

CULTURAL FEAST

2nd International Film Festival Bangladesh

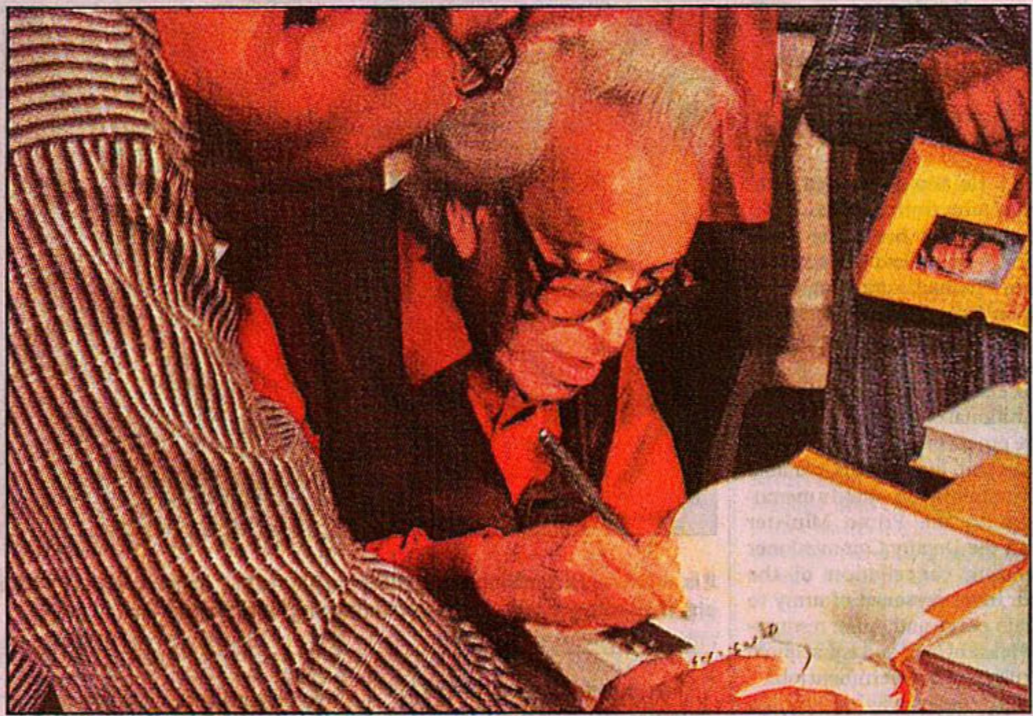
Schedule
Date: December 04
Venue: National Museum
11:00am A House With a View of the Sea
01:00pm Ek Khando Jami
03:00pm Maria
05:00pm Itee Srikanto
07:00pm Atalayee
Venue: Public Library
11:00am Thai Shaheb
01:00pm Tabarana
03:00pm Way We Laughed
05:00pm Homes Key
07:00pm Letters In The Wind
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre
11:00am Dharapath
03:00pm Opportunity
05:00pm Mule Contact
Venue: Different Cinema Halls
Warish (Bolaka, MS)
Koi Mita Gaya (Bolaka, RS)
Koi Mita Gaya (Ananda, MS/RS)
Dil Chahita Hai (Madhumita, RS)
Khaki (Abhisar/Jonaki, RS)
Mumna Bhai MBBS (Rajmoni/Agamoni, RS)
Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham (Shyamoli/Asia, RS)
Kuchh Kuchh Hota Hai (Soni/Purabi, RS)
Kal Ho Na Ho (Lion/Azad, RS)
Yuva (Star Cineplex, RS)
Baghwan (Diamond/Asha, RS)
Amdani Atani Kharcha Rupaliya (Gulshan/Massar, RS)
Phir Milenge (Punam, RS)
Kiyo Ho Gaya Na (Neptune, RS)
Warish (Binaka, RS)
MS: Morning Show, RS: Regular Show

Poetry collection of Shamsur Rahman launched

AFSAR AHMED

THE November 2 evening at the Liberation War Museum was a nostalgic one as intellectuals of the country reminisced on the best contemporary Bangla poet Shamsur Rahman. The occasion was the launching of Somy Prakashan's collection of the poet's poems Shera Shamsur Rahman (Best of Shamsur Rahman) to celebrate his 75th birth anniversary. The book is edited by Saleh Chowdhury, Mustafa Nurul Islam, Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Nirmalendu Goon, Humayun Ahmed spoke at the programme presided over by ABM Musa.

'Fond readers are the worst editors as it is hard for them to select the best out of one's complete works,' asserted Saleh Chowdhury. 'Although not all poems of a poet are best, but Shamsur Rahman is exceptional. Many creations of the poet have been lost in time, especially his translations of the poems of Khwaja Farid. Only 41 songs the poet has written are found out of almost 250,' he informed.



Poet Shamsur Rahman signs on books for his fans

earned timeless appeal. His famous lines like Choter pora shoriey dekhi kothay achi depict the turmoil of our present time. Or, through the line Udbhot uter pithey cholechhey swadeshe we can realise the situation of the whole Bangla', said a nostalgic Mustafa Nurul Islam.

and ABM Musa pointed out different facets of the poet that reveal his versatility as a translator, lyricist and novelist apart from his poetic identity. Shera Shamsur Rahman contains 122 poems, two novels, two short stories, 38 essays, 26 rhymes, 41 songs, memoirs, letters and excerpts of an interview taken by

Humayun Azad. Dedicated to Humayun Azad, the book is priced at Tk. 500. The evening started with Lily Islam's rendition of Tagore's Anondolokey mongolalokey and one of Shamsur Rahman's famous patriotic songs - Amar onek rin achhey. Pragna Laboni and Kazi Arif recited poems of Shamsur Rahman.

2ND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL BANGLADESH

Shangkhonad earns applause at premiere

HARUN UR RASHID

The third day of the ongoing 2nd International Film Festival featured premiere of reputed filmmaker Abu Sayeed's film Shangkhonad. One of the contesting films at the festival, Sayeed's second feature film Shangkhonad is based on popular writer Nasrin Jahan's novel titled Urey Jaay Nishi Pokkhi. The story depicts the conse-

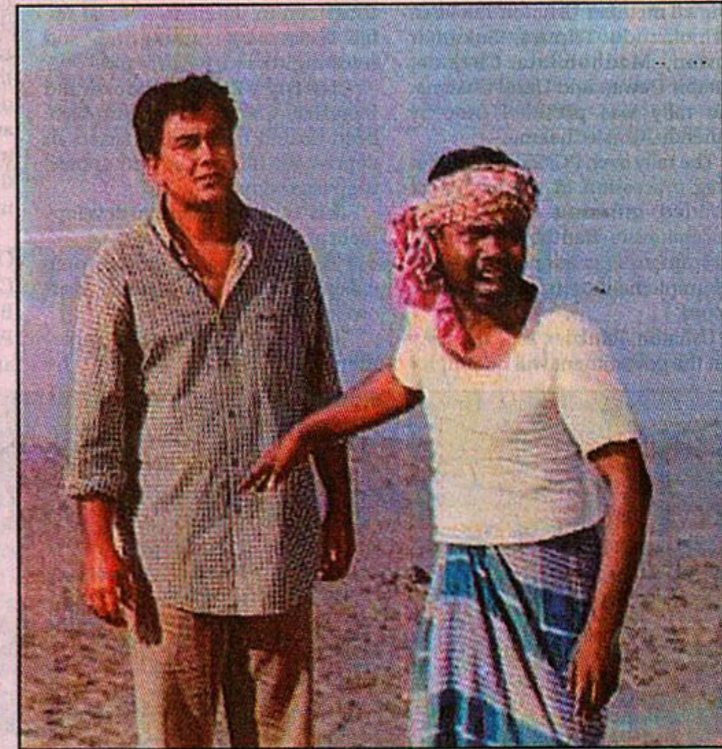
quences of a youth's return after a long time to his roots—a village named Nayanpur of Bogra district, where he was born and spent his childhood. The film begins with the 37-year old Osman's arrival at the village rail station. Osman, whose childhood name was Chand, sets for his village home on a stormy night by boat rowed by an adolescent boatman named Qutubuddin. The boat capsizes in the inclement weather

and the young boatman drowns and later dies. Villagers dislike Osman blaming that he was responsible for Qutub's death. However, influential Mannaf Khan, whose father killed Osman's parents and grabbed all their landed properties, gives Osman shelter without knowing his identity.

Lonely Osman often speaks out his childhood memories and recognises his friend Fazlu who used to say he would become a bandit. Osman also finds out the Kujjo Buri, a hunchback black magic practitioner, whom Osman used to call 'Dudh Ma' (foster mother). She also recognises Osman. These baffle Mannaf Khan, who gradually comes to learn about Osman's identity. Mannaf Khan becomes worried about his image in case the whole village comes to learn Osman's real identity. For, he wants to contest in the next chairman elections. So he hires Fazlu, who is a burial cloth thief, to take Osman to a distant island where Mannaf's men kill both of them.

Made in 35mm format, Mahfuzur Rahman Kahn's cinematography is praiseworthy. However, what has made the 102-minute film successful is Abu Sayeed's use of symbolic shots. When Osman writes the famous line 'through death Kadambini proved that she did not die' from Rabindranath Tagore's story Jibito O Mrito, it becomes a symbolic suggestion of Osman's own death.

Among the performers, Fazlur Rahman Babu is excellent in his role of Fazlu. Besides, Zahid Hasan plays the lead role of Osman, KS Firoz plays Mannaf Khan and Najma Anowar plays Kujjo Buri. The music by S. Tutul is another praiseworthy feature of Shangkhonad.



Zahid Hasan and Fazlur Rahman Babu in Shangkhonad

Shah Rukh Khan lends his voice to a children's film

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Almost every time actor Shah Rukh Khan has appeared on the big screen in his 15-year-old career in Bollywood, he has worked magic at the box office.

Now, he is seeking to do the same in a different way: by lending his voice. And in this new role, his son Aryan accompanies him. The father and son have lent their voices to two animated characters in the Hindi version of worldwide hit animation The Incredibles directed by Brad Bird. The Hindi version is slated for commercial release in India this month.

While Khan the senior has lent his voice to the central character of The Incredibles, the junior Khan has dubbed the voice of Tej, the son of the screen father.

Shah Rukh is quite excited about his new assignment. He said in newspaper interviews that he was happy to lend his voice to the film, which is in the category of children's movies, and help popularise such projects.

Given that a number of top Hollywood stars have lent their voices to characters in animated films, the actor wanted to give a try in the same exercise. What was the difference he found in dubbing for films in which he acts and the one for the Hindi version of The Incredibles? In his view, in the first category the actor knows the situations and the characters already enacted before the camera and accordingly recreates the emotions. However, it is quite different in the second category where the actor dubs for somebody else.

Shah Rukh has lately been basking in the glory of his latest box office hit Veer Zara, a love story between an Indian Air Force officer (played by the actor) and a Pakistani woman (played by Preity Zinta). He firmly believes that the potential of animated pictures in India remains largely untapped.



Shah Rukh Khan and his son Aryan

CELEBRATING THE HARVEST

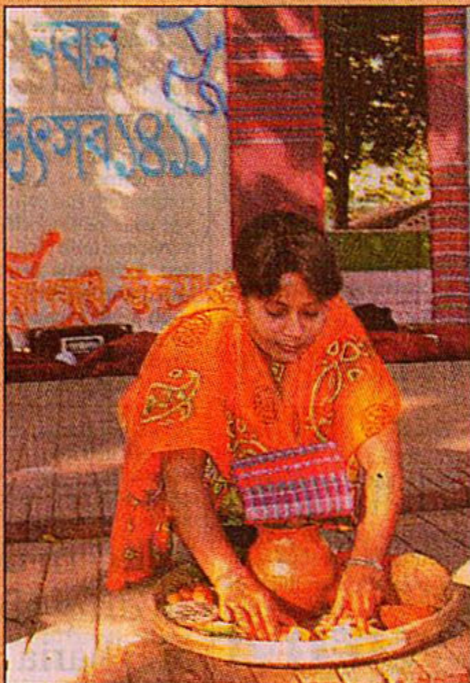


The seeds, which were sowed during the rainy season, have now grown into golden crops despite disasters like flood, heavy downpour and drought. People across the country are dazzled by the colour of the golden paddy. It's harvest time and the villages of Bangladesh are celebrating the traditional festival called Nobanno—the festival of offering new rice to god and pray for a good crop in the coming year.

Organised on the last day of Poush, the festivity captures an array of pithas (rice cakes) made out of new rice with dashes of fresh molasses for the bountiful harvest.

Like the previous years, Jatiyo Nobannotshob Udjapon Porshod celebrated its 6th Nobanno venture at the Bakultola of the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University, yesterday. The festival started at 7am and continued till 10pm with various programmes including painting competition for children, presentation of dance and folk music.

A daylong 'Nobanno Utsav' will be held on December 27 on the premises of Fine Arts Institute of Dhaka University.

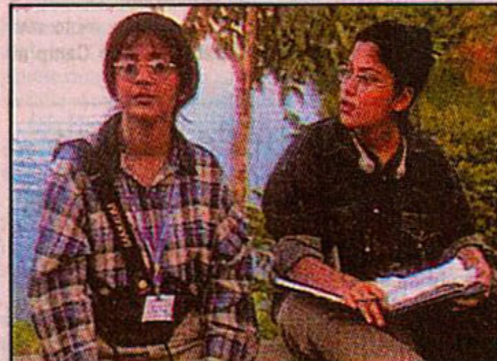


TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Miss World 2004 On ATN Bangla and Star World at 7:00pm Beauty Contest Live From China



Emon Jodi Hoy On ATN Bangla at 11:15pm Drama Serial Cast: Srabonti, Tanvin Sweety

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) at 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 7:15 pm, 9:00pm, 10:30, 12:15 am. Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i 09:45 Tiliyo Matra 10:45 Na Bola Katha 12:00 Chithi Pelam 12:20 Dhaka Guide 12:30 Aj Duppurey O Taraka Katha 01:00 Ebonj Cinema Gaan 01:25 Public Reaction 01:30 Bangla Feature Film: Kolha Dao 03:45 Banglar Gan 04:15 Dekhar Gaan Shonar Gaan 04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma 05:15 Janopader Khabor 05:30 Chalochitro Sangpetmala Music Plus 06:00 Jibon Shaikata 06:30 Drama Serial: Dt. Mahataber Shwapno 07:50

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8:30 Sportscenter Week In Review (T) 9:00 Nba Action (T) 9:30 Nba Basketball Sacramento, Ca Usa Indiana Pacers Vs Sacramento Kings (L) 12:00 England Tour Of Zimbabwe Nisan One Day Internationals Bulawayo, Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs England 3rd Odi, Highlights(R) 1:20 England Tour Of Zimbabwe Nisan One Day Internationals Bulawayo, Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs England 4th Odi, 1st Session(L) 5:00 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows (T) 5:30 England Tour Of Zimbabwe Nisan One Day Internationals Bulawayo, Zimbabwe Zimbabwe Vs England 4th Odi, 2nd Session(L) 6:05 Epl Saturday Premier-league Saturday (L) 6:40 English Premier Football League English Premier League 2004/05 London, England Chelsea Vs Newcastle United (L) 8:45 Epl Saturday Premier-league Saturday (L) 8:55 English Premier Football League English Premier League 2004/05 Manchester United Vs Southampton (L) 11:00 Epl Saturday Premier-league Saturday (L) 11:10 English Premier Football League English Premier League 2004/05 Blackburn, England Blackburn Rovers Vs Tottenham Hotspur (L)

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