

RECOMMENDATIONS

Retrospective

February 16-18 Dhaka University Film Society has organised a 3-day Roman Polanski Retrospective at the Goethe Institut Dhaka.

February 17 3:00 pm Repulsion 5:45 pm Tess

February 18 3:00 pm Bitter Moon 5:45 pm Chinatown

Exhibition

February 8-20 A solo photography exhibition by renowned portrait photographer Nasir Ali Mamun is going on at the Goethe-Institut. The exhibition will remain open till February 20, from 2pm to 8pm. Venue: House 10, Road 9(new) Dhanmondi R/A.

February 11-24 A painting exhibition by Russian artist Natalia Brazhnikova is going on at the Russian Cultural Centre. The display will be open for all till February 24, 11:00 am to 7:30 pm.

February 16-March 1 The Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts holds a solo exhibition of Monsur ul Karim. Dietrich Andreas, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany inaugurated the exhibition. Artist Qayyum Chowdhury was the special guest. Venue: 275/F Rd. 27, Dhanmondi, Dhaka

February 18-28 Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will hold a solo painting exhibition by Ryu, Kwang-il from the Republic of Korea, starting from February 18 at 3:30 pm at the National Art Gallery of the academy. The display will remain open for all from 11 am to 7 pm on weekdays and 3 pm to 7 pm on Friday.

Painting and recitation competition

February 21 A painting and recitation competition for children dedicated to the International Mother Language Day will be held at the Russian Cultural Centre at 10 am.

Cultural Programme

February 21 Podatik Natya Shangshad has arranged a day long cultural programme on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day at the Bakul Tala of the Institute of Fine Arts, DU. Starting from 10 am, the programme will be inaugurated by artist Imdad Hossain. Artists from west Bengal and Tripura will also participate.

Tagore Songs

February 19 Cultural organisation Baitalik has arranged a musical evening with Tagore songs at the National Museum auditorium at 6 pm.

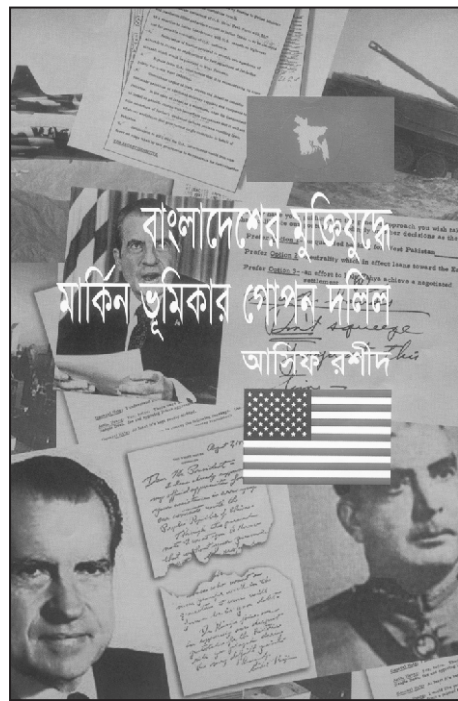
Fair

Ekushey Book Fair in full flare New arrivals attract visitors despite irregularities

HARUN UR RASHID

THE last hour at the Ekushey Book Fair is always busier with the visitors' last-moment spree of visiting stalls and buying books. Although the official closing time of the fair is 8 pm, a large part of the visitors do not seem to be willing to leave the site until the last stall closes.

February 15 evening seemed even busier. For, the much longed-for Humayun Ahmed novel on

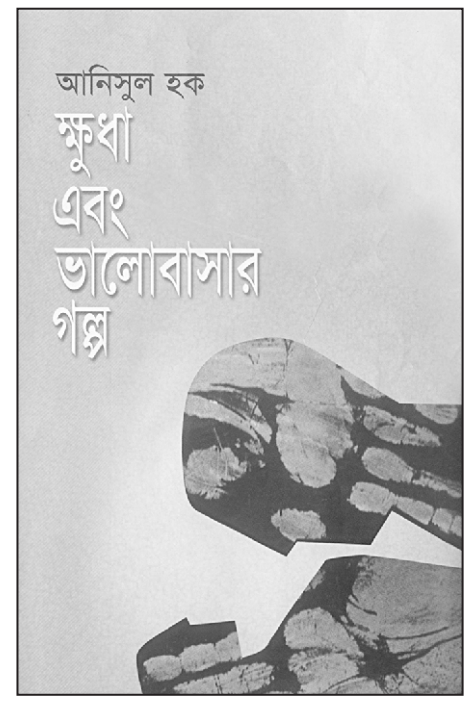


the Liberation War Jochhna O Jananeer Golpa (Tale of the Moonlight and the Mother) arrived at the fair on that day. And people crowded at the huge mansion-like stall of Annya Prokash in order

to buy or, at least, have a glance of the book. Mazharul Islam of the house informed that the sales of the novel was excellent on the first day--about a thousand copies have sold despite the fact that the book is a huge one and the price is also higher than that of a usual Humayun Ahmed book.

The ninth day of the fair marked the arrival of a few more new titles from different publishing houses.

Regarding the participation of visitors at the



fair, everyone seemed very positive. 'People are coming in large numbers and everyday the number is getting better', said Farid Ahmed, the publisher of Somoy Prokashan. 'People are always

very curious about the new books.' Farid, however, expressed his dissatisfaction regarding the participation of many sales-oriented houses at the fair. 'Ekushey Book Fair is mainly meant for the publishers, authors and the readers. It is a congregation of the publishing houses with all their new titles. But the participation of selling concerns has somewhat impinged on this aspect of the fair', Farid said.

Asked why do the publishing houses then sell books to these small selling companies, Farid said, 'Since they have the registration from the Bangla Academy, we the publishers do not have alternatives to supply books to them. But, the main spirit of the fair is certainly not selling of books: the whole year is there for that purpose!'

The Ekushey Book Fair is always a rendezvous for the writers and the readers. Eminent authors like poet Nirmalendu Goon, Syed Shamsul Haque, Imdadul Haque Milon, Nasrin Jahan, Anisul Haque, Pranab Bhatta and many others came to the fair on February 15. There is, in fact, a place named 'Lekhak Kunja' at the Nazrul Mancha under the Banyan tree at the fair premises. No writers, however, were seen there--they all gathered at the stalls of their publishing houses. Lekhak Kunja was rather crowded with lots of visitors.

Another curious aspect seemed worth noticing on the February 15 evening. Announcements for the participating concerns regarding the rule of not to bring any foreign books at the fair were made on loud speakers. And that obviously means that some of the stalls were selling pirated and foreign books while it is absolutely prohibited at the Ekushey Book Fair.

What seemed another big irony of this year's fair is that the Bangladesh Shishu Academy does not have any new publications this year, although the stall bears a long banner thanking the Prime Minister for 'declaring the year 2004 as the Children's Book Year.'

Celebratic

Dances, songs, dramas harmonised at Shaheed Minar

AFSAR AHMED

BASANTA has already stepped into our city life. The city dwellers celebrated the 'Pahela Falgun' as well as 'Valentine's Day' enthusiastically. The eagerness of the crowd had been seen on the third day of the Falgun at the Central Shaheed Minar premises where Shammilto Shangkritik Jote (SSJ) continued their 12-day long cultural programmes paying homage to the martyrs of the Language Movement.

The session started with some notable patriotic songs and popular tunes related to 'Ekushey'. 'Awami Shilpi Goshthi' and 'Nibedan' presented the chorus songs. Among the solo presentations, Mahmud Selim, Nur Taj Parveen, Bana Rani Haldar, Sheuli Ahmed, Mirazul Islam and Asad Babu pleased the crowd with their delightful performance. 'Bangla hamaar maayer bhasha (Bangla is my mother tongue...)' a folk piece in the dialect of Rangpur performed by Asad Babu had great appeal.

When darkness spread out in the sky 'Spandan' took the stage with their outstanding dance presentation performed by the group's

artistes. 'Muktadhara' and 'Muktabaak' carried out the group recitation. 'Bangla Bhashar Galpa' was the splendid presentation by 'Muktabaak', composed with the famous poems of Shamsur Rahman, Abdul Aziz, Abul Hasem, Anjeer Liton and others. Shanta Srabony, Rezina Wali, Enamul Haq, Bhashor Chakaravarty were some of the artistes who did excellent solo recitation.

The main attractions of the evening were the two patha natak (street drama) by the group 'Banga Ranga' and 'Mahakal Nattya Sampradaya'.

'Banga Ranga' promoted their first ever play 'Shadaye Kaloye' written and directed by Sajedur Rahman. The whole play exemplified the discrimination at every step in the current world scenario. 'One side of the pragmatism is white that is true and beautiful, while the other side is black that is fallacious and dark. And thus the play revealed the unwanted truth of discrimination. 'Strong and crystal clear human bond is needed to save the world' was the theme of the play. Mainul Islam, Sajedur Rahman, Asif Munir, Mostafa Sharif, Golam Mokaddes and other group members acted in the play. 'Mahakal Nattya

Sampradaya' then came with their play 'Bhoionkor Padashabda' written and directed by Shafiqul Islam. The theme was taken from the eminent poet Shamsur Rahman's poem. The drama was based on the recent incidents like minority torture in Baashkhal, leakage of question papers, price hike etc. Mosharof Hossain, Md. Rakibuzzaman, Kazi Tipu, Iqbal Choudhury, Sadiqur Rahman and Salahuddin were some of the artistes who acted in the drama.

'We have to keep 'Ekushey' in mind to build a prosperous secular country' said the speakers in the inauguration function of the 7-day long cultural programmes by Shammilto Shangkritik Jote at 'Rabindra Sarovar Open Theatre', Dhanmondi. The programme was inaugurated by eminent professor and activist Dr. Rafiqul Islam. It started with the National Anthem and Ekushey song. The whole programme was presided over by Nasiruddin Yousuf, president of the SSJ. Writer and publisher Mafidul Haq, Liakat Ali Lucky, general secretary of Group Theatre Federation, Golam Kuddus, general secretary of the SSJ, Hasan Arif and Mizanur Rahman were the other speakers.

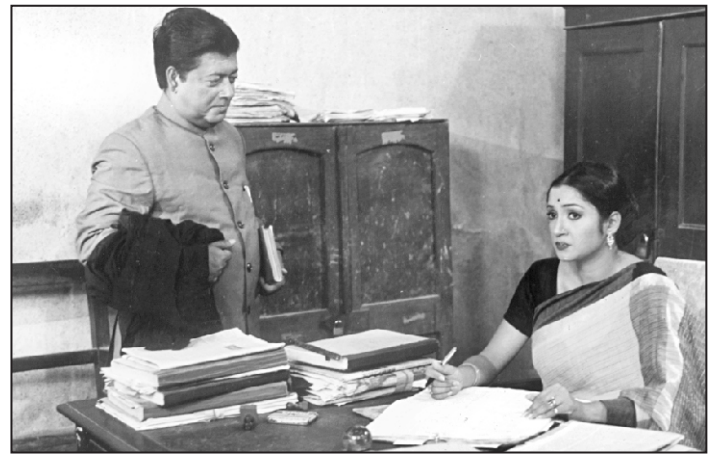
Channel cli

New serial Abasheshe Propat on ntv

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Ntv is going to telecast a new 19-episode drama serial titled Abasheshe Propat based on a novel by Shahkat Ali. Adapted by Sadat Hashmi and directed by Faez Zahir, the serial will be telecast every Monday and Tuesday at 9:50 pm, starting from February 17. The stars of this serial are Azad Abul Kalam, Tania Ahmed, Shilpi Sarkar Apu, Rowshan Ara Hossain, Shahidul Alam Sachchu, Mamunur Rashid and others.

Synopsis: It was back in 1962, political activist Anis gets arrested in the mass upsurge against the military rule of Ayub Khan. Once out of jail, he finds out that everything has changed during five years that he was in jail. The people, society, politics, his family, even his beloved Reena has changed. He becomes



Mamunur Rashid and Tania Ahmed in a scene from Abasheshe Propat

frustrated as he cannot cope with the change. He dreams of a new world, when everybody else is after riches and fame.

Screen ventu

Jassi: a new makeover

AMONG the eminently forgettable, dolled-up beauties on TV, Jassi in Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin on Sony TV stands out because of her Plain Jane looks and believable persona. And now that she's all set for a makeover, will Jassi's turning into a beautiful swan boost the show's rating?

"Her strong character is her uniqueness. If she loses her persona, she'll become just a cliched television character," says model-empire Manpreet Brar.

TV addict and choreographer Aparna Behl feels it will be interesting to see Armaan's reaction to her new look. "But if Jassi has to go for a makeover, it should happen only



when the serial is being wrapped up," says Behl. Adman Suhel Seth feels everyone aspires to look better and Jassi shouldn't be an exception. "After all, that's why we all love Aishwarya Rai, don't we?" he quips.

Fashion designer Rina Dhaka says Mona Singh, the actress who plays Jassi in the soap, will lose her steam if she gets a new improved look. "Jassi as a character is a phenomenon because we can relate to her a girl next door sporting braces. False eyelashes and lip liners would make her just another soap heroine," she concludes.

Source: Internet

Fashion expressi

Roopmadhuri A quest for beauty on ATN Bangla

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

INFLUENCED by global changes of fashion and beauty care in lifestyles for the feminine world, Roopmadhuri an Entertainment Mega TV serial, will help Bangladeshi women to view and learn modern and updated concepts

of trends and vogue. The Tristar Media weekly production will be televised in 52 episodes on ATN Bangla, Friday at 7:40pm. Breaking all norms of TV serials, depicting Bengali women, Roopmadhuri brings about an urge to re-live in today's world of beauty and fashion and experience modern



trend sets. Beauty is never complete without sound health and the programme gives every beauty conscious person a guidance to healthy living. The episodes of the programme are all blended into different sections like Roopmadhuri fashion, Roopmadhuri fashion jewelry, Roopmadhuri beauty make-up, Roopmadhuri hair style,

Roopmadhuri health and fitness and Roopmadhuri photo session. The programme's aspiration is to gain acceptance of the female audience searching for TV entertainment related to beauty care and lifestyle and keep up with the new trends among the beauty conscious women of our Bengali society.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in

News Bulletin

BTV News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:40 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:10 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm. News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i Breakfast News 07:15 am, 9:00am News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am. Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 09 a.m, 10:00 a.m, 11:00 a.m, 1pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:00 pm. n tv News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:02 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:45 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm. TARA BANGLA News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm. BBC World Every hour on the hour

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS PICK OF THE DAY Crazy/Beautiful On Star Movies at 9:00 pm Genre: Drama/Romance Kirsten Dunst, Jay Hernandez, Bruce Davison Two Los Angeles high school students from opposite ends of the social spectrum fall for each other in this provocative and sexy teen drama. Nicole Oakley, the troubled daughter of a wealthy congressman, attends public school in the upscale community of Pacific Palisades.

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