RECOMMENDATIONS

Quamrul-er Ramonira

May 17 -31 Entitled 'Quamrul-er Ramonira', a 15-day long painting exhibition by artist Quamrul Hassan is being held at the Shilpangan gallery in the city The show is open to all from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Calligraphy May 17 - June 04

A calligraphy exhibition with the works of 24 renowned artists goes on at the lobby of National Museum in the city. The exhibition is open to all daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Twelve young artists' show May 26 - June 4

A contemporary painting exhibition of 12 young artists of Bangladesh is on at the gallery of Russian Cultural center in the city. The display is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Bangla songs of 21st century

May 31 Various cultural events and discussions will take place at the main auditorium of National Museum in the city from 3 p.m. onwards, in commemoration of the completion of the first decade of Nibedan, an organisation of traditional Bangla music.

Female artists' aroup show May 24 June 02

A group art exhibition of 25 female artists of the country is on at Gallery Chitrak in the city. The exhibition is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Solo photography exhibition June 1 - 3

Photojournalist Pranab Roy holds a solo of his works on nature at Pouro Pathagar in Narayanganj. The exhibition is open daily from 10 a.m.

Made in Australia June 1-7

Shahabuddin Mohammad, an artist of the country, presently based in Australia, holds his second solo exhibition at Zainul Gallery of Fine Arts Institute in the city. The show is open to all from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00

Book launching

Friday double bill

Literary enthusiasts of the city toast Kaiser Haq's two new books on Friday last

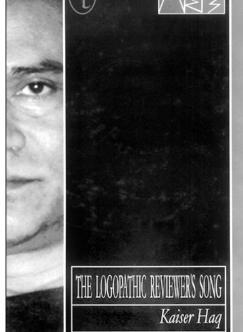
SAIFUL ISLAM

T was a rare event: very few programmes witness the presence of both of them together the giant of contemporary Bangla poetry poet Shamsur Rahman and poet Kaiser Haq, a major voice in contemporary post-colonial literary scene. Journalists, poets, literati and gliterati of the city converged last Friday on the Bengal Shilpalaya, the venue of the launching ceremony. Poet Shamsur Rahman chaired the event with poet Belal Chowdhury as special guest.

The Logopathic Reviewer's Song (a collection of poems jointly published by Aark Arts and UPL) by Kaiser has already attracted interest as it veers on situations ironically bizarre, things unpleasantly interesting, concepts and perspectives ridiculously exaggerated and grossly satirized. The Wonders of Vilayet(a translation published by Peepal Tree Press, UK), 'A travel Memoir' is an interesting text that makes the man of East, the Mirza, 'equal to the English, and he never succumbs to the alien world' remarks short-story writer and art critic Sved Manzoorul Islam.

Kaiser Hag is the first Bangladeshi who established himself as a new poet to watch out for in the international literary scene with two collections of poetry, Starting Lines (1978) and A Little Ado (1978). 'For many years a lone English voice from Bangladesh', gurgling 'Bangladeshi sensitivity,' comments Professor Fakrul Alam.

In the Logopathic Reviewer's Song he satirizes politics in Bangladesh and at the indifference of the people towards the problems that arises from it, 'shops were half-/ shuttered, buses run half-way, /a half-hearted coup aborted'. His is a rich and cosmopolitan voice. His precisely cosmopolitan bent of mind influences his works. Sometimes sharp, short and cryptic lines create an aura of prose that hardly rhymes smoothly. And there lies the charisma. The form reciprocates, quite beautifully, to the content. The reader stumbles on his journey across the undulation of Kaiser's world that murmurs jingle. To M Harunur Rashid Kaiser's world



seems to be a patchwork of 'distortion, abnormality and macabre'. M Harunur Rashid expresses his denial of the presence of the obscene in the book whereas Professor Manzoorul Islam sees this openness and unabashed expression as the poet's signature and considers it to be a germ of the metropolitan sensibility.

Metropolitan sensibility is there in another way, in the presentation of the situations and events, in tearing down the guise and illuminating the covered and folded, and doing this what comes to the surface is the poet's resignation. Sved Manzoorul Islam justifies it in this way, ' the futility of writing verse in these days. poetry cannot stop war, it falls flat in this material world'

The first poem in this collection attacks specifically writers and critics, lines containing three words, stabbing mercilessly, 'so many authors', and 'so many loafers'. Professor Fakrul advises the poet to be a 'bit disarming, less fastidious', and of course 'more prolific', so little writing in so many years. The collections produced in these years used to represent a particular kind of

succumb to that old identity, to poet Shamsur Rahman it is a departure and particularly the 'garo poems are

CULTURE

Launching two books belonging to two different kinds of genres have something to do with the writer, to Professor Manzoor they represent two different personalities of the author, and 'The Wonders of Vilavet is 'fictionalized'. The frank and vivid portrayal of the visit of Mirza Sheikh l'tesamuddin to France and Britain in 1765, which reads like an original work, is presented in English with an added luster of humor peculiar to poet Kaiser. The Mirza finds his head near to the 'armpit' of a very tall man, the giant. Professor Niaz Zaman, also,

excellent'.

illustrates the fictional glow attached to the work of translation. To her the book is a 'miracle' in many ways, the event is historically important to Easterners. The miracle is also embedded in the texture of the travelogue featuring the humor lying beneath the black man's confession of his strong desire to the blondes and bolds of the West. Unlike many the central figure of the memoir,

Mirza, turns down the allurements o the aliens and returns. And he is not the only man who had been looking at the West, dumbfounded, the Britons look at him, his dress, and he becomes an object of admiration. For the post-colonial telling the book had been included in the postcolonial course of the Warwick University. The man from the East is 'equal to the Westerners', says Professor Niaz Zaman, agreeing to Professor Manzoorul Islam.

THE WONDERS OF VILAYET

ranslated by Kaiser Hac

Dr. Niaz Zaman also admires 'the democracy', and freeness so much coveted by the halal eater Mirza who slits his chickens himself. Freeness of the men and women in the eighteenth century England they are loitering in parks, together. Mirza also admires the education system, all order 'men and women', can read, and write. After the stimulating comments

on the books the poet and translator, Kaiser Haq, read three beautiful poems -- 'Strange Pleasures', 'Itchy Hand' and 'Bananas: A Live Interview'-- form The Logopathic Reviewers Song and a captivating extract from The Wonders of Vilavt.

Beauty pageant

Russian belle wins Miss **Universe 2002**

Russian law student Oxana Fedorova grabs the coveted crown

AFP, San Juan

HE Miss Universe crown went to Russia late Wednesday at a starstudded ceremony here, whose organisers appeared to be determined to steer clear of contro-

The dark-haired Oxana Fedorova, wearing a flowing white gown, smiled and blew kisses to the crowd as she strutted across the stage on her victory

She inherits the crown from Denise Quinones of Puerto Rico, who won the pageant last year.

The first runner-up was 22year-old Justine Pasek of Panama while 19-year-old Ling Zhuo of China finished third.

Vanessa Carreira, 22, of South Africa and Cynthia Lander Zamora, 19, of Venezuela took respectively fourth and fifth places. Twenty-four-year-old

Fedorova, who also won the crucial swimsuit competition, may have been inadvertently helped by her interpreter, who mistranslated her answer to the final question "What makes you blush?"

As translated, her answer was, "When I say wrong things." A more accurate translation,

however, would be: "When I tell lies." Fedorova, who hails from Saint Petersburg, the home town of Russian President Vladimir Putin, also said she had a very happy

childhood and would not want to

erase anything from her life. Besides the crown, she wins 250,000 dollars, a two-year scholarship to the School for Film and Television in New York and as many advertising contracts as she can get.

Preparations for this year's contest were marked by fears it could be tinged by international politics and ongoing conflicts in the Middle East and between



Wearing the new Mikimoto crown, 24-year-old Oxana Fedorova, of Russia, poses in the Roberto Clemente Coliseum shortly after being named Miss Universe 2002 at the end of the LIVE CBS Television Network broadcast of the 51st annual Miss Universe competition in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Thursday. The first Miss Russia to win the title of Miss Universe, Fedorova, a post-graduate student and lecturer, will spend her year travelling and promoting HIV/AIDS awareness.

India and Pakistan.

Most Arab nations practically boycotted the pageant, preferring not to compete against Miss Israel -- Defence Force soldier Yamit

Adding to the controversy, Har-Noy wore at last week's national costume show a gown incorporating the Israeli flag and a map of the Jewish state that included the

West Bank and all of Jerusalem. Miss Egypt Sally Shaheen's

dress included the word "peace" printed in dozens of languages. Miss India was pushed by reporters to take a position on the

use of nuclear weapons. But in the end none of the contestants, who could spark controversy, made it into the top

Tv guidE

BTV

9:00 News

9:05 Cartoon

9:30 Swadesh Sanksrit

10:00 The news

10:05 Children's news 10:15 Krirajogot

10:40 Natun kuri

11:00 News headline

12:00 News headline

12:30 Closing

Evening

2:10 News headline

2:15 Patriotic songs

2:20 Bangla feature film

3:00 News

4:00 News headline

5:00 News 5:30 World cup football: Live

match between France &

Senegal **6:00** News

7:00 News headline (English)

Drama: Sukher tori 7:30 8:00

World No-Tobacco Day 8:30

News headline 9:05 Magazine

10:00 News at ter **10:25** World cup football

11:30 News (Bangla/English) 11:45 Closing

2:00pmEkushey Headlines

3:00 **Ekushey Headlines**

Gillette Sports

6:05

Mukto Khobor

Shukrobarer Natok: Onischit Jatra News : Simulcast from

7:35 Musical prog : Protibha

8:00 ATN Bangla News Amlan Sahid Zia

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Prekkha Pot 11:50 Islamic prog.

3:30 Bengali feature film : Kalmelota

Gan Gai 6:45 Motamot

Musical prog: Special prog : On

Magazine prog: Tasmery Kechokhon Drama : Abashese 9:20

10:00 ATN Bangla News

11:30 ATN Bangla News

6:00am BBC News 7:00 BBC News

Business Report **BBC News** Asia Today/World 8:30 **Business Report**

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Report 11:00 BBC News 11:30 World Business Report 12:00pm BBC News

BBC News 1:30 Talking Movies 2:00 **BBC News** 2:30

3:30

4:00

8:00 9:00 9:30 Money Prog/Panorama BBC News

12:00

1:00

5:30 Hardtalk

6:30AMThe Remains of the

9:15 Miracle On 1-880 1:00 Space Jam Footloose

5:15 Madonna Live: The **Drowned World Tour** 7:30 The Game 10:00 Showdown in Little

Tokyo 11:30 Mercy

> With Danger? 4:45 Footloose

Orient Express 8:30 10:15 Mystery Alaska **12:15** Blaze 2:15 Places in the Heart 4:00 Bratty Babies

8:45 Woman on Top STAR GOLD

(Shammi Kapoor, Sharmila Tagore) 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Geet Bahar

11:30 New Delhi (Kishore Bollywood News Teesri Kasam (Rai 3:30 Kapoor, Waheeda Rehman)

Ke Liye (Kamal Haasan, Rati Agnihotri) 11:00 Bollywood News 11:30 Himalaya Super Action Filmein Lalkar

STAR PLUS 6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain Aatma Fox Kids Daily

12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

Kora Kagaz

Shanti



Star Movies at 7 p.m. The Keyman. Despondent over having just been fired. Chris Myers gets a disturbing phone call from his wife: He never dropped off his child at the day care center. Chris rushes back to the car to find his child suffocated to death after having been accidentally left in the car in the searing Texas heat.



Tim -- tag along almost everywhere he goes. HBO at 7:30 p.m. The Game. Ultra-rich investment banker Nicolas Van Orton is about to get an unforgettable gift from his brother on his 48th birthday. It is a ticket to Consumer Recreational individual participants. Once he gets a taste of the product. Nick's life turns to slush as the firm masterminds a series of supposed pranks that take a nightmarishly harmful turn as time rushes

respected man in Mystery. He's a family man, and On HBO at 10:00 pm

Chris Kenner and Johnny Murata are two police Trouble is. Chris is an American born in Japan Services, a company that makes games tailored to while Johnny's a Japanese born in America. Cultural-clash is inevitable. While their differ-

ences are obvious, they're both kung- fu experts pulling no punches. Their hot assignment is the infamous Yoshida who's using a local brewery as a front for manufacturing dope.

> 2:30 Tara Rum Pum 3:30 Hit mix 4:00 Hit Pit Hit 5:00 Dialogue

7:00 Nick on Zee 7:30 Hit Pe Hit 10:30 Hum Paanch 8:30 Taaza Maal

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5:00

10:00 Dil Se

12:30 Evergreen Moments of Antakshari Sansaar Gharana

Nickeldeon On Zee

Apna Apna Style 8:00 8:30 Jai Santoshi Maa 9:00 Saanijhi 9:30 Jeena Isi Ka Naam Hai 10:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa

ZEE MUSIC 6:30 Hit Pit Hip 7:30 Sizzlers

Earth Horror Movie: Mary Shellev's Frankenstein **ZEE TV**



Showdown in Little Tokyo

detectives working at the Little Tokyo area in LA.

ANIMAL **PLANET**

Qurbani

9:15 Cine News

9:30 Ikke Pe Ikka

10:00 Jeans

Making of A Legend

Football

Shavaola

Monniye

Pratibimba

9:10 Chena Mukh Shari

10:25 Encounter

Manush

News in Bengali

Mayurakshi TumiBangla

6:00

6:30

7:00

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5:15

6:00

7:00 Wild Rescue Animal X Twisted Tales 8:00 Planet's Funniest 8:30 Croc Files 2 9:00

Breed All About It Animal Hospital: On the 10:00 Hoof 10:30 Battersea Dogs Home 11:00 Animal Planet Safari

12:00 Weird N Wonderful Friday Nature by Design 1:30 2:00 Lifesense 2:30 **Animal Doctor** O'Shea's Big Adventure 3:00

Croc Files 2 5:00 5:30 Animal A-Z Fit for the Wild 6:00 6:30 Battersea Dogs Home 7:00 Wild Rescue 7:30 **Animal Doctor**

Animal X

Twisted Tales

Animal Hospital

Weird N Wonderful

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Wild on the Set 10:00 Wildlife Emergency 10:30 Animal Planet Safari 11:30 Killing for a Living

Friday

DISCOVERY 7:30 9:30 Travelers

2:30 3:00

Truth or Scare

Travelers II Crocodile Hunter

Wild Discovery 6:30

11:30 Secrets Reign of Terror HALL MARK

6:00 Nurses on the Line 8:00 Lfona Helmsley: The Queen of Mean

10:00 The Young Riders 11:00 What Kind of Mother Are You? 1:00 Sliders

Scholastic Clifford 3:00 3:30 Caillou The Young Riders 4:00 Star Trek: Voyager

7:00 No Ordinary Baby 9:00 Star Trek: Voyager 10:00 Where the Truth lies

12:00 And Never Let Her Go **SET MAX** 7:30 Mini Movies : Inspector

8:30 Cahani Poori Filmi Hai: Deewar 9:00 Hotlist 9:30 Khubsoora

Deewar 1:30 Sangam 5:00 Biographies 5:30 King Uncle 9:00 Hotlist

SONY

6:30 Music Mantra 7:00 Chartbusters 7:30 Amrit Varsha 8:00 Sant AsaramVani

9:00 Good Morning Disney

12:00 Challenge 12:30 Pehchaan 1:00

Hum Pardesi Ho Gave Thoda Hai... Thoda Ki Zarurat Hai 4:30 Sparsh

Jaane Kahan Mera Jida Gaya Jee C.A. T.S Dil Vil Pyaar Vyaar

Disney Hour 7:30 Charbusters 8:00 Music Mantra 8:30 Boogie Woogie

Samjaye 9:30 Kkusum 10:00 10:30 CID

11:00 Achanak 37 Saal Baad 11:30 Bhanwar 12:00 Kaun Apna Kaun paraya

NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC**

02:00 Endangered 02:30 Human Edge 03:00 Science Of Waves **04:00** Tba 05:00 Earthpulse

06:00 Endangered 06:30 Human Edge 07:00 Science Of Waves Secret China 9:00 9:00

10:00 Endangered Human Edge 11:00 Ng Explorer 12:00p.m. The Tasmanian Tiger

Mummy Road Show Tales Of The Living Dead

Earth Report 3:30 Earth Pulse Endangered 4:00 Human Edge 5:00

7:00 7:30 8:30 9:00

Earth Report Earth Pulse

6:55 Ekushey Headlines

10:00

EKUSHEY TV

2:05 Potrikay Weekend 2:15 E Shoptaher Bishsho 2:35 Classic Cartoons

3:05 Bangla Film Ekushey Headlines 6:00 WWF Smackdown

7:30 Ekushey Shongbad 8:00 Ekushey News 8:05 Anondo Ekushey Live

10:30 Surma Parer Gaan 11:00 Ekushey Late Night

ATN BANGLA Islamic Prog Islamic prog: Sundor

Special prog : Sretete Special prog :

Prosongo Reporting prog

6:07 Children prog : Cholo

Viewers opinion prog: ATN Bangla Evening 7:00

World Tobacco Day

10:45 Bengali Feature Film: Modumeta

> 7:00 Geet Bahar Shaandaar Shukrawaar Ek Duuje

(Dharmendra, Mala Sinha, Rajendra

Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 10:30 Small Wonder Maal Hai To Taal Hai 11:30 Meri Saheli

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



Star Movies at 10:15 a.m. Mystery Alaska A hockey-obsessed Alaskan town is turned upside down when its local team, led by the town sheriff, gets to take on the New York Rangers. John Riehe, the town sheriff, is the most popular and

one or all of his 3 young sons -- Michael, Joey and

by a nightmare that Nick does not seem to be able to wake up from Family Ties 2:30

The Simpsons 4:30 3rd Rock From The 5:00 Star News Asia Friends 6:00 Worlds Wildest Police 6:55

9:30 10:30 Nash Bridges 11:30

AXN TV

Rated/Motorworld 9:30 Queen of Swords 11:30 The Amazing Race 12:30 Scariest Places on Earth 1:30 Queen of Swords 2:30

Guinness World 5:30 Records 6:30 Core Culture The Amazing Race 7:30 8:30 Queen of Swords Scariest Places On

Yoga For Life Jagran Zee Gym & Eat Healthy News Ardhangini Yaadein Radio Cevion Ki 8:45 Nickelodeon 9:00

11:00 Hudd Kar Di 12:00 Amanat

9:30

7:00 Nickelodeon

Music Box Dil Se Sizzlers Hit Pit Hit

5:30 Hit mix Music Plus 6:00 Compact Dise

11:30 Phonren Maa **ALPHA TV**

Half Chocolate

Aalaap Bengali Spl

Shayaola

Mayurakshi TumiBangla

8:30 Gaan Unltd Bharat Bhraman Anya Bhuvan 9:30 10:00 Bhowanipurer Chatujjera 10:30 Bhalobasa Mandobasa 11:00 Mayurakshi TumiBangla 11:30 Gaan Unitd

12:00 Jhara Samayei Uapakatha

Wild Discovery 10:30 Friday Showcase 12:30 Girl Meets Hawaii

Crocodile Hunter

1:00 Romantic Escapes Wild Discovery 1:30 Crocodile Hunter 3:30

Let's Dance & Eat 4:30 Cruises To A World Of 5:30

8:30 Friday Showcase

Par Is Dil Ko Kaise

01:00a.m. Tomorrow's World 01:30 Amazing Space

05:30 Out There

Tomorrow's World 9:30 **Amazing Space**

Chasing Time 2:30 Smooth As Silk

Ng Explorer 6:00 Ants Earthpulse Out There

Hidden Qi

11:30 Ei Shoptaho 12:00 Ekushey Headlines

12:00 ATN Bangla News

BBC WORLD World Business Report Asia Today/Asia

Asia Today/Asia

12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today Hardtalk 3:00 **BBC News**

Asia Today/World

Business Report

BBC News

HBO

Accidental Meeting 3:00 Mother, May I Sleep

STAR MOVIES 6:30 Digital Man

5:30 Diamonds Keyman, The 7:00am Kashmir Ki Kali

> 5:00 5:30 6:00 Kumar, Vyjayantimala) 6:30 7:10 7:30 8:00

> > **12:05** Aaj Ki Baat STAR WORLD 6:00am Family Ties 6:30 3rd Rock From The

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Eena Meena Deeka

Star Bestseller Vikrut

Jahan Pyaar Mile A

Hit Filmein Hit Sangee

Indiatimes Presents

Coke [v] Popstars

Khullia Sim Sim

11:30 Kahani Jurm Ki

Show

MacGyver

Ssshhh... Koi Hai

The Oprah Winfrey

Hum Saath Aath Hain

Kya Masti Kya Dhuum

Ajeeb Dastaan

Kashmakash

Mini Series

Meri Saheli

Small Wonder

Fox Kids

Aaj Ki Baat

Kalash

9:00 Ufo's The Best Evidence Ever 10:00 Angel The Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Show 12:00 Martial Law 1:00 Caroline In The City 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful

Hollywood Squares

3:00 Baywatch

Asianews Update Nash Bridges 8:00 Worlds Wildest Police

Movie: True Crime 4:30 High Action Adrenalin

6:30 6:30 Movie: True Crime

> 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30

6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal 6:30 Bhakti Bhay 7:00 7:20 7:50 8:20 8:30

1:30 2:30 Sapnon Ka Saudaga

11:30 Tum Pukar Lo 12:00 Gharana

10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Music Plus 12:00 Dialogue 12:30 Hit Pit Hit

1:30 Music Box 2:00 Jharokha

> 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Music Box

Sizzlers

8:00 Mon Niye

12:30 Chena Mukher Shar 1:00 Kono Ek Din 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche 2:00 Pratibimbo 2:15 Bengali Feature Film

Gaan Unltd

9:55 Kono Ek Din 6:30 7:00 11:00 News in Bengali 11:30 Chena Mukhachena **10:30** War Zone

12:00 Shyaola **ZEE CINEMA** 7:00 Tara Rum Jeene Do 10:30 Ladke Baap Se Badhke Upasna

> 2:00 Sesame Street 6:00 Sliders

> > Eagle 1:00 Kahani Poori Filmi Hai:

Chal Mere Bha 9:30 1:30 Parakh 4:00 Raaj Drohi

Charbusters 10:00 Music Mantra 10:30 Hum Sab Ek Hain 11:00 Choodivan Shaheen

Kkusum 1:30 Kanyadaan 2:00 Lajja

Chasing Time