

RECOMMENDATIONS

Commemorating meeting on Kabial Ramesh Shil
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: The second floor of National Art Gallery of the academy
Discussant: Dr Ashraf Siddiqui
Time: June 23, at 6:00 pm
Followed by folk song rendition by eminent artistes.
Painting Exhibition



Artist: Monirul Islam
Venue: Shilpangan, Road 5, House 25, Dhanmondi
Time: June 11-25, from 10 am to 9 pm

Photography Exhibition
Title: Image Construction
Artist: Nahid-Ul-Islam
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: June 07-28, from 9 am to 12 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm

Musical Soiree
Organiser: Alliance Francaise
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
June 23
Performers: Shama Rahman and artistes of Shanchari Sangeet Shangstha
Time: 6:00 pm

Where earth meets sky!
Shakil awe-stricken by the Himalayas

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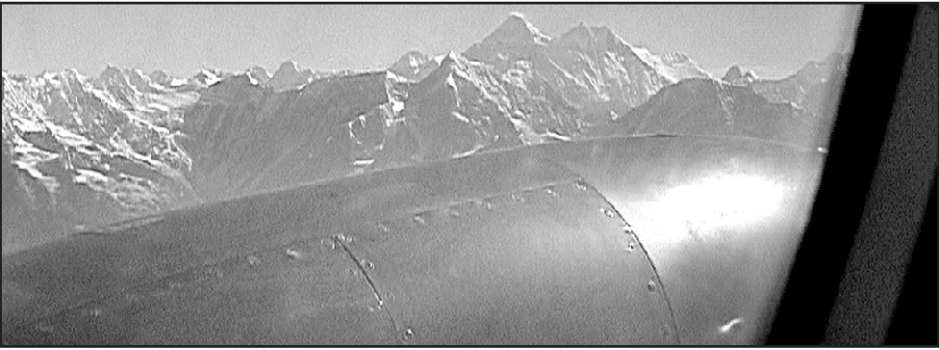
Only an awe-stricken silence can match the experience of going on a mountain flight to encounter the highest mountain peaks of the world. Even, while the Everest loomed in front of my eyes, it remained an enigma, the highest spot on earth,' exclaims Shahriar Shakil, the anchor of the first ever Bangladeshi overseas travel show--RC Travel On. After the successful ventures in Malaysia and Darjeeling, Shakil will offer us a panoramic view of the Himalayas on his Himalayan Special episodes, which begin today.

The snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas observed by Shakil during his Buddha Air flight is captured in video footages. 'As the aircraft lifted up and headed towards the east, passengers did not have to wait too long to find out what was in store for them,' says Shakil. Gosaithan, Dorje Lakpa, Phurbi-Ghyachu, Choba-Bharnare, Gauri Shanker, Melungtse, Cho-Oyu, Gyachung Kang, Nuptse, Everest, Annapurna, Dhaulagiri and all other peaks



Shahriar Shakil, the creator of the show RC Travel On

appeared before them in turn. While the Himalayas make up Nepal's northern region, the southern lowland, known as the Terai, is covered with dense tropical



A panoramic view of the Himalayas from the window of an aircraft

jungles teeming with diverse wildlife and exotic birds. These features make Nepal one of the most exciting safari destinations in the world. Especially noteworthy are Shakil's vivid experience in the Royal Chitwan National Park and Baghmara Wildlife Sanctuary with elephant rides into deep jungle or thrilling canoe rides on the Budi Rapti and Young Rapti rivers with thousands of crocodiles.

Says Shakil, 'The footage includes rare glimpses of the endangered one-horned rhino, hundreds of deer, footprints of the Royal Bengal Tiger and many more. Indeed, it was a great opportunity for us to get permission to shoot in the forest which is not allowed for all.'

Nepal has earned a reputation as one of the best destinations in the world for white water rafting. 'Rivers are graded on a scale of one to six, with rating one being similar to a swimming pool while rating six is a one-way ticket to hell,' says Shakil. The Trisuli River (graded 3+) is one of the most popular. 'Trishuli's thundering water, coming from the glaciers of the mighty Himalayan range, provides unmatched thrills of immersing across the landscape while rafting,' informs Shakil. 'Just imagine, you were told before a ride that anything might happen. What would your plight be?' he questions hinting at the adrenaline thrill of a raft-ride through these torrential waves. Recalling how the boat was once on the verge of sinking, he adds that he came out safely with the help of Captain Lama of the rafting group and the friends from Russia, Argentina and England.

'Situated amidst pine forests and tea gardens, Sarangkot lures tourists who come to see the gorgeous natural show of the Himalayan sunrise and sunset. But the main attraction, of course, is the magnificent view of the Mount Everest, the highest peak on earth, soaring up into the sky. Even the glimpse of the Pokhara valley and Phewa Lake was awesome,' says Shakil.

During this journey Shakil always wore Nepalese embroidered T-shirts with the logo 'Travel On'.

The programme, regularly telecast on Channel-i every Wednesday at 7.55pm, is made under the banner of Alpha-i Media Productions Ltd and sponsored by RC Cola. 'Even the sponsors are so pleased with the show that they are willing to sponsor another 26 episodes,' says Shakil.

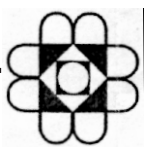
After his successful Malaysian show he now plans to work in a project for the Malaysian Tourism Board. A fourth year student of Economics in Dhaka University, Shakil has other exciting plans too. He is working on another project named Discover Bangladesh that will project Bangladesh's cultural heritage. Likewise, the upcoming programme Colours of Culture will keep Bangladeshi viewers abreast with the essence of world culture.

'The Everest inspires in me the grace of great dreams, the strength to overcome fears and sometimes triumph following the most desperate of outlooks,' concludes Shakil.



Dhaka Drama Festival 2004

Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation
(June 17-July 23)



REVIEW

Aranya Janaranya

From the mosquito menace to globalisation

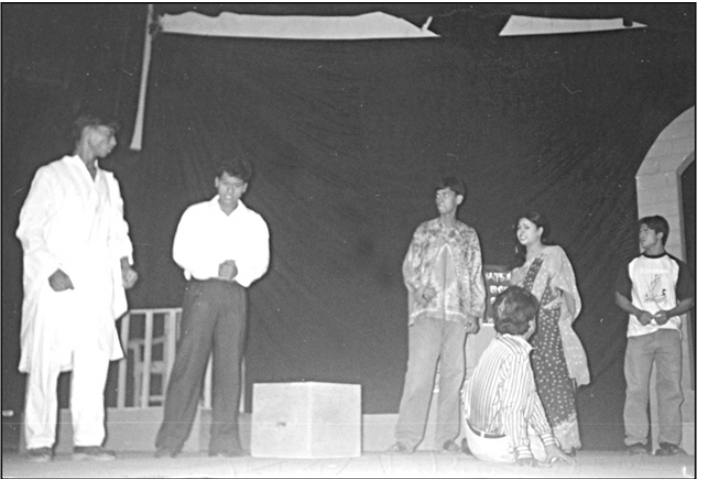
IN the course of the current Dhaka Drama Festival-2004, Natyafauj staged Aranya Janaranya on June 21 at the Experimental Theatre Stage.

Written by Indu Saha it is a social play focusing on numerous contemporary issues from the mosquito menace to the globalisation. Indu Saha has included many messages without adding any relief scene. This makes the play akin to a patha natok (street drama).

Saha's work is heavily influenced by the popular message-based drama trend in Kolkata during the 1970s. Like those plays, Aranya Janaranya also explicitly cries for a successful revolution on the lines of Lenin or Mao Tse Tung. However, Saha, in the play, does a satire on the so-called leftists who engage in double standards for their personal interest.

The protagonist of the play Satyamay, an aged clerk, is fed up with his life, his family and even with the whole world. For his refusal to compromise with his principles, he faces a tragic end.

A peculiarity of the play is that in the course of the satire, Saha cannot maintain the chronology of time. From the subject of the contempo-



A scene from the play Aranya Janaranya

rary Afghanistan war, all of a sudden he moves back to the British colonial period without using any flashback technique. Some of the scenes in Aranya Janaranya are totally illogical.

As the director of the play, Sanjib Chakrabarti is realistic in his approach. He has followed the German director Bertolt Brecht in the directorial work.

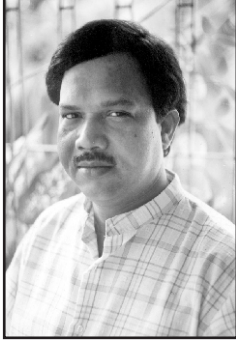
In the set, Sanjib has used wooden structures to suggest a yard and a wall of the house where the major events of the play takes place. The light design of the play needed to be improved.

Najmul Haque Jewel as Kaiser and child actress Reshma Aktar as Rumki were relief for the audience amidst the poor performance of the rest of the performers.

'Only theatrical groups should be allowed to perform at the new stage'

Liakat Ali Lucky

'After much negotiation with the Shilpakala Academy authority, we have got the opportunity to stage plays here. I think after the festival, we can use the stage in full swing, as the name of the theatre hall is 'Experimental Theatre Stage' not like music stage or dance stage or anything else. We do not see any theatrical performance at the Mahanagar Natya Mancha at Gulistan. That venue has often been used by several political parties for political programmes. I do not expect that the Experimental Theatre Stage to go the same way,' says Liakat Ali Lucky the



current General Secretary of BGTF.

Lucky adds, 'We have not yet been able to come out of our dependence on Mahila Samity Stage. I think that after the festival the audience will accept the Experimental Theatre Stage as a very good venue for theatre. Moreover, I expect that the theatrical groups will also show their interest in staging plays in the modern theatrical hall.'

Lucky also expresses the view that the government should increase its patronage of theatre as the foreigners are also attracted towards our country's theatre.

ERSHAD KAMOL

Schedules (June 23-28)

June 23 Play: <i>Shadhucharan</i> Playwright: Chandan Sen Director: Ratan Saha Group: Pratidwandi Nattyagoshtthi	Director: Nasiruddin Yousuff Group: Dhaka Theatre
June 24 Play: <i>Bhabaghurey</i> Playwright: Shantanu Biswas Director: Tarun Kumar Basu Group: Theatre (Topkhana)	June 26 Play: <i>Ami Gadhra Bolchhi</i> Playwright: Krishan Chandar Director: Mujibur Rahman Dilu Group: Dhaka Drama Natyadal
June 25 Play: <i>Hat Hadai</i> Playwright: Selim Al Deen	June 27 Play: <i>Karnakatha</i> Playwright: Tanvir Ahmed Director: Mohammed Jasimuddin Group: Abayab Natyadal
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage at Shilpakala Academy; Time: 7 pm Tickets are available at Sagar Publishers, Baily Road and at the venue before shows. Prices: Tk. 30, Tk. 50 and Tk. 100.	

'The main ingredient of a successful acting career is observation'--Tarin

Our correspondent Shilpi Mahalanobish recently spoke to Tarin, a talented TV actress. We have seen her metamorphose from a child performer to a successful artiste. Recently, she has added a new, mature and friendly dimension to her acting performance. In an interview, she talked about her life and times.

'My more mature persona is my greatest achievement as an artiste. My experience has taught me a lot so far. I have earned recognition for my hard work. Currently I am doing a telefilm, *Karimulessa*, a mega serial, *Shaola*, and some other singles.

My family has helped me tremendously in my acting career. Many talented child performers get stuck at a certain stage, because they do not get family support. My family is quite different. My mother was always with me and everyone in my family has encouraged me.

My choice of an acting career happened quite unconsciously. Although, I was pretty much attached to dancing, I could not give much time, because I preferred to give most of my time to acting.

I did not join any theatre group because I am hard pressed for time. On the other hand, as we do not have any acting institute in our country, it could have been a plus point for me. However, I believe that the main ingredient of a successful acting career is observation. You have to observe extensively and then portray the characters through your acting.

I have plans to go to London this July for a stage show. I will also take part in a shooting of a play by Shakur Majid. Regarding acting in films, I will definitely do good films if they are offered to me.'



'My more mature persona is my greatest achievement'

Author wants title back from Moore

Madonna has been raving to her friends about it, and Leonardo Dicaprio flew from LA to New York to see its premieres on both coasts, but there is one celebrity who is not fawning over Michael Moore's anti-Bush documentary *Fahrenheit 9/11*.

Author Ray Bradbury is demanding an apology from the



controversial filmmaker for allegedly lifting the title from his classic novel, *Fahrenheit 451*, without asking permission.

The 1953 story about an ugly totalitarian futuristic society takes its title from the temperature at which books burn and Moore says he used a similar name for his film because it highlights the 'temperature at which freedom burns'.

Bradbury, 83, who lives in LA's Cheviot Hills, complained he called Moore six months ago, but didn't get a reply until last week. Bradbury said Moore was 'embarrassed'. He added, 'He suddenly realised he's let too much time go by.'

Bradbury said he hopes to avoid legal action and is 'hoping to settle this as two gentlemen, if he'll shake hands with me and give me back my book and title'.

But the film still looks set to open in cinemas across the US on Friday.

Source: Internet

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



New Files
On ATN Bangla at 9:30 pm
Drama Serial
Khalilur Rahman, Eka, Shamim Mehedi



The Mask
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Fantasy/Action /Comedy
Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz, Peter Riegert

9:30 The Mask 11:30 Cinema Secrets III : Cataclysmic Event	12:30 Law & Order: Svu 1:30 Britannia India's Child Genius	3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:00 Kaahin To Hoga	8:00 Maya 8:30 23rd March 1931 Shaheed
12:00 American Outlaws 2:00 Body Shots	2:28 Star Asia Travel 2:30 Oprah Winfrey	4:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz 5:00 Tedhe Medhe Sapney	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
STAR MOVIES	4:30 Hollywood Squares 5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?	6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	12:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife 12:30 Chimpanzees: Return To The Forest
8:30 Big Spender 10:15 Ice Age	5:30 Miami Vice 6:30 The Simpsons	8:30 Sonpuri 9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay	1:30 Cheating Death 2:30 D-Day: Men And Machine
11:45 Trapped 1:15 Looking For Richard	7:00 Home Improvement 7:30 Friends	9:30 Sanjivani - A Medic 10:30 Kaahani Ghar Ghar Kii	3:30 Footsteps To The Sky 4:30 Marco Polo
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5:15 Femme Fatale 7:00 Small Soldiers	9:30 The Practice 10:30 N.Y.P.D. Blue	12:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz 12:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz	6:00 Sea Stories 6:30 Dogs With Jobs
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9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show 10:30 Special 11:30 Wild Card	2:00 Bhabhi 2:30 Kesar 3:00 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai	10:30 Yenisey Expedition 11:30 Marco Polo	8:30 Animal Planet Reveals Ostriches: Flightless Wonders

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

News Bulletin

BTV

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 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 7:15 am, 9:00 am
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 9 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 5:00 pm, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA

NewsHeadlines(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

BTV

07:30 Bangladesher Hridoy
Hotey
Shongbad Potrer Pata
Thekey
12:15 Health Bulletin
02:05 Computer Programme
02:30 Hijol Tomal
03:35 Geetobitan
04:30 Loko Lokalay
05:05 Mati O Manush
05:55 Shomokaalin Arthonity
06:10 Uro Highlights
07:30 Mortal Combat
Conquest
08:30 Drama Serial: Adho
Alo Adho Chhaya
09:00 Drama Serial: Dour
10:35 Ujjibon
11:00 Anondodhara

CHANNEL-i

09:45 Tritiyo Matra
12:30 Aj Dupurey
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
Sangbadpatrey
Bangladesh
02:00 Bangla Feature Film:
Shobaito Shukhi
Hotey Chai
(Karishma, Shakib)
05:00 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:35 Jonopoder Khobor
05:45 Boi Ebong Boi
06:10 Music Plus
06:45 Gillette World Sports
07:55 RC Travel On
08:25 Drama Serial: Kichhu
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Special Programme
10:00 Drama Serial: Gunai
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08:00 Aajker Shakal
08:30 Kabitalap
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10:02 Zoo Adventure
10:30 Arshinagar
10:25 TVC
10:25 Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey
Tara Tarai
03:05 Drama Serial: Shaola
03:45 Cartoon Show
04:25 Aporar Jigyasha
05:20 Shubhoshondhya
06:30 Sports World
06:50 Siddiga Kabir's
Recipe
08:15 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu
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