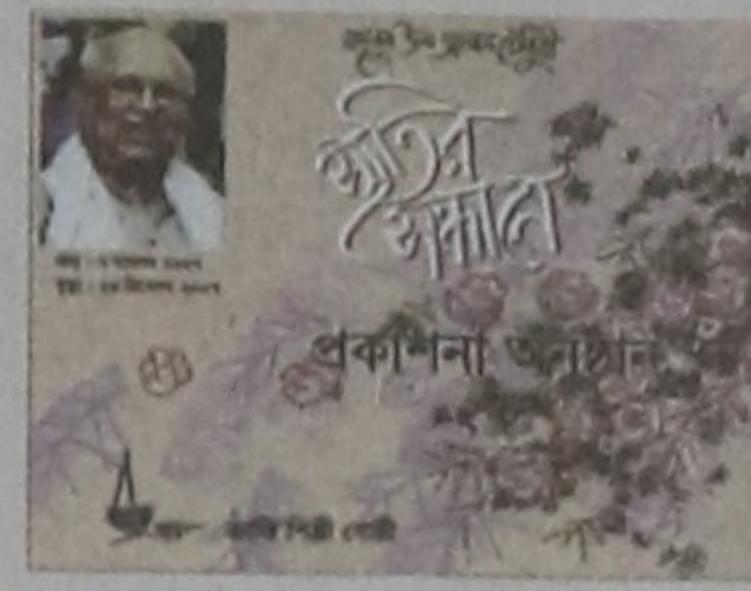


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

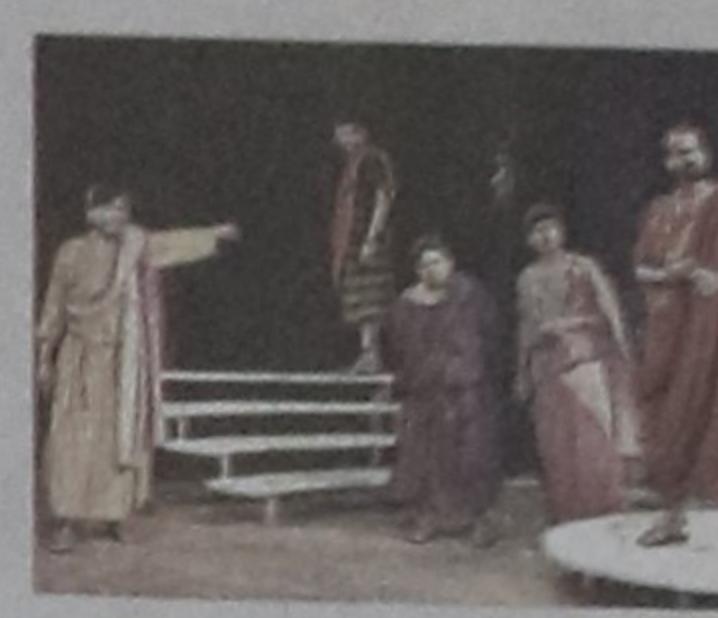
Musical Soiree
To mark Nazrul Birth Anniversary
Organiser: Srijon
Venue: Sufi Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbag
Date: May 31
Time: 6:00pm



Book Launch
Smriti Shondhane on poet Mahbub ul Alam Chowdhury
Organiser: Kranti Shilpi Goshthi
Venue: Liberation War Museum
Date: May 29, Time: 5pm



Theatre
Play: Troilus O Cressida
Troupe: Nagarik Natya Sampad
Venue: National Theatre Stage, BSA
Date: May 29
Time: 7pm



Shishu Natya Utsab
Organiser: Onyomito Little Unit, Munsigani
Venue: District Shilpakala Academy, Munshiganj
Date: May 29-31
Time: 6:30pm onwards



Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha celebrates 20th anniversary



Rokaya Hasina sings at the programme

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha (BRSS) arranged a musical programme at the Shawkat Osmani Auditorium, Central Public Library on May 27 to mark its 20th anniversary. Members of the organisation celebrated the day with renditions of Tagore songs.

Vice President of BRSS, Tagore singer Naima Ali said, "Our initial objective was to create a platform for young and talented Tagore artistes. She was one of the speakers at the discussion. Among others Amina Ahmed, vice-president of the organisation; Nahar Jamil;

founding members Ikhtiar Omar, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury and Sajed Akbar also spoke at the programme.

General Secretary of BRSS, Tapan Mahmud gave the welcome speech while Tagore exponent and president of BRSS, Kalim Sharaf chaired the programme. Kalim Sharaf inaugurated the programme with lighting candles.

Members of the invited Rabindra sangeet based cultural organisations including Shurer Dhara, Rabirag, Geetanjali, Baitalik, Sangeet Bhaban and Biswa Beena performed group songs.

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Sajed Akbar, Melbourne-based artiste Chanchal Khan, Makhon Hawladar, Nargis Chowdhury, Selina Huda, Lily Islam, Adit Mohsin and Anima Ahmed also sang at the programme.

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TV Watch Premiere show of "Bhalo Achhi Bhalo Theko"

The premiere show of the drama serial *Bhalo Achhi Bhalo Theko* was held at the Radius Centre, Bay's Galeria, Gulshan recently. Writer and journalist Anisul Haq has written the serial and noted actor-director Abul Hayat is directing it, says a press release.

The serial highlights the use of Baby Zinc dispersible tablet such as it should be given to children under five years of age and should be given as a supplement with ORS during diarrhoea. Several important issues regarding child health have also been addressed in this serial. The drama has been made for mass communication for ICDDR's SUZY

project. Additional Director General Admin, Health, Government of Bangladesh Hosnear Tahmin was the chief guest at the premier while Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed, CEO, Bishwa Shahitya Kendra was present as the special guest.

The scriptwriter, director and the cast of the serial were present at the show. Managing director of Dhansiri Media Production House, Shomi Kaiser was also present at the programme.

The cast of the serial includes Shahiduzzaman Selim, Chanchal Chowdhury, Badhon, Challenger and others. The serial will be aired on BTV every Tuesday at 7:30pm.



Chanchal Chowdhury and Badhon in a scene from the serial

Theatre "The Lower Depths": Stories of the down and out

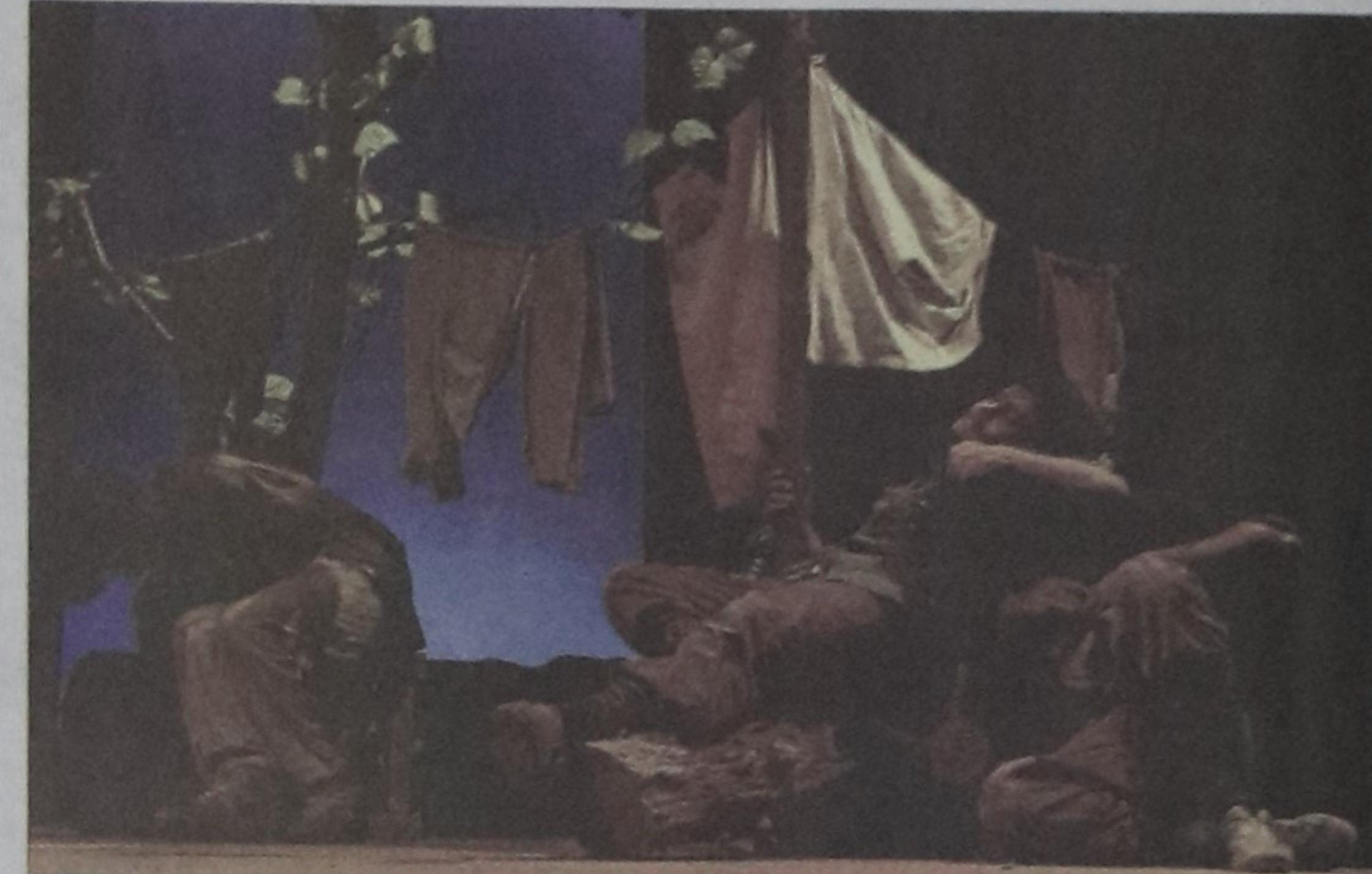
Students of DU in the play *The Lower Depths*

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ERSHAD KAMOL

Day to day narratives of the down-trodden was presented realistically on stage through performances by young actors of Department of Theatre and Music, University of Dhaka (DU) in the play *The Lower Depths*.

As part of the "western theatre" curriculum of the department, eminent Russian Playwright Maxim Gorky's play, *The Lower Depths* is being staged regularly since May 25 at Natmondal, DU. The show will continue till May 31.

The play has no particular storyline and at times it appears ambiguous in terms of delivering

ethical message as well as pessimistic.

The play covers harsh truth versus comforting lies, as most of the characters choose to deceive themselves from their bleak reality.

The enactment of emotions -- sadness, frustration, love and dream -- by the actors portraying diverse characters such as thief, harlot, unemployed, wage earner and vagabond take the audience to the corner of a slum, which is quite unknown to the well to do.

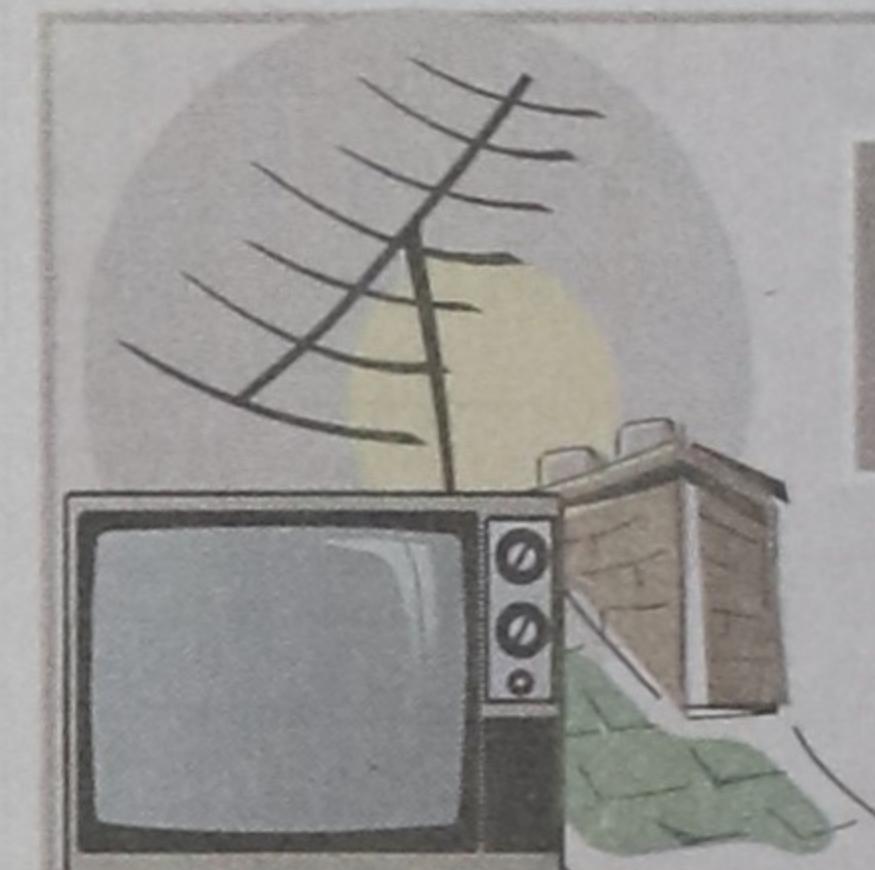
Following Russian theatre legend Konstantin Stanislavski's "Method", director Sudip Chakraborti has successfully handled socialist realism -- a teleological style of realistic art, which has as its purpose the fur-

therance of the goals of socialism -- in the play.

Proportion in art has been maintained in each and every section: directional composition, light and set design.

However, it takes much time to transform from one act to another, which breaks the concentration of the audience. The director may consider alternatives.

The department has followed the translation of the play done by Tanvir Mokammel. Names of the characters could have been changed, to make them more relatable, as slang and dialects have been used in the play. Even the costumes used by the actors could also follow our trends.



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

On Air

BTB

08:20 Shuprobhat
08:45 Bishwa Ponkroma
09:05 Talk Show
10:30 Lokolakay
11:30 Angora
12:50 Shomali Shondha
02:15 Agricultural Programme
02:40 Ogojatra
03:00 Selected Programme
04:30 Musical Programme: Saangeeta
05:05 Sisimpur
05:30 Selected Programme
06:15 Dhormo O Jibon
07:00 Baji Potro
07:30 Shondhoni Alap
08:40 Drama: Diner Sheshey
10:30 Amar Joto Gaan

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08:15 Ajker Shangbadpotro
08:30 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhl
09:15 Cultural Programme: Rang
Moncho Taa

09:50 Shada Mon-er Manush
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodristi
11:10 Drama: Dijer Badsha
12:15 Musical Programme: Shur-er Madhuri

01:30 Shodajati

04:10 Debate Programme: BSB
Cambrian Jukti Torko

04:50 Shada Mon-er Manush

05:00 Gram Gorjer Khobor

05:20 Islamic Programme

06:20 Talk Show: Prio Jon

08:00 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhl

08:40 Drama Serial: Nupur

09:20 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda

10:45 Shada Mon-er Manush

11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

09:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Talk Show: Grameenphone
Tributoria
11:05 Musical Programme: Citycell Sa
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12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma

02:35 Special Programme

03:05 Agricultural Programme:

Hridoyer Malo O Manush

04:05 Education Programme: BSB
Cambrian Jukti Torko

04:30 Educational Programme: FM
Method

05:30 Muktiyadu Protidin

06:00 Amar Chhobi

06:30 Shikhkhara Chalchitra

07:50 Cookery Show: Shera Radhuni
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08:20 Drama Serial: Chhayabari

09:35 Drama Serial: Doinik Tojpaar

10:00 Drama Serial: Agun-er Alo

11:30 Channel 1 Exclusive

12:00 Grameenphone Ajker
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06:15 SMS Mania

06:30 Desh Jurey

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10:00 Drama: Kanta

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