Lonely Planet VI  
 6:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals  
 7:00 The Aquanauts  
 7:30 Wild Discovery  
 8:30 Discovery Showcase  
 9:30 Historical Hits  
 10:30 On the Inside  
 11:30 Extreme Machines  
**STAR WORLD**  
 6:00 Happy Days  
 6:30 3<sup>rd</sup> Rock From The Sun  
 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show  
 8:00 Water Rates  
 9:00 Nash Bridges  
 9:00 Bugs  
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show  
 12:00 World's Wildest Police Videos  
 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Rock From The Sun  
 5:00 Star News Asia  
 5:30 Friends  
 6:00 That 70's Show  
 6:30 Everybody Loves Raymond  
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 7:00 Dharma & Greg  
 7:30 Frasier  
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 2:30 3<sup>rd</sup> Rock From The Sun  
 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily  
 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries  
 4:00 Joyce Meyer Ministries  
 4:30 World News  
 5:00 Media TV

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**EKUSHEY:** 8:00 p.m. Drama serial: *Bondhon*. The complex web of family relationship starts receiving further tangles as Akram reveals his indifferent attitude towards Jolly. A cold war develops between Pritha and Nishi involving their infatuation towards Badal. What happens next?

**STAR WORLD:** 7:00 & 10:00 p.m. *Dharma & Greg*. Worried that they've run out of friends, Dharma and Greg "interview" couples to see who meets their requirements in tonight's exciting episode of the serial about one totally happy couple.

**STAR WORLD:** 6:00 & 9:30 p.m. *That 70s Show*. The *Trials of M. Kelso*: Jackie tells Donna that she wants to date Kelso again, but that she must undergo five tests. Elsewhere, Eric, Fez and Hyde are beaten up by the female field hockey team while vandalising the rival school's locker room.

- 5:30 Mork & Mindy  
**STAR PLUS**  
 6:00 Kundali  
 6:30 Star Geet mala  
 7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain Aatma  
 8:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet  
 9:30 Fox Kids Daily  
 10:30 Small Wonder  
 11:00 Pal Chhin  
 11:30 Saahil  
 12:00 Shanti  
 12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet  
 1:00 Hum Saath Saath Hein  
 1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki  
 2:00 Sanskruti  
 2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
 3:00 Shagun  
 3:30 Kasauti Zindagii Kay  
 4:00 Meri Saheli  
 4:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz  
 5:00 Meri Saheli  
 5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet  
 6:00 Small Wonder  
 6:30 Fox Kids Daily  
 7:10 Aaj Ki Baat  
 7:30 Sanskruti  
 8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hein  
 8:30 Tu Tu Main Main  
 9:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay  
 9:30 Des Mein Nikla Hoga Chand

**PICK OF THE DAY**

**Beethoven's 2nd**  
 On HBO at 10:00 pm  
 So Beethoven is America's favorite St Bernard and is happy in the Newton's home. Even his hapless master George just loves him. But having almost the perfect scenario can get boring and soon the pooch needs more... in fact he needs to be a papa. He soon falls in love with the fetching Missy and is ready to have the patter of 24 little paws running around the house.

- 10:15 Secret Diary of Sigmund Freud  
 12:00 Pacific Heights  
 1:45 Prime Target  
 3:30 Matthew Blackheart  
 5:30 Just A Little Harmless Sex  
 7:00 Just the Ticket  
 9:00 Thelma and Louise  
 11:00 Rocky  
 9:30 When Fun Turns to Fear  
 1:00 First Blood  
 2:30 Just the Ticket  
 4:30 0700 MV SEA  
**HBO**  
 7:00 Silencing Mary  
 8:45 Empire of the Sun  
 11:45 Breakfast at Tiffany's  
 2:00 Lassie  
 4:00 Congo  
 6:15 The Seventh Sign  
 8:15 The Rugrats Movie  
 10:00 Beethoven's 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 11:45 X-Change  
 2:00 Congo  
 4:15 Breakfast at Tiffany's  
**STAR NEWS**  
 7:30 Breakfast News  
 6:00 STAR News Hindi  
 6:30 Bollywood News  
 7:00 STAR Bazaar  
 7:30 Saat Bajee  
 8:00 Star Khel  
 8:30 Tonight at 8  
 9:00 Star Samachar

- 9:30 Star News English  
 10:00 Star Business News  
 10:30 Star Newshour  
 11:30 Star News English  
 12:00 Sports Tonight  
 12:30 Star News English  
**AXN**  
 6:30 Movie: Last Action Hero  
 8:30 Boardwalk  
 9:30 When Fun Turns to Fear  
 10:30 Amazon -- Babel  
 12:00p.m. Music Plus  
 01:00 Hit Pe Hit  
 02:00 Jharkha (Exposure)  
 02:35 Just Jammin  
 03:05 Tara Rum  
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 05:00 Music Box  
 05:30 Hit Mix  
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 10:30 Ranra Ghar  
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 11:30 Ebar Jombe Moja  
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 12:30 Samayer Sur  
 01:00 Sat Khan  
 01:30 Antraaley  
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 02:30 HARANO SUR- Feature Film  
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 10:50 Bangla News Bulletin  
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- SPORTS**
- ESPN**  
 6:00 Motorsport Asia  
 6:30 NFL PrimeTime Bristol, CT USA  
 7:28 NFL Football Tampa Bay, FL USA Philadelphia Eagles @ Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
 10:30 Winter X Games Classix 2001 Winter X Games V Classix Stomp MT Snow, VT USA  
 11:00 English Premier Football League 2001/02 Leeds, England Derby County @ Leeds United  
 1:00 Golf Classics Us Open Official Films for Years 1994  
 2:00 Pool World Pool League 2001  
 3:00 Soccer: The Match of the Century: Fchetti  
 3:30 NFL Football Tampa Bay, FL USA Philadelphia Eagles @ Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
 6:30 Australia Cricket Orange Test Series Sydney, Australia South Africa @ Australia 3<sup>rd</sup> Test, Day 5, Highlights
- England Blackburn Rovers @ Ipswich Town  
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 4:30 Motoworld  
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**STAR SPORTS**  
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- 7:30 Sportsline Today International  
 8:30 Motorsports News International Motorsport News 2001  
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 11:00 Futbol Mundial  
 11:30 Tiger Soccer 5S Tiger 5s, 2001 Day 4 Highlights  
 12:30 Sportsline Today English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02  
 3:00 Rally Racing Total Dakar 2002 Day 9 Highlights  
 3:30 Golf Programming Global Golf Spotlights Jesper Pamevik  
 4:00 Auto Racing Fia Sportscar Championship 2001 Barcelona, Spain Event Highlights  
 5:00 Cricket Programming Super Selector December Winners
- 6:00 Spanish Football League 2001/02 Spanish Football League  
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 1:30 World Cup Swimming World Cup 2001/2002 Melbourne, Australia Highlights  
 3:30 Sportsline Tonight  
 4:00 Sports India  
 4:30 Rally Racing Total Dakar 2002 Day 8 Highlights  
 5:00 Asia Sport Show  
 5:30 Iisu Figure Skating Sparkassen Cup on Ice 2001 Gelsenkirchen, Germany Highlights

- 09:15 Cine News  
 09:30 Tara Rum  
 10:00 Raktabandhan-Feature Film  
**ZEE MUSIC**  
 07:00a.m. Aalaap  
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