

CULTURAL FEAST



Musical Soiree
Organiser: Chhayanaat
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library
Date: August 9
Time: 7:00pm

International Day of the World's Indigenous People 2007 Celebration
Organiser: Bangladesh Adivasi Odhakar Andolon and Bangladesh Adivasi Forum
Date: August 8
Discussion
Time: 10:00 am

German Film Week
Organiser: Chalachitram Film Society & Goethe-Institut Bangladesh
August 12
3:00pm Anansi
4:30pm Bungalov
6:00pm Klassenfahrt
7:30pm Heart Over Head

August 13
3:00pm Urban Guerrillas
4:30pm Ghettokids
6:00pm Berlin is in Germany
7:30pm Kroko
August 14
3:00pm Fickende Fische
5:00pm Schultze Gets the Blues
7:00pm Good Bye, Lenin

August 15
3:00pm Lichter
5:00pm The Miracle of Bern
7:00pm The Ninth Day
August 16
3:00pm Go for Zucker
5:00pm Kebab Connection
7:00pm Lost and Found
Venue: German Cultural Centre Auditorium, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi

Film Screening
Remembering Ingmar Bergman and Michelangelo Antonioni
Organiser: Chalachitram Film Society
Date: August 8
5pm Wild Strawberries
7pm La aventura
Venue: German Cultural Centre Auditorium, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi

Live Musical Performance at Kozmo
Artists: Salman and Friends
Venue: Kozmo Lounge, Bikalpa Tower (3rd Floor), Plot 74, Road 5/A, Sat Masjid Road, Dhanmondi
Date: August 10
Time: 6pm

Homage to Kabiguru
How the world views Tagore: Discussion at Bangla Academy

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

ANGLA Academy arranged a discussion and musical soiree on the 66th death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore at its seminar room on August 6. Professor Abdus Selim of North South University presented an essay, titled "Tagore in English" at the programme. Mosud Mannan, director general of the Foreign Affairs Ministry and Professor Shafi Ahmed of Jahangirnagar University took part in the discussion. The programme was presided over by Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam. In his speech Dr. Syed Md. Shahed, director general of Bangla Academy, talked about previous programmes on Tagore arranged by the Academy. From 1962, Bangla Academy has maintained a tradition of observing the birth and death anniversaries of Tagore, except in 1970 when the then Pakistani government barred it. Renowned personalities includ-

ing Dr. Md. Shahidullah, poets Sufia Kamal and Shamsur Rahman had participated in these programmes. In his essay, Professor Abdus Selim said that the western writers view Tagore as an obscure and mystic poet of the east. Despite a warm reception, the western interest in Tagore eventually waned. Professor Selim discussed views of several noted writers and critics of the west on Tagore. Translations of Tagore's works in German, Russian, Chinese and English were also discussed. Professor Shafi Ahmed expressed his doubt on whether it is possible to translate Tagore effectively. The western views were based on the translations. He also mentioned that Tagore's political views, specifically his famous "Oxford Speech" dwindled his popularity among the European literary circuit. He strongly criticised the "occidental" views of the west in this regard. Mosud Mannan shared his



Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam speaks at the discussion

experience in different countries where he noticed the enthusiastic studies of Tagore's work. After the discussion, Lili Islam, Sushmita Ahmed and Neelotpol Sadhyo rendered Tagore songs.



Artists of Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha perform a group song

Musical programme by Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To observe Rabindranath Tagore's 66th death anniversary, Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha (BRSSS) arranged a two daylong programme titled "Nishidin Alokshikha Joluk Gaaney" at Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Public Library. On the first day (August 6) of the programme, noted and upcoming singers from the organisation rendered popular Tagore songs. Tagore exponent and president of BRSSS, Kalim Sharafi inaugurated the programme. The event started off with a group rendition of Aguner

parashmoni chhowao praney. Around 100 singers of the organisation performed in the chorus. Another group rendition Ashechhiley tobu asho nai followed. Sharmila Chakrabarti and Satya Chakrabarti rendered Tomar shurer dhara and Amar sakal dukher pradeep respectively. Selina Huda sang Amar shakal rosher dhar and Makhon Hawlader rendered Aaj kichhutei jaye na. Elham Nusrat Nandita, Fahima Samad, Shafiqur Rahman and Moushumi Tarafdar rendered Prothom aadi tobo shakti, Aaj akasher moner kotha, Tomar dekha pabo boley and Jodi e amar hriday. The programme was sponsored by Grameenphone.

Hiroshima Day observed

MAINUL HASSAN

August 6 is observed as the "Hiroshima Day" around the world. On this day in 1945, an atomic bomb "Little Boy" was dropped on the city of Hiroshima by the US air force, followed by the detonation of the "Fat Man" nuclear bomb over Nagasaki on August 9. They are the only instances of the use of nuclear weapons in warfare. The death toll from the immediate blast at Hiroshima was roughly estimated at 70,000 and in the decades that followed many more died from illnesses caused by radiation. In the years that followed the death toll at Hiroshima and Nagasaki totalled 3,45,000. The day is observed all over the world with special vigils and fervour. Peace activists arrange various events including rallies, awareness programmes and more to mark the day. To observe Hiroshima Day, Liberation War Museum organised a programme featuring discussion and musical performance on August 6. Rabiul Hossain, a trustee of the museum and Yusuke Ozawa, secretary, Cultural Affairs, Embassy of Japan were present at the programme. The discussion was followed by a play Sadakor Swapno by theatre troupe Palakar. The play narrates



Youngsters sing at Liberation War Museum

the tragic fate of a young Japanese girl named Sadako. During the Hiroshima bombing she was only two years old. Miraculously she survives the bombing but eventually cancer is detected in her body. A friend tells her that if she can make 1000 paper birds she will be cured and so she starts making birds. After making 640 paper birds, Sadako dies. Students from School of Human Development and Kamalapur School and College performed songs, recitation and dance. On the occasion theatre troupe Shonpodal held a photography exhibition at Shilpakala Academy. Since 2002 Shonpodal has been holding programmes on Hiroshima Day. At the exhibition, photographs on display featured the aftermath of the Hiroshima bombing. The images depicted the horrors of war. Shonpodal also staged a play Tringsho Shotabdi at the Experimental Theatre Stage. Based on a play written by Badol Sarkar, Tringsho Shotabdi was directed by Zahid Ripon. The play depicts the consequences of war and brings to light its impact on human psyche. Very often soldiers and victims of wars experience psychological trauma, resulting in disorders. The issue of human rights violation at the notorious Guantanamo Bay prison was also highlighted in the play. "Every year we stage this play on August 6. Through the play we try to generate awareness on the evils of war," said Zahid. Prior to the play a short discussion was held. Ramendu Majumdar, president of ITI, Bangladesh; theatre personalities Ataur Rahman and S.M. Mohsin spoke at the discussion.



A photograph on display at Shilpakala Academy, highlighting the aftermath of Hiroshima bombing

TV Watch

"Chena Jana": Focusing on philanthropists

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

TV show Chena Jana, hosted by eminent cultural personality Ramendu Majumdar, is currently on air on BT. The programme features insights into the lives of prominent personalities who have dedicated their lives to the cause of mankind. Tonight the spotlight will be on Valerie Taylor, the founder of CRP. The organisation has so far treated over 250,000 people with neurological and other spinal injury related problems and has initiated community-based rehabilitation programmes in more than 100 upazillas. Valerie, a recipient of the Independence Day Award is an honorary citizen of Bangladesh. The programme produced by Faruk Bhuiya is aired every other Wednesday at 9:30pm.



Ramendu Majumdar talks to Valerie Taylor in the TV show

Dance-drama, music and discussion at Shilpakala

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged a discussion and cultural programme to observe Rabindranath Tagore's death anniversary on August 6. The programme was held at the National Theatre Stage. At the discussion, eminent litterateur Selina Hossain and poet Asad Chowdhury discussed Tagore as a humanist and a social reformer. The speakers elaborated on the way Tagore valued social harmony and made contributions towards community development. National Board of Revenue (NBR) Chairman Badiur Rahman was the chief guest and Secretary to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs A.B.M. Abdul Howk Chowdhury was the special guest. Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Quamrul Hassan ndc presided over the programme. Artists of BSA began with an instrumental rendition of Anondolokey mongalalokey birajo shatyo shundoro. Opala Farhat Nobed, Mohammad Faruk, Chhaya Rani Karmakar, Majibul Quayyum, Ridwana Afreeen, Ashraf Mahmud, Sharmin Ahmed Lipi, Swapno Dutt, Rokaia Hasina and others rendered Tagore songs throughout the evening. Fayzul Alam Pappu recited from the poem Porichoy. Shyama, a dance-drama written by Tagore, was staged by Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts. Sadi Mohammed, Rezwana Chowdhury Bonna, Sirajus Salekin and Sajed Akbar among others rendered songs in the one and half hour long presentation.



Selina Hossain speaks at the programme

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Thakur Maar Jhuli
On ATN Bangla at 06:20pm
Animation series for the children



Walk the Line
On Star Movies at 07:00pm
Genre: Drama
Cast: Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon

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.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
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, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 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 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
News Headlines (English) at 8:05pm.
Rtv
News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and 12:15am.
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News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am.
ETV
News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

BTV
11:15 Drama Serial: Shangshtaptak
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha
12:30 Kori O Komol
01:30 Hijol Tomal
02:15 Golpo Theke Natak
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Shukhi Poribar
04:00 Computer
04:30 Amader Ranna
05:05 Sisimpur
05:30 Mithoskria
06:10 Shamprotik Proshongo
06:40 Shondha Maloti
07:00 Mati O Manush
07:30 Grontho Kalthon
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
08:35 Drama Serial: Alo Amar Alo
09:05 Drama Serial: Swapno Loker Chabi
09:30 Talk Show
10:30 Musical Programme: Agun Jhora Shondha Shur Torongo
11:00 ATN Bangla
10:30 Talk show: Aktel Onyodisti
11:05 Meet the Press
12:15 Amar Computer
01:30 Gane Shure Taruney
02:30 Notun Chhobir Gaan
03:10 Drama Serial: Bhalobashar Rang Children's Programme
04:20 Islamic Programme: Gram Gonjer Khobor
05:00 Islamic Programme
06:20 Thakur Mar Jhuli
08:00 Drama Serial: Jeye Theko
08:45 Drama Serial: Bohemian
09:20 Drama Serial: Chhayamukh Talking Point GrameenPhone Lead News
11:30 CHANNEL-i
09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
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11:05 Citycell Tarokathan
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02:40 Mega Serial: Prio Bash
03:05 Talk show: Microcredit Agrogotitey Bangladesh
03:30 D-Rockstar 2
04:05 Music Club
05:30 Mukti Judho Protidin
06:00 Drama Serial: Shat Goenda
06:20 Cooking Programme
07:50 Jibon Jekhaney Jemon Chirontoni
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11:00 American Cinema
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Chokkor
03:15 Ranger Manush
03:50 Neer
04:25 Enechhi Shurjer Hashi
04:50 Apnar Jigyasha
05:30 Tagore Song
06:45 Ki Kotha Tahar Shathey
08:15 Cooking Programme
08:50 Talk Show
09:45 Neer
11:30 Ei Shomoy
ETV
08:00 Ekusher Shokal
01:30 Drishti
02:00 Drama Serial:

03:30 Bondhon Chirontoni
04:00 Pathey Prantorey
04:30 Drama Serial: Biprotip Ta Na Na Na
05:30 Deshurey Shonglap
08:00 Drama Serial: Dibidho Bhalobasha Karey Koy
09:30 Ekusher Shomoy
10:30 Drama Serial: Bondhon Reporter's File
11:45 Ekusher Raat
Rtv
09:00 Rtv Exclusive
09:05 Witch Blade
09:30 Kothay Kothay
10:00 Cinema ar Cinema

11:30 Drama Serial: Dohon Cooking Programme: R Ranna
12:00 Nironor
12:35 Drishwa Kalpo
01:00 Ei Din
01:30 Musical Programme
03:45 Documentary Programme
04:15 Prachir Ghera China
05:10 Borne Borne Rochito
06:00 Witch Blade
06:35 Ekusher Raat
08:00 Drama Serial: Dohon Akbar the Great
08:40 Drama Serial: Lukochuri Prithibir Pathey Pathey
11:00 News Watch
12:00 Rtv Exclusive

02:00 The Object Of My Affection
03:50 The Lost World: Jurassic Park
06:00 On The Lot
07:00 Walk The Line
09:15 Ever After: A Cinderella Story
11:15 On The Lot
12:15 The Lost World: Jurassic Park
STAR PLUS
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:30 Ducktales
11:00 Goof Troop
12:00 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
12:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
01:00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
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12:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
11:30 Amar Ami
12:00 Shangbadprotidin
STAR MOVIES
09:15 The Family Stone
11:00 Sound Of Music, The

10:30 Life As We Know It
11:30 Prison Break
12:30 The O.C.
01:30 Koffee With Karan
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Prison Break Scrubs
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 My Wife And Kids
08:30 On The Lot
09:30 Ugly Betty
10:30 Boston Legal
11:30 Seinfeld
12:00 Friends
HISTORY CHANNEL
09:30 Air Ambush
10:30 Tactical to Practical
11:30 Wonder Brand
12:00 Brahmagyan
12:30 Attilia the Hun
01:30 Reilly: Ace of Spies
02:30 UFO Files
03:30 Mata Hari
04:30 Private Planes
05:30 Jaguar E-Type
06:30 Attilia the Hun
07:30 True Story of Gladiators
08:30 Dogfights of Middle East
09:30 Jewel in the crown
10:30 The Aztecs
11:30 Brinks Robbery
12:30 Jewel in the crown
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
09:30 Flavours of India
10:00 Truth About Food
11:30 Extreme Engineering
12:30 Bringing Home Baby
01:00 Baby Story

FM radio
Radio Forti
07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu)
11:00am Amar 98.4 (Nusrat)
03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)
07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia)
11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo)
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Discovery Showcase
03:30 Beyond Tomorrow
04:30 Africa Week
05:30 Extreme Engineering
06:30 Life on the Edge
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 India Unleashed
09:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
10:30 Mean Machines
11:00 Extreme Evidence
11:30 A Haunting
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
10:30 Sauna Belt
11:00 Vedic Maths
11:15 Global Pendant
11:30 The Big Breeze
12:30 Is It Real?
01:30 Body Double
02:30 EarthPulse
03:30 Killer Whales
03:30 Naked Science
04:30 Mad Labs
05:00 Rattlesnake Road Trip
05:30 Backyard Science
06:00 Pit Viper/ Pioneer Cross
06:30 Naked Science
07:30 The Dark Side of Hippos
08:30 Crash Science
09:30 Inside