

CULTURAL FEAST

Ekushey Boi Mela
Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: February 1-28
Month-long book fair to be inaugurated today at 2:30pm



Homage to Waheedul Haq
Organiser: Chhayanat
Venue: Chhayanat Sangskriti Bhaban,
House no-72, Road no-15/A Dhanmondi, Dhaka
Date: February 1
Time: 6:00pm

Film Screening in Sylhet
Film: Ontorjatra
Organiser: British Council Sylhet
Venue: British Council Sylhet (Al Hamra Complex)
Date: February 1
Time: 3:30pm

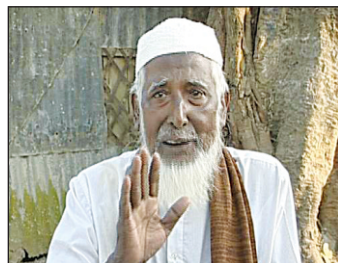
Screening of International Award winning Bangla Films
February 2
4:00pm Surjo Dighol Bari
6:00pm onwards Agami & Chaka
February 3
4:00pm Matir Moina
6:00pm Nirontor
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Chalachitra Kendra, 62, Science Laboratory

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: In Quest of Truth and Beauty
Artist: Samarjit Roy Choudhury
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: January 28-February 10
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

National Street Theatre Festival
Organisers: Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation & Bengal Foundation
Venue: Central Shaheed Minar
Date: February 1-7
Time: 4:00pm

Classical Dance and Instrumental Music Evening
Organiser: Department of Production, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
February 1 Classical Music
Time: 6pm
Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

'Shada Moner Manush'
Recognising committed philanthropists



Abdul Malek Howladar



Shamsuddin



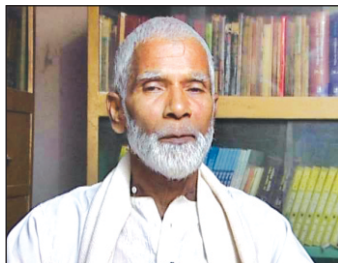
Sri Kanu Dutta



Binapani Sarkar



Harun-ur-Rashid



Ziaul Haq



Hanufa Begum



Abdul Majid

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

LAST year, Unilever Bangladesh Limited launched a remarkable event, titled *Shada Moner Manush* to home in on individuals who are socially committed and do not hanker after fame, money and popularity. The primary screening was undertaken by the journalists' panel of *Prothom Alo*. Eighty entries were selected out of 2,933 from all over the country. Finally the top 10 dedicated people were selected for the prestigious award. A television programmed based on the life and times of the 10 finalists, *Shada Moner Manush* has been telecast on ntv recently. The programme had an expert panel of judges, consisting of civil



Mokhesur Rahman

society members from our country such as Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, executive director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD); Rokia Afzal Rahman, former advisor to the caretaker government and Motiur Rahman, editor of the *Prothom Alo*. The 10 recipients of the honour are Hanufa Begum known as the 'Mother Teresa of Bagachra'



Sufia Ahmed

(Jessore); Binapani Sarkar for her initiatives to educate the underprivileged indigenous children of the Joypurhaat; Abdul Majid of Puthiya, Rajshahi for setting an establishment for differently-abled children; Abdul Malek Howladar from Madaripur for tirelessly working with the local children at his *pathshala* despite his financial constraints; Shamsuddin for

setting up an orphanage in Shorer Haat village in Rajshahi; Sufia Ahmed for running the Rajshahi Cancer and Children's Centre on her own expense; Sri Kanu Dutta from Feni for performing last rites of 1589 unclaimed corpses; Mokhesur Rahman in Comilla for dedicating his life to the local Nazrul Academy High School; Ziaul Haq, a yoghurt vendor from Mushribhuja village in Chapai Nawabganj, for setting up a library with 8,000 books for disadvantaged students and Harun-ur-Rashid from East Jagannathpur village in Dinajpur for giving the local children the gift of music, training artistes who have received national and international accolades. These *Shada Moner Manush* will be introduced to the media as they receive their awards on February 2.

'Iblish' pits the proletariats against feudal lords

Certificate giving ceremony of Prachyanat School of Acting and Design



A scene from *Iblish*

PHOTO: AMIRUL RAJIV

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Since its inception on June 8, 2001, Prachyanat School of Acting and Design regularly offers a six-month certificate course in acting and design and subsequently has emerged as one of the very few institutions which provide theatre education in the country. The school arranged a certificate giving ceremony of the 11th batch recently at the Experimental Theatre Stage. The event was presided over by chief of Prachyanat, Azad Abul Kalam; theatre personality Mamunur Rashid and eminent actor Subarna Mustafa were the special guests. In his welcome speech, Shahidul Mamun on behalf of Prachyanat School of Acting and Design outlined the curriculum and prospects of the school. Subarna Mustafa said, "I was also the special guest of the certificate giving ceremony of the first batch of the school. For the betterment of theatre, it's urgent to introduce professionalism." Mamunur Rashid said, "Prachyanat School of Acting and Design as a theatre education institute is doing well. I'm pleased that the

students of the school will stage my play this evening." Azad Abul Kalam said, "As it is difficult to eke out a living in Bangladesh through theatre, to keep up with changing times we have included direction and acting courses of cinema and TV in the certificate course." The discussion was followed by staging of *Iblish* by Mamunur Rashid. *Iblish* features the struggle of proletariats against the backdrop of the feudalistic and oppressive social structure of rural Bangladesh. Mamun's play concludes with the meting of 'poetic justice' featuring the victory of the oppressed people against the evil feudal lords. Director Sakhawat Hossain Reza's approach is very simple. The distinctive feature of his direction is the smooth transition between the scenes. Light designer M Shaiful Islam's design was also very simple. However, the strength of the theatre presentation was the enthusiastic performance by the young and energetic actors like Abul Hasnat Bhuiyan, Nipun Ahmed and others.

'Patho Natok' Festival begins today

ERSHAD KAMOL

A seven-day *patho natok* (street theatre festival) begins today at the Central Shaheed Minar premises. Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF), in association with Bengal Foundation, has arranged the festival. The festival will be inaugurated by litterateur Hasan Azizul Haque. Theatre personalities and BGTF leaders will deliver speeches at the opening session. The programme will be presided over by M Hamid, the chairman of BGTF. Besides popular Dhaka troupes such as Aranyak Natya Dal, Loko Natya Dal, Udichi Drama Department, Theatre Art Unit, Prachyanat, Samay Sanskritik Goshthi and Dhaka Theatre Mancho, several other member troupes of BGTF from outside Dhaka will stage plays at the festival. M Hamid said, "As street theatre, an explicit art form, features strong messages related to our national life, we have been regularly arranging *patho natok* festivals since the beginning of the neo-theatre movement just after Independence. For the last two decades BGTF has been regularly arranging an annual

patho natok festival in February to commemorate the Language Martyrs. "It is alarming to note that in recent days there has been a marked decline in such productions. As a result we see same *patho natok* at every festival. Moreover, many popular troupes are not

participating in the festival this time." Akhtaruzzaman, assistant secretary general of BGTF, said that each day five performances would be staged. The duration of the street plays is less than 40 minutes.



Actors of Shomoy Sangskritik Goshthi in a play

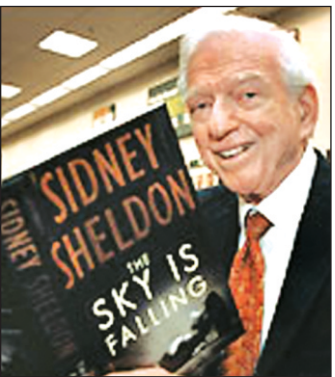


Habib Wahid performed recently at the marketing and sales conference of ACI Pharmaceuticals Limited. The audience was entertained with solo performances of Prano bondhu, Krishno, Maya lagaisey, Bhalobashbo, Din gelo, Raat nirghum and several other popular numbers. The event was held at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Center

Novelist Sidney Sheldon passes away

Sidney Sheldon, 89, whose life of achievement as a writer and producer for the stage, movies and television seemed no less suspenseful and dramatic than the plots of his best-selling novels, died on January 30 in California. Sheldon, born in Chicago, told of contemplating suicide as a teenager, and went on to win Hollywood's Oscar, television's Emmy and Broadway's Tony. It was estimated that as many as 300 million copies of his novels are in print, in a total of 51 languages. His publicist told the *Associated Press* that he died of complications of pneumonia. One of his major television hits was *I Dream of Jeannie*, which he created and produced. The fantasy, which starred Larry Hagman and Barbara Eden, ran for five seasons in the late 1960s and won him his Emmy. *The Bachelor and the Bobbysoxer*, a 1947 movie with Cary Grant, Myrna Loy and Shirley

Temple, won Sheldon an Oscar for best original screenplay. As a co-author of *Redhead*, a Broadway show that won him a Tony. Sheldon recognised that the most prestigious prizes of the literary world were unlikely to come his way. But that apparently was not a concern. "I try to write my books so the reader can't put them



down," he once said. That was an accurate description of such works as *Rage of Angels*, *The Other Side of Midnight*, *Bloodline*, *If Tomorrow Comes* and *Master of the Game*. Sheldon, who described himself as bipolar, was sometimes subject to fits of depression, but he deployed a swaggering confidence that enabled him to break into Hollywood in the 1930s. A rapid reader and deft writer, he showed a gift for assessing prospective scripts submitted by others and soon lent his talents to film production. Once, fire threatened his California home, which was filled with his awards. It was necessary to snatch a few items and flee. He took his pens and pads. "Any talent is a gift," he told an interviewer. "We're obligated to work as hard as we can at whatever talent we're lucky enough to have."

Source: Internet

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, Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm, News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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

CHANNEL 1
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm

News Headlines (English) at 9:05pm

RTV
News (Bangla) at 7:00am, 3:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am

BTV

11:15 Cookery Show
11:40 Ongona
12:05 Mao O Shishur Kotha
01:00 Shukhi Porbar
02:15 Children's Drama
02:40 Esho Gaan Shikhi
03:05 Cartoon
04:00 Esho Computer Shikhi
04:30 Bansuri
05:05 Documentary Programme
05:30 Ityadi
06:40 Jiboner Alo
07:00 Shangila
07:30 Shomoyer Shinglap
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
08:40 Drama of the Week
10:30 Shurer Chhoya

ATN BANGLA

09:20 Drama Serial: Shokal Shondha
10:30 Talk Show: Aktel Anyodisti
12:15 Bangla Feature Film
03:45 ATN Ranna Ghar
04:20 Shundor Jiboner Jonno
05:10 Amader Joto Kotha
05:45 Islamic Programme
06:20 Aktel Protidin
08:00 Drama Serial: Shokal Shondha
08:40 Drama Serial: Koto Chena Koto Ochena
09:20 Drama Serial: Chhaya Mukh

CHANNEL i

09:30 Shangkhabad Potre Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameen Phone Trityiyatra
12:30 Cicell Tarakothon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangkhabadpotre Bangladesh

01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Trityiyo Matray Apni
03:05 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak
04:25 Nirbachoni Olympiad
04:35 Sa Re Ga Ma Boimela
05:30 Protidin
06:00 Shamoekei
06:20 Amar Chhobi
07:50 Special Programme
08:20 Drama Serial: Ferari
09:35 bddi Ekhonei Shomoy
10:00 Drama Serial: Nishidho Bonobhumi
12:00 Grammephone Ajker Shangkbadpotro

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08:35 Ajker Shokal
09:00 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
09:30 Ki Kotha Tahar Shatey
10:05 Choloচিত্র Kotha
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:35 Drama Serial: Mon-e Mon-e
03:15 Drama Serial: Shaola
03:50 Drama Serial: Neer
04:25 Mon Amar Shondhan Kori
05:20 Mohilangan
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Righttolic
08:25 Drama Serial: Megh Bolechhe Jabo Jabo
09:00 Glamour World
10:00 Drama Serial: Bishkhey
11:25 Dindarpan

Rtv

08:05 Ei Shokal
09:00 Aj Potrikay
09:10 Shaptahik Adda
10:00 Prithibir Pathay Pathay
10:40 ICT Today or Tomorrow

PICK OF THE DAY

Ekhon e Shomoy
On Channel i at 9:35pm
Talk show hosted by Farzana Brownia
Guests: Shupron Roy, Nashid Kamal and others

American Idol
On Star World at 8:30pm
Talent Hunt
Host: Ryan Seacrest

01:00 Aj Potrikay
01:30 Islamic Programme
03:45 Drama Serial: Kagojer Manush
04:20 Heart Bit
05:10 Tagore Song
05:30 Children's Programme
06:00 Ajker Bangladesh
06:35 Shoptaho Jurey
08:00 Cookery Show
08:50 Drama Serial
10:45 Rtv Exclusive

06:45 Ithashrey Pathdhorey
07:00 Shombhabonar Bangladesh
08:15 Drama Serial: Ghugur Basha
09:00 Drama Serial: Dash Diner Ghotona
09:30 The One
11:00 Akar Ekar

BANGLAVISION

09:05 Ebong Classer Bairey
09:30 Amader Ranna Ghar
10:10 Drama Serial: Kachhey Durey
10:45 Agamir Kontho
12:30 Drama Serial: Joba Kushum
03:05 Cinebit Shadakalo
03:45 Shomoy Ashomoy
04:20 Ichhey Ghuri

Channel 1

08:40 Shuprovat Bangladesh
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Show Case
03:30 Telefilm: Ei Opekhey
04:30 Baker Pathay
05:15 Gollachhut
06:00 Saaj Bela

05:30 Diner Sheshey
06:30 Shurer Bhuban
08:05 Drama Serial: Dokhinayon
09:20 Article Thirty Nine
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:30 Shakha Laka Boom Boom
11:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
12:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Kesar
03:00 Saarthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

04:00 Kahiin To Hoga
04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
05:00 Krishna Kathaiyen
06:30 Mickey Mouse And Friends
07:00 The Suite Life Of Zack And Cod
07:30 Golu Ke Goggles
08:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
08:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
09:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati-Srk
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
12:00 Paraya Dhan

STAR MOVIES

10:15 6th Day, The
12:15 Deep Rescue
01:50 I'm Gonna Git You Sucka
03:25 Sideways
05:25 Zachi's Baby
07:00 Soul Plane
08:30 Star Wars: Ep. V - The Empire Strikes Back
10:45 Frankenstein
12:15 Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle

STAR WORLD

09:00 The Simpsons
09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
11:30 Heroes
10:30 American Idol
12:30 Grey's Anatomy
01:30 To Be Assigned...
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Table For Three
06:00 Arrested Development
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Cheers
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 American Idol
09:00 Hope & Faith
10:00 According To Jim
11:30 The Office
11:30 Two And A Half Men
11:30 Table For Three

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

09:30 Secrets To Survival
10:30 African Adventures: Glen Africa/Lost City Skydiving
11:00 StuntDawgs: Episode 5
11:30 Dangerman Adventures With Geoff Mackley
12:30 Finest Hotels In The World: Week End In Plaza Athénée

10:30 Hippo
02:30 Guilty Or Innocent?
03:30 Animal Camera - Surveillance On Survival
04:00 Zachi's Ultimate Guide: Big Cats
04:30 Natural World: Desert Wolves Of India
05:30 Building The Biggest: Diamond Hunters
06:30 Stunt Junkies
07:00 StuntDawgs
07:30 The Rivers Of Life
08:00 Planet Earth: From Pole To Pole
09:30 Meerkat Manor
10:00 Animal Camera - Surveillance On Survival
10:30 Ten Ways: Ten Ways To See Into The Future

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 Relentless Enemies
10:30 Telemali
11:00 Bhagyashali Ratna
11:15 Global Sky Shop
11:30 FIFA Club Championship
12:30 Ultimate Disaster
01:30 Searching for a Miracle
02:30 Anamalai
03:30 Relentless Enemies
04:00 Nat Geo Invasion
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Fangs Of The Forest
06:30 Relentless Enemies
07:30 Cheetahs: Deadly Race
08:30 MegaStructures
09:30 Frontline Of Construction
10:30 Relentless Enemies
11:30 In Search of Jaguar

STAR SPORT

09:30 Full Toss? Haste Rehna Boss (The Action Asia Challenge Series 200

10:30 Fa Cup 2006/07 (Soccer/Futbol)
12:30 World Match Racing Tour 2006 (Ya English Premier Football League
02:30 Tna Xplosion (Wrestling)
05:30 Max Power 2007 (Auto Racing)
06:30 Tna Xplosion (Wrestling)
07:30 Nokia Football Crazy (Soccer/Fut
08:30 Commonwealth Bank Series 2006-07
10:00 Jamie's Greatest Hits (Magazine)
10:30 Tna Xplosion (Wrestling)
11:30 Ace (Tennis)
12:00 Australian Open 2007 Presented

ESPN

09:00 Great Finishes (Cricket)
09:30 19th European Athletics Champion
12:30 English Premier Football League
03:30 Indian Premier Hockey League (Fi
04:30 Pakistan Legends (Cricket)
05:30 Goals! (Soccer/Futbol)
05:00 Nokia Football Crazy (Soccer/Fut
07:00 Indian Premier Hockey League (Fi
09:30 Sportscenter India (Sport News)
10:00 Planet Speed
10:30 Sportscenter India (Sport News)
11:00 Sportscenter Asia