

Syed Ali Ahsan (1919-2002)

My East Bengal, is like a wondrous cool river

What an amazingly cool river is my East Bengal
How quiet and again how gay
In sudden overflowing abandon.

Things are queer 1973

DUAN MICHAL



...and you thought you knew everything???

FICTION

Seventeen Hawks and a White Horse

Raihan Raean is one of the promising young writers of Bangla short stories. With him we dive into the pool of our cultural memory, we listen to the story that is our history.

AFTER seven long years when Nazim Fakir's white horse returns to Jhaochar one full-moon night, we see Nazim Fakir's white horse at the south part of the neighbourhood tied to its usual post of the date tree in which clay pots are hung for juice collection.

hairy wigs in one of the hot summer days of Baishakh or Jaishitha leading the fearsome looking troop of sick fighters. These men from Ektala, Shukdevpur and Jhaochar head towards the Rishbari.

party perhaps. Inside the palki, there are the mother and her newborn, born in its granny's house. They are now returning to their house at Jhaochar. A band of snake charmers come with their baskets, water gypsies come with their merchandise, and the bird-hunters come with their catapults, and also come the bedlam.

POETRY

From Kirtinasha

MOHAMMAD RAFIQ

(47) an arching ashshaora leans over a canal why does it lean so does it know? a vine hangs down binding branch to branch why does it hang so does it know?

Translated by Carolyn Brown

in history THIS WEEK

- July 27 1824: Alexandre Dumas, fils (La Dame aux Camélias), is born in Paris. 1862: In Sury-en-Vaux, France, English writer and editor Richard Aldington dies.