

RECOMMENDATIONS



Anniversary

July 27
A reputed musician of the 60s, Ustad Nasiruddin Haider passed away on this day last year whose first death anniversary will be observed by Bangladesh Sangeet Parishad, Bangladesh Geetikabi Sangsad in Dhaka and by Nasir Haider Smriti Sangsad in Khulna, through separate programs and distribution of free food to the destitute.

Fine arts exhibition

July 20-Aug 4
Renowned sculptor Rasa and his younger brother, Rajeeb Siddiky, a rising artist, hold a joint display of their creations of painting and sculpture at the 2nd floor gallery of National Museum in the city. The exhibition remains open to all everyday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kazi Ananta's solo painting

July 22-28
Young artist Kazi Ananta holds his maiden art exhibition at the art gallery of the cultural center of the High Commission of India at Satmasjid road in the city. The exhibition remains open everyday from 3 to 8 p.m.

Print exhibition

July 19-28
Gallery 21 at Dhanmondi in the city presents a solo print exhibition of artist A. Rahman that continues daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Professor Mahmudul Haque inaugurates the exhibition and Nahas Ahmed Khalil stays present as special guest.

Children's painting

July 22-August 8
Entitled Wasserwellen (Water world), an exhibition of paintings done by children from the schools of 'Shilpi Sultan Pathshala' and 'Surovi' of Dhaka, takes place at Goethe Institut in the city from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. everyday except on Fridays and general holidays.

CD launchi

'Tonatuni' takes-off clean

'Tonatuni', an audio visual production house, releases eight new CD albums, of songs and rhymes at a grand ceremony in the city

AZIZ AMIRUL

It was an extraordinary festive event that took place at the lobby of Hotel Purbani in the city on July 24. A few hundred guests attended a launching ceremony of compact disk musical albums, arranged by 'Tonatuni Productions', a leading musical cassettes and CD recording and promotion company.

Mahbubur Rahman Joyal, Mujibur Rahman Dilu and Anisur Rahman Tanu, the three business partners of 'Tonatuni' delivered speeches before an audience who took seats upon a raised oval-shaped platform that surrounded the event in the middle. 'The activities of Tonatuni' in creation and promotion of cassettes,

CDs and 2-d & 3-d animation is a unique project in Bangladesh and we have so far, launched 21 productions', said Mujibur Rahman Dilu. 'Tonatuni, since its establishment during the mid-80s, has been trying to influence the cultural trends of the country through some sophisticated and educational projects like the one with publishing of books and cassettes / CDs for children', he added.

An eye-catching and sophisticated embellishment provided the compact setting of an appearance of subtle composure that seemed to be in perfect match for the purpose of the event.

Kaderi Kibria, a renowned Tagore songs' exponent rendered a number from a new album that was

one of the eight in a series, and these were unwrapped by distinguished guests like Professor Anisuzzaman, artist Mustafa Monwar, singers Kalim Sharafi, Mahbuba Rahman, Syed Abdul Hadi and from India, renowned performing personality like Mamata Shankar. 'I thank 'Tonatuni' for their efforts in promoting new and veteran artists, and feel that they are carrying out some noble activities for the welfare of the society, for the betterment of the cultural arena', said the Indian artist who recalled the performance of 'Tonatuni' in Kolkata during the recent past.

Shuvro Dev, a reputed singer of the country, had his solo album 'Sharthopor' launched and a musical video of a song from the album was screened on giant screen at the venue.

'Jonmo amar dhonyo holo', an album of patriotic songs rendered in group by Subir Nandi, Rafiqul Alam, Abida Sultana, Shampa Reza, Anima, Shumi and Kanak Champa was too, among the newly released audios that was supported with another album that of instrumental music, under the same title, 'Jonmo amar dhonyo holo'.

Eminent danseuse Nipa and her troupe presented a captivating dance number as the patriotic song 'Jonmo amar dhonyo holo' was played in background. Aided by some excellent choreography, young girls danced nearby, at the back, and the dance came to a surprisingly pleasant end as the large group of dancers pulled down and unwrapped a huge piece of cloth that revealed one of the largest national flags of Bangladesh.

Rumana Islam, daughter of music composer late Khan Ataur Rahman, witnessed the launching of her solo album titled, 'Jodi aar dekha nai hoy'. Her mother, Mahbuba Rahman, who was a former singer of great renown, accompanied Rumana on the floor and removed the cover of the disk.

'Purono shei din-er kotha', a compilation of Tagore songs in compact disk, sung by artist Shahida Runa, received a fine kick-off, too, at the ceremony.

Flutist Maniruzzaman's contributions in his solo album 'Samakal' received a boost at the very beginning as Tonatuni helped him launch



A performer in fancy costume

the item through their ceremony at the hotel.

As the formalities of the launching were nearing end, Ishita, a child artist-turned-young celebrity, appeared with her latest album 'Alibaba O challoi chor'. Anjan, a young member of the 'Tonatuni' family helped Ishita unwrap her CD album of multi-dimension that was dedicated in the name of late Shawon Rahman, a son of Tonatuni's Chairperson Mahbubur Rahman Joyal. Shawon had died a few years back. 'Shawon has left his world but he remains alive among us forever through some wonderful efforts of Tonatuni Productions for amusement and entertainment of children', said Shampa Reza, a noted cultural personality who was the hostess of the ceremony.

Nipa and Shiblee Mohammad, two of the best dance exponents of Bangladesh, presented a duet that reflected passion and agony of two love-sick young persons.

The spectacular evening came to an end as several child artists, masked and attired in animal and bird costumes, danced and sang rhyme and recited in verse the well-known fairy tale of 'tona' and 'tuni' and the related incidents of eating 'pitha'.

Tribute

Adieu to a grand scholar

Nation loses an academic gem as Professor Syed Ali Ahsan, a leading intellectual passes away at his city residence

CULTURE DESK

PROFESSOR Syed Ali Ahsan, who was a national professor since 1989, passed away in the early hours of July 25 only to create a deep sense of emptiness in the country's literary and academic sphere.

The octogenarian scholar, till the last days of his long, meritorious life, was regarded as one of the best literary critics, authors, poets and a teacher of Bangladesh. During the struggling periods of late 60s and early 70s and during the War of Liberation, Professor Ali Ahsan left the comfort of his home and joined the greater mass to free the country from the clutches of the alien forces. He fought as a freedom fighter just at a time when he was serving in the post of the Chairman of the Bangla Department in the University of Chittagong.

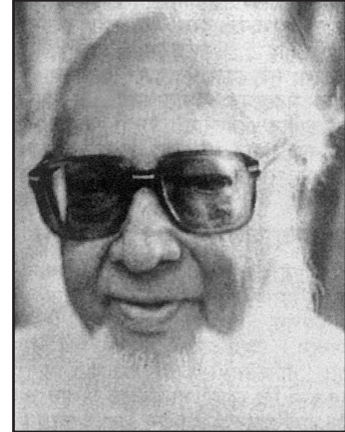
In his professional career, the professor demonstrated a strong will of leadership and motivation, hence, took charge of a number of challenging positions in various universities and institutions of the country.

Syed Ali Ahsan was appointed Vice Chancellor of the Jahangirnagar University during the 70s and later on was designated to the same post at the Rajshahi University.

He was made Advisor for Education during the government of late President Ziaur Rahman in 1977 and became Chairman of the Bangladesh University Grants Commission in 1991.

During the pre-liberation period, Professor Ahsan served as a professor in Karachi University also. Throughout the early and mid-60s he handled part of the administration of Bangla Academy as a director. Professor Ahsan was, in the recent years, appointed as Vice Chancellor of Darul Uloom Haqqania in the country.

Professor Ali Ahsan was a great connoisseur of European literary works and had the opportunity of carrying out important research-based activities specially, with French literature, apart from Islamic



The late intellectual

literary subjects.

He had the distinction of receiving the Bangla Academy Award in 1983 and an Independence Day Award in 1987. Earlier this year in February, prior to the observance of the immortal Ekushey, Professor Ali Ahsan along with Dr. Mohammad Shahidullah, in posthumous status, was honoured with a special award for their rich contribution in the fields

literature since my teens and firmly believe that the rich linguistic vocabulary of Bangla has its own dimensions and has a specialty among all other languages and literatures across the globe', said the late personality at a recent interview with a local television channel.

A pall of gloom spread across the hall at Kabi Bhaban of Nazrul Academy at Dhanmondi in the city on Thursday evening as a large group of litterateurs and scholars arrived at the venue to attend a pre-arranged cultural ceremony, in a saddened mood, at the sudden demise of Professor Syed Ali Ahsan. Begum Selima Rahman, who was the chief guest of the ceremony, expressed her profound shock and sorrow at the expiry and lauded with great respect some important roles that were played by the late intellectual throughout his life. 'With the sad demise of Professor Syed Ali Ahsan the nation has lost a brilliant son who worked relentlessly for the welfare of education and literature'.

Professor Syed Ali Ahsan translated the national anthem of Bangladesh into English, a song

My Bengal of gold, I love you
Forever your skies, your air set my heart in tune
As if it were a flute,
In Spring, Oh mother mine, the fragrance from
Your mango-groves make me wild with joy
Ah, what a thrill!
In Autumn, Oh mother mine,
In the full-blossomed paddy fields,
I have seen spread all over - sweet smiles!
Ah, what a beauty, what shades, what an affection
and what a tenderness!
What a quilt have you spread at the feet of
banyan trees and along the banks of rivers!
Oh mother mine, words from your lips are like
Nectar to my ears!
Ah, what a thrill!
If sadness, Oh mother mine, casts a gloom on your face,
my eyes are filled with tears!

(English translation of the National Anthem of Bangladesh, 'Amar sonar Bangla' by late Professor Syed Ali Ahsan)

of Bangla language and literature, that was originally written by noble laureate Rabindranath Tagore. Ministry of Education.

'I relish the greatness of Bangla

TV GUIDE

BTV

12:00 Opening
12:10 News headline
12:15 Patriotic songs
12:20 Selected programs
2:20 Health program
2:40 Dance
3:00 News headline
3:10 English debate
4:00 News
4:15 Obhinoayer paatt
4:30 Ajkershongbadpotery
4:35 Nibedon
5:00 News headline
5:05 Sukhi paribar
5:30 Amari Bangla bhasha
6:00 News
6:10 Sandhya Malati
6:35 Chittagong BTV
7:00 News headline
7:05 Icccha puron
7:30 Prothom Bangladesh
8:00 News
8:30 Magazine
9:00 News headline
9:30 Bangla Mukh
10:00 News at ten
10:25 Samakalin Arthaniti
10:30 Songs
11:30 News
11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY TV

12:00 Ekushey Midday
12:05 Ajker Potrikay
12:20 Mukto Khobor
12:50 Bolte Chai
1:00 Ekushey Headlines
1:05 Bolte Chai
1:20 Classic Cartoons
2:00 Toyota World of Wildlife
2:30 Ei Shoptabo
2:30 Ekushey Headlines
2:30 Ei Shoptabo
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Jatra Pala
5:30 Gillette World Special
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Cartoon: Robinson Succoro
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Shoptabo Ghura
7:30 Ekushey News
8:00 Ekushey News (English)
8:15 Serial: Alif Laila
9:00 Pop Show
9:30 Drama serial: Neel Towale
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Ekushey Business
11:00 Ekushey Late Night Shongbad

ATN

5:30 Islamic prog:
7:00 Children: Cholo Gan Gai
7:35 Viewers opinion prog.: Motamot
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Mage serial: Mohine
9:00 Film Songs prog: Music Time
9:35 Magazine prog: Tashery Nibedon
10:10 Drama serial: Abashese
10:50 Musical Prog: Star Search
10:50 Bengali feature film: Bazigor
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Children prog.: Shapla Saluk
6:45 Viewers request firm songs prog.: Anurodher Assor
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Special prog.: Unnoyon Songlap
8:10 Reporting prog. Ghotona Probaha
8:45 Special musical prog.: Surer Chaya
9:20 Drama Serial: Amar Antore Tume
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Drama serial: Patal Purer Golpo
11:15 Bengali feature film: Ramer Sumute
11:30 ATN Bangla News

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News
6:30 World Business Report
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
9:00 BBC News
9:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
10:00 BBC News
10:30 Talking Movies
11:00 BBC News
11:30 Simpsons World
12:00 BBC News
12:30 Click Online

HBO

Forbidden Sins
8:00 In God's Hands
10:00 Shout
11:45 Stuart Little
1:30 Contaminated Man
3:30 Demolition Man
5:45 The Darkling
7:30 Jaws
10:00 Snow Falling on Cedars
12:30 Crocodile
2:30 Attack Force Z
4:30 Jaws

STAR MOVIES

7:15 Working Girl
9:00 Panic
10:30 Vertical Ray of The Sun
12:30 Only You
2:15 The World is Not Enough
4:30 Matck Sea
5:00 Unbreakable
7:00 Diabolique
8:45 Renegades
10:30 Working Girl
12:15 Ive Been Waiting for You

STAR PLUS

7:30 Chupa Rustam
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmsein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids
10:10 Hit Geet
10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:30 Gurukul
11:30 Chakti Ka Naam
Antakshiri
Deeka
12:30 Tu Tu Main Main
1:30 Gharwali UParwali
2:00 Hit Fitmein Hit Sangeet
2:30 BBC News
3:00 Kundali
3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Bandhan Kachecha Dhaagon Ka (Shashi Kapoor, Zeenat Aman)
6:30 Fox Kids
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
7:30 Bol Baby Bol
8:00 Yarta
8:30 Star Superhit: Jung (Sanjay Dutt, Shilpa Shetty)
10:30 Travel Asia
11:30 Aaj Ki Baat

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. Diabolique. The wife and mistress of a cruel master collaborate in a carefully planned and executed attempt to murder him. The plan goes well until the body, which has been strategically dumped, disappears. The strain starts to tell on the two women as a retired police investigator who is looking into the disappearance on a whim begins to think that they know more than they are telling.

AXN: 9:30 p.m. The Next Karate Kid. During a commemoration for Japanese soldiers fighting in the US Army during World War II Mr. Miyagi meets the widow of his commanding officer. He gets to know her granddaughter Julie, an angry teenager. She is full of pain about the death of her parents during an accident and has lots of problems with her grandmother and her fellow pupils. So Mr. Miyagi decides to teach her Karate to bring her back on the right way.

STAR GOLD

7:00am Geet Bahar
8:00 Krishna Bhakt Sudaama
(Biswajit, Bharat Bhooshan, Seema)
11:00 Bollywood Beats (Ajay Devgan, Twinkle Khanna)
12:00 Star News Hindi
3:00 Saturday: Itihaas
3:30 Saturday: Itihaas
7:00 Bollywood Beats
7:30 Saturday Special: Dream Girls
Special: Jagnu (Dharmendra, Hema Malini)
11:30 New Wave Cinema: Massey Sahib (Raghuvir Yadav)

STAR WORLD

7:00 Futurama
7:30 3rd Rock From the Sun
8:00 The Bold & The Beautiful
10:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
10:30 Travel Asia
11:00 Fox Kids

PICK OF THE DAY

Snow Falling on Cedars
On HBO at 10:00 p.m.
Carl, a fisherman in the waters off Washington state, has been found dead, drowned in own nets, but with a serious head wound. Was he murdered? Post-war anti-Japanese sentiments are still running high, and the local Japanese community provides a murder suspect in the form of Kazuo, another fisherman, who had a grudge against Carl's family.

CHANNEL [V]

8:00 [V] Back To Back
8:30 [V] Best of Jumpstart
9:30 [V] Saturday Stack
10:00 [V] Back To Back
10:30 [V] Saturday Stack
11:00 [V] Back To Back
11:30 [V] Saturday Stack
12:30 [V] Saturday Stack
1:00 [V] Ticket
1:30 [V] Jammin
2:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
2:30 [V] Saturday Stack
3:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
3:30 [V] Back To Back
4:00 [V] Saturday Stack
4:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
5:00 Saturday Stack
5:30 Weekend Spl
6:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
7:00 [V] Back To Back
7:30 [V] Saturday Stack
8:00 [V] Karaoke
8:30 Billboard US Countdown
9:30 [V] Ticket
10:30 [V] Club
11:30 [V] Weekends

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

6:30 Toyota World of wildlife

HALLMARK

6:00 The Great Mom Swap
8:00 Katts and Dog
8:30 Ghostwriter
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Scholastic Clifford
10:30 Caillou
11:00 The Other Side of Love
1:00 Journey
3:00 Taking a Chance on Love
5:00 Star Trek : Voyager
6:00 Mcleod's Daughters
7:00 Zelly and Me
9:00 Star Trek : Voyager
10:00 Cadfael : A Morbid Taste Bones

Zee TV

6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:20 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym
8:00 Tara Rum
8:30 Ramayan
9:00 Nick on Zee
9:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Hudd Kar Di
11:30 Zee & You
12:00 World Close Up
Antakshari
12:30 Khana Khazana
1:00 Jai Santoshi Ma
1:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa
3:00 Safari
6:30 Nick On Zee
7:00 Nick on Zee
8:00 Nilaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom
8:30 Shikari
11:30 Weekend Cinema

ZEE NEWS

6:00 News RPT
6:30 Bulletin
7:00 RPT
10:00 Bulletin
12:00 RPT
12:30 Bulletin
1:00 RPT
1:30 Beyond Headlines
2:00 Bulletin
2:57 Manoranjan
3:00 Bulletin
4:00 RPT
4:30 Bulletin
4:57 Manoranjan

ZEE CINEMA

7:30 Jai Mahalakshmi Ma
10:30 AB Aayega Maza (Farooq Sheikh, Anita Raj)
1:30 Pushpak (Kamal Haasan, Amla)
6:00 Jaanbaaz (Anil Kapoor, Dimple Kapadia)
10:00 Mard Ki Zuban (Dharmendra, Kimi Katkar)

Zee MGM

6:30 Doctor At Sea
9:00 Pyrates
11:30 Doctor in Clover
2:00 Stitches
4:30 Number One Fan
7:00 Buy & Cell
9:30 Malone (Burt Reynolds)

Zee English

6:00 Benny Hill Shoe
7:30 Capitol
8:30 Mowgli
9:00 Heartbreak High
9:30 Benny Hill Shoe
10:00 Mini Series: Nothing Lasts Forever
10:00 Charlie Chaplin
10:30 Police Acade
11:30 Touched by an Angel
12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
1:30 Er
1:30 Benny Hill Show
2:00 Mowgli
2:30 Movie Stars
3:00 Black Scorpion
4:00 Charlie Chaplin
4:30 Touched by an Angel
5:00 Mad About YOU
5:30 Heartbreak High
6:30 Over The Edge
7:00 Living Single
7:30 Friends 8
8:00 Mowgli
8:30 Mini Series: Nothing Lasts Forever
9:30 Police Academy
10:30 Over The Edge
11:00 For Your Love
11:30 Gregory Mines Show
12:00 Jesse