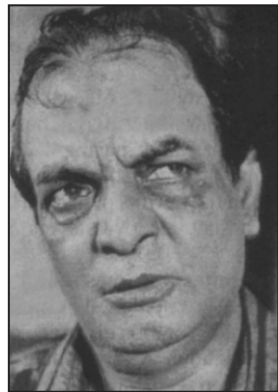


RECOMMENDATIONS



Anniversary and Book exhibition

June 30 - July 9 Birth Anniversary of renowned author Ahmad Safa is being observed by Sraban, a book outlet at Aziz Super Market in the city. A ten-day book exhibition of the writer continues at the shop.

Dhokrar Daake

July 5-12 A group sculpture exhibition goes on at the Indian High Commission cultural center at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition focuses on dhokra casting. The show is open everyday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Conference

July 5 Sammito Sangskritik Jole invites all at a conference to be held at the Mahila Samity auditorium throughout the day. Poet Shamsur Rahman inaugurates the event, which is to be graced by artist Ramendu Mazumdar. A rally at 10:00 a.m. and a cultural event at 7 p.m. are open to the general public. A councillors' meeting will be held at 12 p.m.

Workshop

July 7-12 Indian theatre trainer Devendra Raj conducts a five-day playwright workshop titled, 'Play-writing: Narrative style' and a seminar those are to be organized by Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) from July 7 to 12. The seminar is open to the audience at 5:00 p.m. on July 12 at the auditorium of Goethe Institut at Dhanmondi in the city.

Fair

A fluffy touch of colour and music

Amateur clubs jointly organise cultural and bird-watching events at a remote village of Barguna district to promote eco-consciousness

CULTURE DESK

It was a day of great joy and excitement, on June 29, for the people of a village, Aga Thakurpara, in Barguna district due to the presence of a nature loving trekkers' group from the city. The troupe, led by photographer and bird expert Enam Ul Haque, organized a bird fair at the village that included display of bird-related books and journals, a painting contest among the local school children on birds of Bangladesh, a quiz competition and a photo exhibition, that of a display of Enam's works.

The Bird Fair was held in a 2-storey storm-shelter,

the only brick-structure of Agathakurpara. The storm-shelter housed the primary school. It was decorated with banners for the Bird Fair. The Fair started at 9 AM. The class-room became open-for-all library of books and magazines on bird. The books on display were by famous authors like Salim Ali, Laeeq Futehally, Dillon Ripley, Tory Peterson, Daffila Scott, David Rosair, Hakan Delin, Marshal Cavendish, Richard Grimmett, Carol & Tim Inskipp, Bikram Grewal, Zaker Hussain, Reza Khan, Ali Imam and Sharif Khan. The journals displayed were several years' issues of Birdwatch, Birdwacher,



A young performer

Birdkeeper and Birding. Ainun Nahar guided the children find pictures and information on birds from the books and magazines.

A hall-room of the building was turned into a veritable photo-gallery. Some 25 large, framed bird-photographs by Enam Ul Haque were hung on the wall. The children sat before their chosen photographs to do their bird paintings. They were supplied with art paper, crayons and other items for their art work. The theme of that mini art camp was The Bird I Love. Renowned sculptor Ferdousi Priobhashini acted as the guide and the judge of the art

camp. The editor of Dalchoot, Mashoorul Amin Milton assisted her in conducting the event.

At an adjacent room, the students listened to Enam Ul Haque's short speech on birds, and participated in a bird-quiz competition.

Out in the open, people lined up to observe bird through telescope. For all of them, it was the first opportunity to see every detail of birds, their nests and nestling without scaring or harassing them. They were all very excited to clearly see the extraordinary breeding plumage and colors of the herons and egrets. Pilot Enamul Huq

Talukder, a friend of Enam Ul Haque, helped them conduct the observation through the telescope.

A group of Rakhain youth led by bird observer Enam Ul Haque toured the village to count the bird nests. All the nests visible from the ground were counted. The total number obtained was 1250.

The last event of the Bird Fair was recitation of poems on bird. The enthusiastic young people of the village turned it into an impromptu cultural show. Little Rakhain girls danced in their traditional dress, children rendered song and recited rhymes in Bengali and Rakhain languages. It became the most enjoyable part of the day's events. The show was rounded off through the presentation of a patriotic chorus song.

Ferdousi Priobhashini, Aungshith Mong and other elders of Agathakurpara gave away prizes and certificates to the winners and participants of the competitions.

'Yet another bird fair, the latest of a series of recently-held events, came to a satisfactory end', said a member of the organizing team. Bangladesh Bird Club and Dalchoot, a new journal for the youth, sponsored and coordinated the festive event.

Workshop

Theatrical tutelage from India

Director of a Delhi drama school to conduct a CAT workshop

CULTURE DESK



PROFESSOR Devendra Raj Ankur, who is the director of the National School of Drama (NSD) in New Delhi, comes here in Dhaka on July 6 on a weeklong tour and conducts a five-day playwright workshop titled, Play-writing: Narrative style and a seminar those are to be organized by Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) from July 7 to 12.

The workshop provides opportunity of training to a total of 25 theatre workers and students from various theatre groups of Dhaka, Jahangirnagar and Rajshahi University. Participants will receive certificates at the end of the workshop.

Professor Ankur stays present as keynote speaker at the seminar titled, 'Contemporary Indian Theatre with focus on Bharata Rang Mahotsav IV' that is being jointly organized by CAT and Goethe-Institut of Dhaka and takes place at the Goethe auditorium at 5:00 p.m. on July 13. Special guests of the seminar include eminent drama pioneers of the country like Ataur Rahman, Mamunur Rashid, Nasiruddin Yousuf and others.

Professor also visits theatre auditoriums at Bailey road and would observe management facilities in connection with an international theatre festival to be organized by NSD in Delhi, next year. He is also scheduled

to exchange views with theatre scholars, practitioners and technicians of Bangladesh. The plays to be presented before the professor include productions of Sonai Madhav by Lok Natyaya Dal, Nitya Puran by Desh Natak, Joyjoyonti by Arannayak, Rakta Korobi and Nural Diner Shara Jibon by Nagorik, Meraj Fakir-er Maa by Theatre, Banapangshul by Dhaka Theatre and The Lesson by CAT Repertory.

Professor Devendra Raj Ankur visits the Dramatics department of Jahangirnagar University on July 14 to exchange views with students and teachers of the faculty.

Brought up in an urban middle class household of Delhi, Devendra Raj Ankur, showed an inclination towards literature right from his younger days. As he mastered the intricacies of stagecraft at the National School of Drama, he also gradually began to see the limitations of the traditional proscenium theatre. If elaborate sets have to be erected or lavish costumes and props are to be used, then why not do films? But Ankur was not interested in films because he loved live audience. Moreover, being a great lover of literature, he wanted to present his favourite stories without dramatising them or adapting them for stage. After spending many sleepless nights, inspiration finally struck him, and a new style was born which he chooses to call Story Theatre. 1

Ankur has performed and conducted workshops extensively in India, and all over the world in countries as diverse as Japan, China, the former Soviet Union, Denmark, Hong Kong and Sri Lanka. And the amazing fact is that he took stories from these countries, took their local actors, and performed in their local language.

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