CULTURE

CULTURALFEAST

Reminiscence On K.M Sobhan

Organiser: Bangladesh-Rush Moitn Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi Date: January 24

On Wahidul Haq Organiser: Konthoshilon Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag Date: January 23

Time: 7 pm

Time: 5:30 pm

Felicitation To poet Syed Shamsul Haq and cultural programme Organiser: Amra Surjomukhi Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum Date: January 25 Time: 5 pm

Premiere Show of Video Documentary

Title: In search of Heritage Venue: Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A (new) Dhanmondi Date: January 23 Time: 4pm

Sculpture and Art Exhibition

Title: Brave World of Structure Artist: Ivy Zaman Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 26, road 3, Dhanmondi Date: January 19-February 2 Time: 12pm-8pm

Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: In Search of light Artist: Rafique Siddiqui Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Date: January 18-25 Time: 12pm-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Written Image Artist: Wakilur Rahman Venue: Gallari Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara Date: January 18-29 Time: 11am-8pm

The Making of Kuhu Art

Artist: Kuhu Venue: Gallery Chitrak, Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi R/A Date; January 18-February 15 Time: 10am-8pm

Dance Festival

Organiser: Nrityanchal Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Dance Drama: Teen Konyar Daan Dance Troupe: Nrityanchal Date: January 25 Time: 6:30 pm

Dance Drama: Bhanushingher Podaboli

Dance Troupe: Bhabna Date: January 26 Time: 6:30 pm

Dance Drama: Parijayi Dance Troupe: Sukalyan and Entourage Date: January 27 Time: 6:30 pm

Dance Drama: Mohua Dance Troupe: Nrityanchal Date: January 28 Time: 7:00 pm

Promoting the heritage of handicrafts



Handicrafts on display

Theatre

NADIA SARWAT

On January 21, Padatik Natya

Sangsad Bangladesh arranged a

daylong event at the National

Theatre stage, Bangladesh

Shilpakala Academy, to mark its

30th anniversary. The event

included an inaugural session,

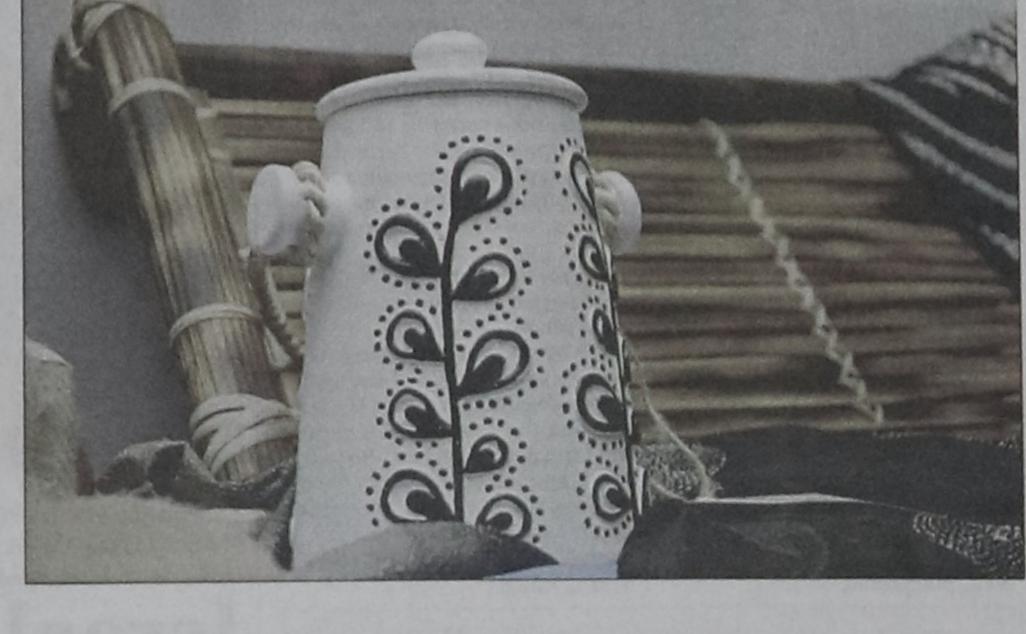
exhibition of props from the differ-

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remarkable handicraft exhibition organised by Ecota Fair Trade Ltd. opened at 1 Drik Gallery on January 21. In it one found varieties of displays ranging from bronze and wood wall hangings to superb silk quilts nakshi kantha -- with delicate stitches. One also saw pink, gold and red fabric bolts from various far-flung regions of the Chittagong Hill Tracts to sophisticated vegetable dye products from Aranya. Kumudini, Gram Mati and other wellknown handicraft outlets.

Among the main aims of the local organisations that produce the handicrafts are the motives to gain footholds in the US and European markets. In order to be successful it is imperative to have both quality control and awareness in the overseas countries, said the chief guest, Dr Stefan Frowein, ambassador and head of Delegation of the European Commission to Bangladesh.

30th anniversary



Speaking to The Daily Star, Dr Frowein said that the Fair Trade Ltd was a project that the European Commission had been financing. This project, said Dr Frowin, is to bring artisans and artists of the Fine Arts Deptartment, DU together so that they could work in the field of design and handicrafts. This would maintain the tradition as well as the individuality of the artists and artisans. This, he said was to improve the products so that they would be exportable.

"The purpose is not only to produce handicrafts but sell them too. The whole thing is embedded in an approach of fair trade, which means that the artisans should be paid a correct price for their work and the objective is to make them earn at least two dollars a day from their work," said Dr Frowein.

The project is not all that large, considering Bangladesh's entire population.

It is of a pilot character, improving the quality of artisan products. Other donors are involved in this in other parts of the country, said Dr Frowein.

Padatik Natya Sangsad celebrates its

ent productions of Padatik, a cul-

tural programme, certificate giving

ceremony and staging of the popu-

journey with the motto 'Let drama

be the weapon of struggles in life' in

1978. Shojan Badiyar Ghat, Maa,

Monoshar Pala, Chandraboti,

Choitonney Droho and Chakkar are

The theatre group started their

lar play, Jolbalika.

The markets that are lucrative for Bangladesh are Europe and the US because they are big and they are already exposed to other export items like garments, he added. There is a special relationship with UK but other countries like Germany, Italy, Netherlands, France and the Scandinavian nationals are all interested in handicrafts, Dr Frowein concluded.

Ruby Guznavi, eminent crafts entrepreneur, said that the purpose of her outlet was not only to provide fine organic products but also to generate income for the thousands of artisans who work for her in the rural areas near and around Dhaka. The Fair Trade system ensures correct wages to the crafts people and they are also supported by interest free credit, health care and free education for children, Guznavi said. When women earn money, she said, they reinvest it in the family Thus the system improves the quality of life of the masses to some extent and keeps alive the Bangladeshi heritage, Guznavi added.

The exhibition ends on January 23.

Public memorial programme for Selim Al Deen

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A public memorial programme for renowned dramatist Selim Al Deen was held at the Central Shaheed Minar on January 21. Shammilito Sanskritik Jote, a common platform for cultural organisations, arranged the event.

Educationist Professor Sirajul Islam Chowdhury chaired the programme. Noted cultural personalities Ramendu Majumdar, Syed Shamsul Haq, Atiqul Haque Chowdhury, Mamunur Rashid, Nasiruddin Yousuff, M Hamid,

Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Shimul Yousuf, Sara Zaker, Professor Afsar Ahmed, Milon Kanti Dey, Mannan Heera and others spoke at the programme. Meherunnesa Selim, widow of the late dramatist, expressed her grief. Golam Kuddus, general secretary of Shammilito Sanskritik Jote, was the host of the programme.

The programme began with a rendition of the Tagore song Jibono jokhono shukaye jay performed by Mita Haque. A discussion on Al Deen's contribution to the Bangladeshi theatre followed. After

Rabindranath Tagore, Selim Al Deen is the only playwright in Bangla literature who developed a theatre theory and successfully applied it in his plays, said the discussants. His plays have enriched the post-colonial Bangla literature. His plays have been staged around the world.

A trendsetter, a theoretician, a dramatist, an educator, a theatre organiser, a philosopher and a freedom fighter -- Selim Al Deen passed away on January 14. He was buried at Jahangirnagar University



Eminent cultural personalities at the programme

PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Writers Foundation honours literary personalities

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To celebrate its 11th anniversary, Bangladesh Writers Foundation arranged a programme at the Liberation War Museum Auditorium on January 21. Noted writertranslator Saleha Chowdhury was given the Writers Foundation Literary award 2007 at the event. Sinha M A Sayeed, Mizan Rahman, Tahmina Quraishi and Golam Mohammad received the Best Book Awards for their contribution to literature.

National Professor Kabir Choudhury was the chief guest, while Poet Abu Bakar Siddiqui and Sajjad Qadir were special guests at the event. Prottoy Jasim, president of Bangladesh Writers Foundation, presided over the programme. A one-minute silence was observed for the recently deceased playwright Selim Al Deen.

"Initiated at a friendly gathering at the Modhur canteen, DU campus, Bangladesh writers Foundation works for the development of



National Professor Kabir Chowdhury (C), writer Saleha Choudhury (R) seen with other guests at the event

Bengali literature and culture. Our efforts are perhaps limited but we believe it is significant," Prottoy Jasim said in his welcome speech.

The winner of this year's literary award, Saleha Chowdhury, completed her Master's degree in Bengali Literature from Dhaka University and joined the institution as a Hossain and others recited their research assistant. In the 70's poems.

Saleha Chowdhury emerged as a talented writer. The expatriate writer has received several awards for her works. Binni Dhaner Khoi is her most celebrated work.

Poets Rabindra Gope, Aslam Sani, Ayat Ali Patwari, Syed Ahmed Ali Aziz, Aniruddha Delwar, Dildar



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STAR PLUS

10:30 The New Adventures

Of Winnie Pooh

Little Einsteins

Kasautii Zindagli Kay

Kumkum - Pyara Sa

PHOTO: STAR

Artists Tinku Das(R) and Babita Das(extreme left) paint as singer Nupur Chhanda Ghosh (C) performs Bangla songs of the 19th century. The programme was held at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts on January 21

Cultural activists at the inaugural session

some of their memorable productions. Padatik has also staged a number of popular street plays.

The event was inaugurated with songs from different productions of Padatik. Golam Kuddus, general secretary, Sammilto Sanskritik Jote; Tamanna Rahman, director of the dance organisation Nrityam; Mizanur Rahman, general secretary of Bangladesh Pathanatak Parishad; M. Hamid, chairperson of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and others spoke at the

In the evening, a cultural programme was held. Ami jugey jugey ashiachhi, Ei amader maa and other popular numbers from different plays were presented by the Padatik Musical group, headed by singer Nargis Chowdhury. Eminent cultural personality Ramendu Majumdar was the chief guest at the session.

Ramendu Majumdar congratulated the theatre group on their anniversary. He said, "Padatik's latest production Jolbalika can be inspirational. The social consciousness, which we find in this play, is a key element in theatre."

Students of the 2007 batch then conferred a maan-potro (panegy ric) to the convenor of Padatik Natyo Sangsad, Selim Shamsul Huda Chowdhury. The chief guest then gave away certificates among the students. Suborno Kazi, a relative of our

National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and visiting theatre activist from India rendered Nazrul's Karar oi louho kopat and Tagore's Byartho praner aborjona. Expatriate art istes Amanullah Khan Chanchal and Chitra Sarker, and Padatik's Salma Akbar and Nargis Chowdhury were the other performers at the event. The event ended with the stag-

ing of Jolbalika. Written by Masum Reza and directed by Shamsul Alam Bakul, the play is set against a rural background where the river plays a significant role in the lives of the characters. The story develops with an exciting nouka baich (boat race) where Joy Baul, the popular village singer introduces his daughter as his successor. The playwright addresses the ills in the rural society such as gender inequality.

ON AIR

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

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).

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- Cartoon Shukhi Poribar Shondha Maloti 04:30 Obhijaatri Sisimpur Thatyo O Projukti
- Shanglap 06:10 Shamprotik Proshongo Grontho Kathan Mati O Manush Protiknon
- Protidin Bangladesh 08:35 Drama Serial: A/o Amar Alo 09:05 Drama Serial: Tumi Kemon Achho Talk Show: Chena
- Jana 10:30 Agun Jhora Shondha Talk Show: Date Line
- Dhaka ATN BANGLA 08:15 Ajker Shangbadpotro 08:30 Ashey Pasher Manush
- Drama Serial: Shopnomongol 10:30 Talk Show: Onyodnshi 11:05 Drama
- 12:15 IT Zone 01:30 Musical Programme Ganey Shurey Tarunyey 02:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House Drama Serial: Rupali

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Drama Serial: Jegey Theko 08:35 Drama Serial: Khuje Berai Tarey Drama Serial: Rangila Bao Talking Point 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News Bangladesh Tritiomatra

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05:20 Islamic Programme

Talk Show:

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06:20 Documentary

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06:00	Protidin	04:20	Banijyomela
08:00	Drama Serial:	06:05	Citycell Din-e
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02:30 The Ellen Degeneres

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03:30 The Bold And The

04:00 General Hospital

06:30 The Simpsons

07:00 My Wife And Kids

Friends

08:30 American Idol

09:30 Ghost Hunters

11:30 Most Shocking

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Dhaka (Biplob) 07:45 am Today's Happy Moments 08:45am Shokaler Khabor 12:00pm Today's Adda (Nudrat)

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