

CULTURAL FEAST

DRAMA FESTIVAL

Dhaka Padatik celebrates silver jubilee

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A huge floral arrangement greeted visitors at the entrance of the National Theatre Stage at the inaugural ceremony of the theatre festival. Poet Shamsur Rahman, the chief guest of the programme, lit a candle to kick off the festival arranged by Dhaka Padatik. Cultural activists gathered to celebrate the opening ceremony of the eight-day long festival which will conclude on March 20, at the National Theatre Stage.

This was followed by dance and speeches. Kabirul Islam Ratan and his troupe presented a dance piece with the folk song *Dekhore Dekho*.

Renowned theatre activists Ramendu Majumdar, Mamunur Rashid and Nasiruddin Yousuff were the main speakers at the opening programme, titled Dhaka Padatik Stamford Natyatsab 2005. It was presided over by Manirul Islam Belal, the current president of Dhaka Padatik. Theatre personalities highlighted the contribution of Dhaka Padatik to Bangladesh's neo-theatre movement. Moreover, they called for the staging of more quality productions by the theatre troupes to enrich our theatre and be a



Shamsur Rahman (C) flanked by theatre personalities lights the lamp at the inaugural ceremony



A colourful dance sequence at the event

Striking addition

Kapil Dev hits the silver screen

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Having retired from the game, India's cricket legend Kapil Dev is set to play a new innings. But this time neither with the bat which he has wielded so successfully nor with the ball with which he has claimed more than 400 wickets in tests but as an actor on the big screen of Bollywood.

Dev, captain of World Cup winning team in 1983, will play a role in a feature film on cricket to be produced by Mukta Arts, the company owned by Bollywood's consummate showman and producer-director Subhash Ghai.

A press release issued by the company said the story of the film revolves round the story of a youth who struggles to get into the Indian team.

Bollywood and cricket are two of Indians' biggest obsessions. And when the two worlds combine, one can imagine the magic it can weave.

Only the other day, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had pointed out in a speech in



Parliament the popularity of Bollywood and cricket in the country.

It is this magic which eminent producer-director Subhash Ghai is pinning his hopes on when he announced that India's cricket legend Kapil Dev will feature in his next feature film.

Dev has already acted in some episodes of a popular television serial *CID* and he will be joining a select group of Indian sportspersons to appear on the Bollywood screen.

With this film, Kapil will join the league of former cricketers Salim Durrani and Salil Ankola and former national champion swimmers Nafisa Ali and Milind Soman who have acted in films.

After Mukta Arts' production of *Joggers' Park* starring Victor Banerjee and Perizaad Zorabian, which wowed the multiplex audience last year and *Kisna*, starring Vivek Oberoi early this year which did not make much of an impact on the box office, Ghai is hoping the blend of Kapil and Bollywood stars will set the cash register ringing.



"I am still trying to figure out my real self"
-- Sharmin

What is your real self?
As I have an image of a good housewife, everybody thinks I am an expert in cooking and other household tasks. Frankly, I don't have that much expertise. And about my self-analysis, I am still trying to figure out what is my real self. I don't know exactly what I'm like. But like all other human beings I also have good qualities and limitations side by side.

What is your favorite past time?
I spend my leisure with my son, most of the time watching *Pokemon* cartoon with him. Listening to music is my other passion that I can not do without. I always carry a walkman and listen to it wherever I go. Once, while sitting in a rickshaw, I got so carried away with the melodious music, that a mugger snatched away my bag and walkman within a fraction of a second. When I felt my headpiece was missing, I realised that I had been mugged.

Do you have a secret to share?
Yes, I am a very talented bathroom singer (smilingly). I love to sing *Je chhilo drishtier shimanay*, and other popular numbers by Shahnaz Rahmat Ullah. And when I sing on my own, like a true narcissist I feel that I can sing well.

How was the first day of your shooting?
On the first day on the set of Siddiqua Kabir's *Recipe* I was nervous as hell. I was confused about my task. While taking a shot, the director Tarek Anam found fault with my performance and told me to do things right. And Siddiqua Kabir was also becoming impatient at repeating the same shot over and over again. I was thinking on my own 'I shouldn't have accepted the offer. Why on earth am I here? I am not going to make it.' However, it took about 10 or 11 takes to okay the shot. But today things are exactly the opposite. Now I feel so relieved that I can do the show with spontaneity.

Do you enjoy your image of an ideal housewife?
Yes, of course, I do enjoy this feeling that people love to see me as an ideal housewife. I hear of people looking for a bride who would resemble me! It is definitely a pleasant feeling that people hold me in high esteem. I also respect the feeling of my audience and don't want to spoil this image. For this reason, I refused about a dozen proposals, including alternative feature films and good commercials.

Do you support the idea of employing foreign models?
I'm absolutely against the trend. Bangladeshi models are equally qualified and have the right to model local products. But in the case of technical support, I think we must take the best of modern technology. And if we can train people from abroad we can produce quality productions.

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Rajnigandha coming soon on ntv

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Civilisation has taken us to a point where we don't need to meet people at cafes or public venues any more. Meeting people online has become a common phenomenon nowadays.

Apola and Dwip contact each other on the internet and become friends. Their friendship grows into love. Dwip knows Apola. But Apola doesn't know Dwip and is infatuated with him. Apola craves to meet Dwip. Finally, Dwip decides to meet Apola with her favorite flowers, *Rajnigandha* in his hand. Apola is ecstatic, she waits but doesn't find anyone with *Rajnigandha*. She looks for Dwip online, doesn't find him there and there are no emails from him either. Apola becomes depressed. This is how this drama moves forward.

Rajnigandha is written by Aniket and directed by Chayanika



Tarin and Tony Dias in *Rajnigandha*

Chowdhury will be telecast soon on ntv. Tarin, Tony Dias, Syed Shubhra, Dolly Zahur, Lina Ahmed and newcomer Deblina are the actors in this drama.

TV GUIDE

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, 11:30 pm.

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

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA

News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 11:30 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

ATN BANGLA

10:30 Talk Show: *Anno drishti*
Drama Serial: *Mohona*
11:05 Business This Week
12:15 *Amar Computer*
12:50 Musical Programme
01:25 *Cine Gaan*
02:30 Drama Serial: *Ghunpoka*
03:15 Drama Serial: *O Amar Chokkhu Nai*
Drama Serial: *Bhawal Raja Shannyashi*
04:25 *Shomoshamoyik*
05:10 *Stamp From Campus*
06:20 *Aynar Shamney*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Shukhnagar Apartment*
Drama Serial: *Mati*
09:00 Drama Serial: *Bajmaat*
09:30 *Ek Dui Teen*
09:35 *Chanchollokar Mamla*
10:35 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction*
11:30 *Tritto Matra*
10:45 *Cricket Online*
11:30 *Aamar Chhobi*
12:00 *Chithi Pelam*
12:30 *Aaj Dupurey*
01:00 *Ebong Cinemara Gaan*
01:25 Public Reaction
01:35 *Banglar Gaan*
03:50 Musical Programme
04:20 *Sa Re Ga Ma i sports*

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06:00 Music Plus
06:30 i-speed
07:50 Drama Serial: *Poribar O Ekti Company*
08:25 *Kranti*
09:35 Drama Serial: *Chalchhe Chalbe*
10:00 *Cine Gaan*
08:30 *Aajker Shakal*
09:05 Drama Serial: *Sporsher Bairey*
09:30 *Khoborer Shondhoney*
10:05 *Tarar Shathhey*
10:30 *Aarshinagar*
11:00 *Trans world Sports*
11:30 *Khabor Deshey Deshey*
02:30 Drama Serial: *Tifiner Fankey*
03:05 Drama Serial: *Anyorokom*
04:25 *Matswa Sampad Unnayone Nari*
05:15 *Ithasher Ei Diney*
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
06:50 *Frankly Speaking*
08:10 Drama Serial: *Sporsher Bairey Kichu Katha Kichu Gaan*
08:50 Drama Serial: *Shaeola*
11:25 *Dindarpan*
05:15 *My Best Friend's Wedding*
09:45 *Black Hawk Down*
12:00 *The Hudsucker Proxy*
2:45 *Love at First Bite*
7:00 *Tears of the sun*
9:30 *Rumble in the Bronx*
11:15 *American Pie: The Wedding*

PICK OF THE DAY



Shaeola
On ntv at 9:40pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Zahid Hasan, Azizul Hakim, Tarin, Farah Ruma



O Amar Chokkhu Nai
On ATN Bangla at 3:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: KS Firoz, Rokeya Prachi, Pallab

1:15 Presumed Innocent	9:50 Barsaat Ki Ek Raat	7:00 Disney's The Weekenders	1:00 Raymond Frasier
8:15 Shark Attack	1:30 Damini	7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	1:30 Magnum P.I.
9:45 First \$20 Million Is Always The Hardest	4:45 Marte Dam Tak	8:00 Hello Dollie	2:28 Star Asia Travel
11:45 It Runs In The Family	8:30 CRIMINAL	8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se	2:30 Oprah Winfrey
	11:30 Policewala Gunda	9:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay	3:30 Bold And Beautiful
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	1:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	10:00 Kkavyanjali	5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
	2:00 Bhabhi	10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	5:30 Ally Mcbeal
	2:30 Kesar	11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi	6:30 The Simpsons
	3:00 Saarrthi	12:00 Kahiin To Hoga K.Street Pali Hill	7:00 That 70s Show
	3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi		8:00 Friends
	4:00 Kahiin To Hoga K.Street Pali Hill		8:30 Newsradio
	4:30 Maan		9:30 Charmed
	6:00 Nargis		9:30 Wild Card
	6:30 Adventures Of Mickey Anddonald		10:30 Miss Match
			11:28 Star Asia Travel
			11:30 Newsradio
			12:00 Cover Story

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

11:45 Doc Eureka
12:00 Serious: Arctic
12:30 Dogs With Jobs
1:00 Tales Of The Living Dead
1:30 Mummy Road Show
2:00 Riddles Of The Dead S3
2:30 Golden Baboons
4:00 Dogs With Jobs S3
4:30 Backyard Science
4:45 Doc Eureka
5:00 Serious: Desert
5:30 Ng Explorer
6:30 Interpol Investigates
7:30 Gorillas From Heart Of Darkness
8:30 Ecstasy
9:00 Ecstasy
9:30 Extreme Latitude
10:00 Extreme Latitude
10:30 Serious From Disaster
11:30 National Geographic's Taboo

DISCOVERY

12:30 Wild Discovery Killer Squid
1:30 Future Perfect Horizon
2:30 Hunt For The Aids Vaccine
3:30 Junkyard Wars 6 (Usa Commission) Flying Boat
4:30 Classic Discovery Real Olympics, The Death or Glory
5:30 FBI Files The Deadly Takeover
6:00 Operation Junkyard Operation Junkyard Battleship
6:30 Healthy Living Where We Are Now
7:30 Battlefield Detectives Who Sank The Armada
8:30 Wild Discovery Rebuilding The Ark-The Golden Lion ...
9:30 Science Frontiers Body With The X-Ray eyes Life on the Edge (Amazing Adventures (Ian Wright))
10:30 Terra X (Hour Version)
11:30 Operation Sethos
12:30 Mystery Night
1:00 Nightmare: The Birth of Horror Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde

ANIMAL PLANET

11:30 Animal Planet Showcase Pigs On the Run
12:30 Pet Nation
2:30 The Protectors
3:30 Aussie Animal Rescue
4:30 Monkey Business
5:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
6:30 Amazing Animal Videos
7:30 TV with Teeth Sharks! Beyond The Jaws
8:30 Cell Dogs Corona
9:30 The Protectors
10:30 Wild And Dangerous W Birdman of the Amazon

STAR MOVIES

8:15 Shark Attack
9:45 First \$20 Million Is Always The Hardest
11:45 It Runs In The Family

STAR PLUS

1:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
1:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kesar
3:00 Saarrthi
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi
4:00 Kahiin To Hoga K.Street Pali Hill
4:30 Maan
6:00 Nargis
6:30 Adventures Of Mickey Anddonald

STAR WORLD

9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 The King Of Queens
11:00 Grounded For Life
11:30 The Casino
12:30 Everybody Loves

ESPN

8:00 Australia Tour Of New Zealand 1st Test Day 5 Highlights(R)
9:30 Fa Cup 2004/05 Round 6(R)
11:30 Champions Tour Golf Sbc Classic Valencia Ca Usa Second Round(T)
1:30 Fa Cup 2004/05 Round 6(R)
3:30 Fa Cup Classic Matches Arsenal Vs Newcastle United Fa Cup 97/98 Final(T)
5:30 Fa Cup Highlights (R)
6:30 Football Focus (L)
7:30 Football Up Close
8:00 Icc Cricket World (R)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 Fa Cup 2004/05 Round 6(R)
11:00 Born To Play: Masters Of Football (R)
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 Football Focus (R)