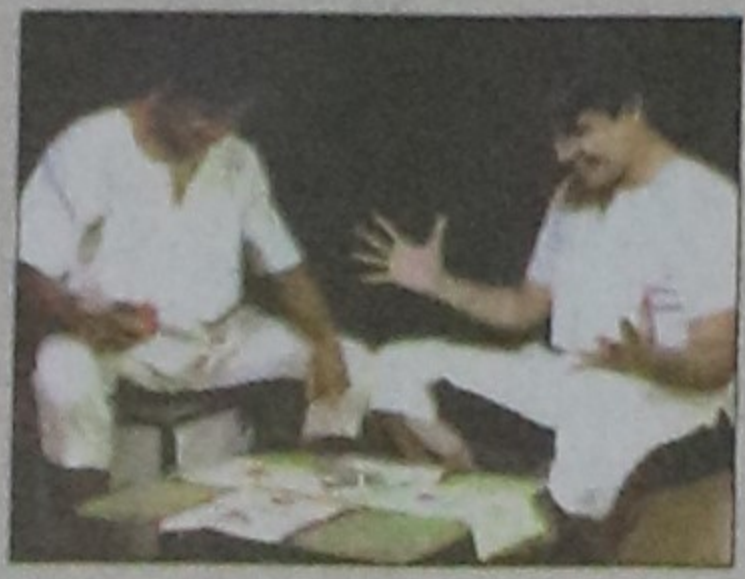


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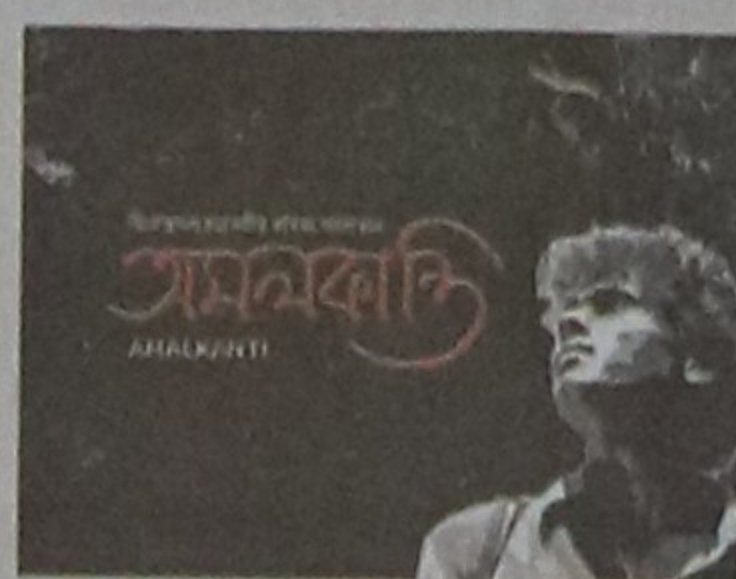
Theatre

Play: Roshadhar Shudhadharer Rajya
Troupe: Bongorongo Natyadal
Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium, Natok Shoroni
Date: June 7
Time: 7pm



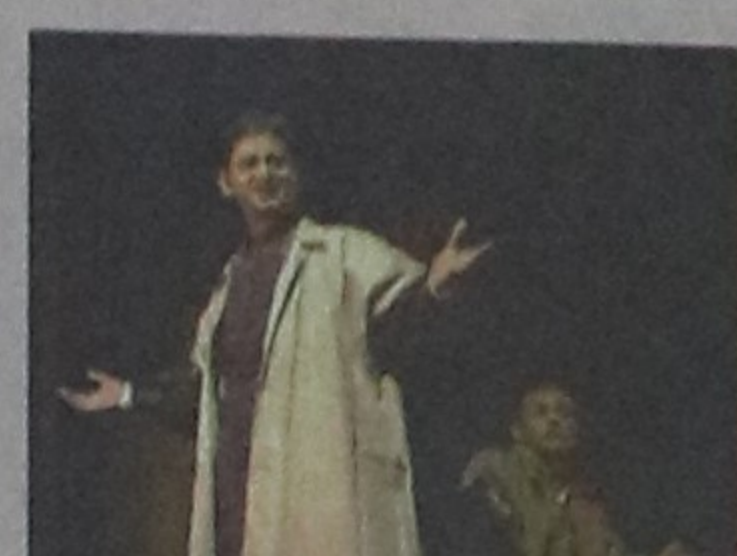
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of Short Film 'Amakanti'
Director: Mahub Alam Pallab
Venue: Zahir Raihan Digital Lab, BFDC
Date: June 7
Time: 4pm



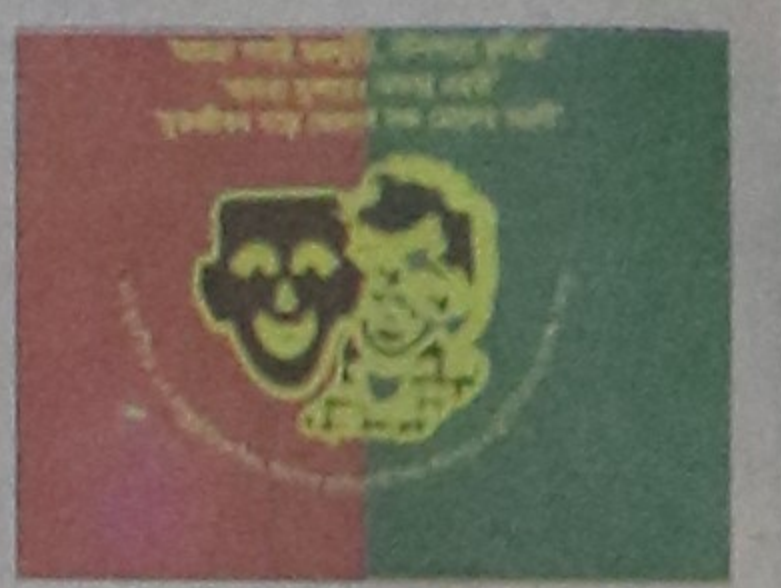
Theatre

Play: A Man for All Seasons
Troupe: Prachyanal
Venue: Salfur Rahman Auditorium, Sylhet
Date: June 6
Time: 3.30pm & 7pm



Theatre Camp for Children and Adolescents

Organiser: People's Theatre Association and Rakhal
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag
Date: June 6-20
Inauguration: 10am on June 6



Children's Theatre Festival begins today



Liaquat Ali Lucky (2-L) speaks at the press conference

ERSHAD KAMOL

In terms of numbers of participating troupes, the biggest theatre festival will begin tomorrow at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library. People's Theatre Association (PTA) has organised a fortnight-long theatre festival in which 125 children's theatre troupes from different corners of the country as well as from India are participating.

At a press conference held at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity on June 4, the organisers informed that Adviser to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Rasheda K. Chowdhury is expected to inaugurate the festival.

The title of the festival is '9th National And 1st International Children And Youth Theatre Festival'. Organisers expect as many as 5000 children and youths to attend

the festival.

Besides staging theatre performances, children will perform dance, circus, mime and other art forms at the festival. Moreover, there will be workshops for children and young theatre activists at the seminar room, Central Public Library.

Convener of the festival, Liaquat Ali Lucky, who is also the general secretary of PTA, claimed that this year's arrangement is more diversified and bigger than previous ones. He said, "It's the biggest theatre festival in the world in terms of number of participants. As far I know, 90 troupes participated at a theatre festival in Denmark earlier."

"Besides Bengali children, child actors from ethnic minority groups in Bangladesh will participate at the festival. Moreover, one troupe each from Agartala, Kolkata and Delhi, India will stage plays at

the festival," he said.

To encourage the child actors, talented artists will be awarded. "Evaluating yearlong activities of the child actors working in 160 member troupes of PTA, potential artists will receive Manchokuri, Manchomukul and Manchoshena Awards," Lucky said.

Moreover, best playwright, best director, organiser, best group and Lifetime Achievement Award for children's theatre will be awarded at the festival. Speaking on participation of the children and youths, Lucky informed, "We have extended our theatre programme amongst the college students. Moreover, a few ethnic minority groups have also become members. They will also participate in the festival."

PTA has organised the festival in association with Swedish SIDA, Swedish ITI, Art Venture and ActionAid.

Cultural programme by Nazrul Parshad

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

'Mymensingh Nazrul Parshad' celebrated Nazrul's 109th birth anniversary through a two-day programme at the Town Hall premises recently.

Dr. M. Shamsur Rahman, vice-chancellor of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University in Trishal inaugurated the celebration.

Among others, Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh, Md. Shamsur Alam; Professor Jatin Sarker; Advocate Mahmud Al Noor Tareq and Amir Ahmed Chowdhury Ratan attended

the two-day programme as guests. Writer and columnist Shantanu Kaiser took part in the discussions on life and works of Nazrul.

The two-day programme included drama, poetry recitation, dance drama and musical soiree. Different cultural organisations including Bidrohi Natya Goshthi, Chaturanga, Nazrul Academy, Udhichi Shilpi Goshthi, Bahurupi Natya Sangstha, Sandipon, Alokmay Naha Sangeet Bidhayatan and Mymensingh Sahitya Sangsad took part in the cultural programme.



Dancers perform at the programme

PHOTO: STAR

"Jimmy Zhingchak": A comic book inspired by Mithun Chakraborty

Bollywood buffs who were also into comic books would perhaps remember "Supremo" -- an awesome Amitabh Bachchan comic, referencing his life and films and with the writing supervised by Gulzar. But star comics only ever got around to a dozen or so issues.

Now, however, is born another hero. A hero who might have started with art cinema and moved ignominiously into B-cinema but has eventually become an icon for the impossible, a messiah of mediocre madness -- and the duke of disco. It's a no-brainer, this man deserves his own comic. So turn up the Bappi Lahiri synth, wear something that has bulbs on it, and rejoice.

For Mithun dais here.

Jimmy Zhingchak, Agent Of D.I.S.C.O. is one of the latest comics on the Virgin assembly line, and the first issue on stands across the US right now. A collaboration between Virgin Comics and MTV Spotboy -- who surely want to make this into a film -- this is one mad trip down '70s road.

Writer Saurav Mohapatra channels his inner Mammohan Desai, tosses in a dash of Mad Magazine, and emerges with a comic that is likely to have any Bollywood fanatic chuckling awhile.

The plot goes as one would expect it to: young Jimmy Grover starts seeing visions of a mysterious fat neckless man wreathed in necklaces, telling him that he's the one, that the force -- sorry, the Zhingchak -- is strong with him, and soon Jimmy is battling toughies like Sir John and his nefarious henchmen: some oriental, some robotic.

The fun thing about the 'Agent of D.I.S.C.O.' is that while it reads like a typical spoof of the MTV variety, Mohapatra brings in all sorts of non-Mithun, non-film elements into the fray, making this a complete trip down memory lane for all who grew up in the '80s.

Yet, perplexingly, the problem with Jimmy is that there is too much of the familiarity. While Mohapatra indeed



does try and create an Austin Powers-like world for the character and his music and his "Mithunwalk", it seems somewhat underdone, as if its not going out on a limb enough.

The funniest parts are the bits of obscure dialogue, the times the plot veers away from Master Dinanath or

the blind mother, and stays cheeky. Then again, it is an origin story, and maybe Jimmy needs a couple of issues to really get into the groove, to get his "Mithun-mojo" going.

Source: Internet



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

On Air

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

BTV
08:20 Shuprobhat
08:45 Ei Shoptaher Bangladesh
09:05 Sisimpur
09:30 Smitimoy Geetimoy
10:05 Dance Drama
11:20 Desher Gaan
11:30 Debate
11:45 Manchoyobhon
03:15 Bangla Feature Film
07:00 Apnaar Doctor
07:20 Hazar Taar-er Bina
07:45 Esho Bangladesh Gon
08:40 Gram Ganjer Khobor
09:00 Drama: Mashy Katha
10:30 Mon-er Majhey Jey Shur Bajey

ATN BANGLA
08:15 Aiker Shingbadpotro
08:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
09:20 Educational Programme: BSB
Cambrian Education Zone
09:50 Shada Mon-er Manush
10:30 Cookery Show: ATN Rannaghar
11:05 Islamic Programme
02:30 Islamic Programme: Jibon Jigyasha
03:15 Bangla Feature Film
05:00 Gram Ganjer Khobor
06:20 Anra Karbo Joy
08:00 Drama: Mashy Pishi
09:20 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda
10:40 Special Programme: Mukto Shinglap
11:30 Drama Serial: Doll's House

CHANNEL 1
09:30 Shingbadpotroey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Gram Ganjer Khobor
10:30 Grameenphone Tele Shomoy
11:30 Islamic Programme: Islam Ki Boley
12:05 Talk Show: Kora Alap
12:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
01:30 Grameenphone Trilomatray Apni
02:35 Radhuni Bangladesh Night

05:30 Muktyudho Protidin
06:00 Western Union Probbhashi
06:20 Rupantor
07:50 Channel-1 Shera Konho'08
09:35 Drama Serial: Doimik Tolpaar
10:00 Drama Serial: Phirey Dekha
11:30 Drama Serial: 69
12:00 Grameenphone Aajker Shandbadpotro

Rtv
08:40 Musical Programme: Saangeet Ongon
Protidin
09:35 Musical Programme: Just Band
10:03 Drama Serial: Chhayashongi
11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: Kala Kaitor
12:15 Swapno Din-er Gaan
12:35 Sa Sa Dhin Tai
01:30 Dhallywood Beats
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:55 News Update
06:00 Protidin
08:00 Musical Programme: R Music
09:20 Hallo Love
11:00 Drama Serial: Mukhush Neel

ntv
08:30 Aiker Shokaal
08:55 Ei Khaney Amar Desh
09:30 Shapla Kuri Projogita
10:30 Anapan Jigyasha
11:30 Musical Programme: Amar O Gaitey Ichhchhey Holo
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Chelonaye Islam
01:25 Islamic Programme
02:30 Tele-film: Prothom Prem
04:25 Cookery Show: Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
05:30 Tiffin-er Phakey
06:45 Musical Programme
08:15 Drama Serial: Swapno Jaal
11:30 Washington Barta

ETV
08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal
10:00 Shonamoni Shukhey Oshukhey
10:30 Job Line
11:30 Ekush-er Chokh
12:00 Ekush-er Dupur
12:30 Shurata Haal
01:30 Ei Shoptaher
02:00 Bangla Feature Film
05:45 Public Reaction
06:15 SMS Mania
06:30 Mukhto Khobor
07:45 Binodon-er Bishwa
08:15 Talk Show: Aaina Ghor
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000
10:10 Musical Programme: Praner Gaan
11:40 Musical Programme: Phone O Live Studio Concert

BANGLAVISION
08:30 Agricultural Programme: Shamol Bangla
09:00 Nodi O Jibon
09:30 Cookery Show: Confidence Sall Amader Ranna Ghar
10:10 Bhalo Thakun
10:30 Drama: Shey Achhey Ontorey
11:30 Islamic Programme: Alor Kaphela
01:00 Drama: Dhol Prohorer Kabyo
02:00 Gollachhuti
03:30 Drama: Porshi
04:30 Proshno Uttar
05:15 Shuk Tara



Shomoyer Katha
On BTV at 09:05 pm
Discussion Series
Guest: S. M. Aminur Rahman, CEO, Janata Bank
Mamun Rashid, Banker & Economic Analyst
Dr. Md. Ali Taslim, Professor, Department of Economics, DU
Inam Ahmed, News Editor, The Daily Star

11:35 Islamic Programme: Jigyasha O Jobab
12:10 Islamic Programme: Mohloshi Nari
12:30 Musical Programme: Pran-er Gaan
02:00 Educational Programme: Ebong Classer Bairey
02:40 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura
03:05 Daily Soap: Doll's House
04:20 Islamic Programme: Dhormo O Jibon
05:30 Career Show: Visa Apnar Agami
06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshay
06:25 Banglavision Cafe
08:25 Drama Serial: Bysto Doctor
09:05 Drama Serial: Mondo Bhalo Shada Kalo
09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 Shur-er Kathan
12:00 Shingbad Protidin
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh

10:30 Planet Earth: Jungle
11:30 Fight Quest: China
12:30 FBI Files, The: Domestic Terror
01:30 Natural World: Desert Wolves Of India
02:30 Journey Of Life (W): Human Life
03:30 How Do They Do It? 5: EPI-

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
08:00am Hello Dhaka
12:00pm Hamd-Nath and Quran recital
11:45pm Foorti Unlimited
06:00pm Bumper to Bumper
10:00pm Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Post Box 9032
01:00pm Islami Gan
02:00pm Rupa'ar Gan
07:00pm Today's World Music
12:00am Today's Happy Moments
12:10am Today's Dhum Tracks
02:00am Back to Back

04:00 All New Planet's Funniest Animals: Episode 5
04:30 Cheetah: Cat In Crisis
05:30 Future Weapons: Future Shock
06:30 Weapon Masters: Rockets
07:30 Natural World: The Tigers' Fortress
08:30 Raging Planet: Flood
09:30 Dirty Jobs - Season I: Hot Tar Roofler
10:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive: Shipwrecked (WV)
STAR MOVIES
09:15 Hybrid
10:45 Maid In Manhattan
12:30 Separate Lies
02:00 Little Fish
03:50 Moon And The Stars, The
05:30 Hot Shots 2
07:00 Sunshine
08:45 Epic Movie
10:15 Vip Access

10:45 Rize
STAR PLUS
08:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat
08:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
09:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
09:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom

Shine
On Star Movies at 07:00 pm
Genre: Sci-Fi
Cast: Cliff Curtis, Rose Byrne



11:00 Prithviraj Chauhan
11:30 Gnhasti
12:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
01:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Hamari Devrani
02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
03:00 Gnhasti
03:30 Jo jeeta wohi superstar
06:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu Thod
07:00 Hamari Devrani
07:30 HATIM
08:30 Kya Aap Paanchvi Pass Se Tez Hai
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:30 Jo jeeta wohi superstar
12:00 Hamari Devrani
12:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
STAR WORLD
08:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
09:30 Life
10:30 The It Crowd
11:00 Jake In Progress

11:30 30 Rock
12:00 Two And A Half Men
12:30 Seinfeld
01:00 Friends
01:30 Northern Exposure
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Desperate Housewives
06:00 Family Guy
06:30 Two And A Half Men
07:00 Rodney
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 In Case Of Emergency
09:00 Unan Imous
09:30 Invasion
10:30 Tna Wrestling
11:30 Ultimate Force
12:30 Seinfeld

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
11:30 Mega Green Tech
12:30 Mega Thursday
01:30 Luthifans Nat Geo Genius
02:00 Amazing Chile
02:30 Built for the Kill
03:30 Best Treks Indo-China
04:30 I Didn't Know That
05:00 The Boas Of Belize
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Croc Chronicles
06:30 Stonehenge Decoded
07:30 Built for the Kill
08:30 Treks In A Wild World
09:30 NG's Amazing Moments
10:30 The Making Of 2007 Special Oly
11:30 Earth Report

THE HISTORY CHANNEL
11:30 Eye Max
11:45 Swarna Heera
12:00 Dent King
12:30 Fall from Grace
01:30 Classic Albums
02:00 Joe Road Truckers
03:30 Atlantis
04:30 Extreme Aircraft II
05:30 Ancient Maya
06:30 Fall from Grace
07:30 Napoleon: Steel Monster
08:30 Vidhu Vinod Chopra
09:30 Saddam's Tribe
10:30 Joe Road Truckers

ZEE STUDIO
11:00 The Jurror
01:30 13 Going On 30
03:35 Americano
05:30 Piano Player
07:30 Charlie Chaplin
08:00 Hollywood On Set
08:35 The Hand That Rocks The Cradle
11:00 The Bone Collector