

CULTURAL FEAS



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

National Street Theatre Festival

Organisers: Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation & Bengal Foundation
Venue: Central Shaheed Minar
Date: February 2-7
Time: 4:00pm

Screening of International Award winning Bangla Films

February 3
4:00pm Matir Moina
6:00pm Nirontor
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Chalachitra Kendro, 62, Science Laboratory
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Solo Art Exhibition

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

Theatre

Play: Cyclewala
Troupe: Natyachakra
Venue: Experimental Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: February 3
Time: 6:00pm

Folk Festival 2007

Organiser: Bangladesh Folk Arts and Crafts Foundation
Venue: Bangladesh Folk Arts and Crafts Foundation, Sonargaon
Date: February 3-17

Group Art Show

Title: Appointment 2007
Venue: Shilpangan, Road 3, House 26
Date: February 5-18
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm & 5:00pm-9:00pm

Environmental Films Screening

Venue: German Cultural Centre, House-10, Road-9, Dhamondi
Date: February 4-8
Time: 4pm onwards

Homage to Waheedul Haq

Music and recitation at Chhayanat Sangskriti Bhaban

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

WAHEEDUL HAQ: Veteran journalist, Tagore exponent, teacher, social-cultural activist and organiser, Haq played a key role in the revival of the Bengali identity and tirelessly worked to maintain a secular spirit in the country. He was the founder of Chhayanat, which played a significant role in the political-cultural movements during late 1960s, prior to the country's Liberation War. Apart from establishing Chhayanat in 1961, Haq also founded a number of prominent cultural organisations like Kanthashilon, Nalanda, Anandadhani, Fulki, Bratocchari Samity and Bashanto Utsab Utdajan Parishad. He formed Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilon Parishad in 1980. A multifaceted talent, Haq was also involved with filmmaking and film movements.

The cultural icon passed away on January 27 and his body has been donated for medical research.

On February 1, Chhayanat along with 7 other leading cultural organisations, paid homage to Waheedul Haq. The event was held at Chhayanat Sangskriti Bhaban.

Teachers, students of Chhayanat, eminent cultural personalities and members of organisations expressed their individual and collective emotions through songs and recitation.

The event started with a chorus rendition of *Shurer Guru, daago shurer deekha*. In between, records of Tagore songs by Waheedul Haq were played.

Renowned cultural personality Aly Zaker reminisced on Haq, calling him "Shurer feriwalla" (vendor of tunes). Zaker said, "Waheed



Sanjida Khatun renders a song at the programme

Haq's inspiration was the masses. He had always encouraged collective efforts. He is known for his impeccable knowledge on Tagore songs and literature and his profession was journalism, however he was equally passionate about science. Walking around, he could name any tree (including scientific names) at random. His demise is a personal loss."

Noted Tagore exponent Sanjida Khatun rendered *Akhono gelo na aandha*. A chorus rendition of *Tumi jey shurer aagoon lagiye diley mor praney* by young students was next. Ifat Ara Dewan sang *Ei kothati mon rekha*.

The evening moved ahead with recitation by noted cultural personality Asaduzzaman Noor, along with Bhashkar Bandyopadhyay, Hasan Arif, Golam Sarwar and others. Solo performances by leading artists - Khayrul Anam Shakil, Mita Haq, Subir Nandi, Chandana Majumdar, Papya Sarwar, Tapan Mahmud -- and chorus renditions by students, teachers of Chhayanat, artistes of Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilon Parishad, Bratocchari and Anandadhani followed. The programme ended with a 10-minute documentary on Haq and the National Anthem.

The auditorium was packed from brim to brim; the air heavy with the aroma of flowers and tears sparkled even in the soft light of candles. Waheedul Haq lives on in the convictions of his admirers, students and friends.

MUKLESUR RAHMAN LITON,
Kishoreganj

Kishoreganj Theatre organised a discussion on cultural activities, felicitated eminent playwright and dramatists with crests and staged a play 'Ora Kadam Ali'. The aim behind the functions was to mark the 46th anniversary of Kishoreganj theatre at Kishoreganj Shilpakala

stage recently. Dr J B Roy (86), recipient of an award for his contribution to group theatre and his theatrical performance, said, "Kishoreganj Theatre has produced many artistes who have won fame home and abroad. In their ranks are Shamim Ara Nipa, Shukla Sarker and many others."

In the course of his address, Roy also pointed out that after 1947 cultural activities almost came to a halt, but he and his fellow artistes continued their activities under the banner of Kishoreganj Theatre. The troupe also took part in social activities, attended by dignitaries such as Ramendu Majumdar and Abdulla Al Mamun, apart from many eminent national and international personalities.

Among the other three award



Dr J B Roy (2-R) receiving his crest

recipients are regular performer Shudhendu Biswas (65), playwright and novelist Professor Zia Uddin and Ashim Sarker Badhan, a young social and cultural activist in the district.

Following the award function, the play 'Ora Kadam Ali' by Mamunur Rashid was staged. The play hinges on how the oppressed take a stance against social injustice. In the course

of the play, Kadam Ali had a speaking impediment, which symbolised the inability of the weaker segment of the society in speaking out against oppression.

The cast included Rita, Sohrab Hossain, Kalpana and Emdadul Islam.

The play was directed by MA Aziz, president of Kishoreganj Theatre.

Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Sangeet Academy celebrates fourth anniversary



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On the occasion of its fourth anniversary, Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Sangeet Academy honoured poet Khan Muhammad Moinuddin (posthumous) and artist Hafizur Rahman recently. The programme was held at Sufia Kamal auditorium, National Museum.

The event was divided into three sessions. The first session featured the felicitation ceremony and discussion. The chief guest of the occasion was folklorist Dr Asraf Siddique. Special guests were Dr Rajib Humayun and Artist Rafiqul Nabi. General secretary of Shammilito Sangskriti Jote, Golam Quddus also attended the event.

After the prize giving ceremony the second session featured songs. The third session of the programme included theatrical and dance performances by students of the academy.

Young dancers of Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Sangeet Academy

Al Gore's 'Inconvenient Truth' receives Oscar nod

An *Inconvenient Truth*, former US Vice President Al Gore's film on the perils of global warming, scored two Oscar nominations: for best documentary feature and best original song.

While he is not technically a nominee, the film's director, Davis Guggenheim, won the nod, as did singer Melissa Etheridge for the song *I Need to Wake Up*. Gore said last Tuesday he was "thrilled" that his movie was honoured.

"The film ... has brought awareness of the climate crisis to people in the United States and all over the world," Gore said in an e-mail statement. "I am so grateful to the entire team and pleased that the Academy has recognised their work. This film proves that movies really can make a difference." Aides say the former vice president plans to walk the red carpet alongside Hollywood's rich and famous at the 79th Academy Awards ceremony next month. Guggenheim said he was not expecting a nomination but welcomed the fresh attention from the Academy's recognition. He said he spoke to Gore and asked him, "Are you ready to go to the show? I think he's ready. For years he's been in the wilderness on

global warming. Now he's ready for his grand walk. Now he's at the Academy Awards. It's a hero's return."

Source: Internet



Al Gore in *An Inconvenient Truth*

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-1
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

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 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00 pm.

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

CHANNEL 1
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.

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.

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

ATN BANGLA

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01:30 Nari
02:30 Islamic Programme
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03:45 Shesh Okhor
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