

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Theatre

**Fund raiser for Poet Samudra Gupta**  
**Play:** Raja Ebong Omnyo...  
**Troupe:** Prachyanat  
**Venue:** Experimental Theatre Stage, BSA  
**Date:** July 19  
**Time:** 7pm



### African Film Festival

**Organiser:** Zahir Rahman Film Society  
**Venue:** Russian Centre of Science and Culture, H 510, Rd 7, Dharmara  
**Date:** July 14-17  
**July 16**  
 \*Muna Moto\* at 4:30pm, \*The Polygamous Wazoo\* at 6pm, \*In the Name of Christ\* at 6:45pm



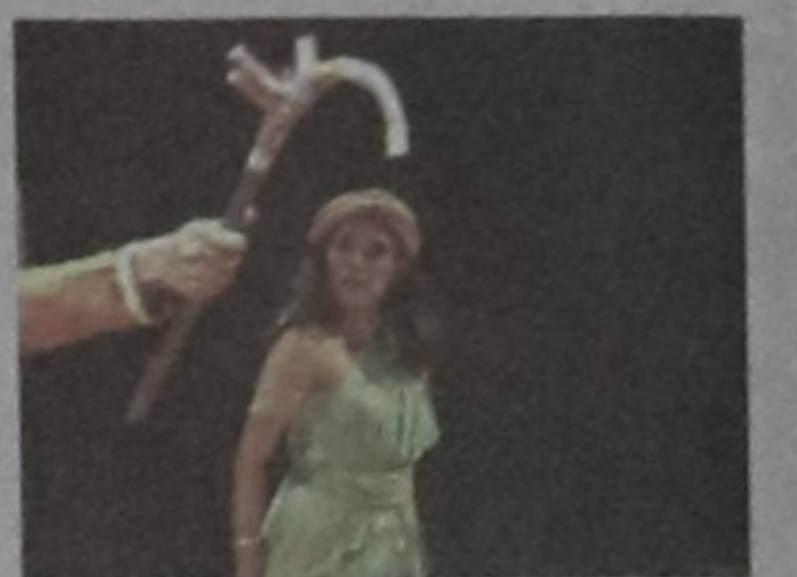
### Film Screening

**Ken Loach Retrospective**  
**Venue:** Bangladesh Film Centre, 110-112, Aziz Super Market, Shahbag  
**Date:** July 12-16  
**July 16**  
 \*Ken\* at 4pm and \*Land and Freedom\* at 6pm



### Theatre

**Play:** Khona  
**Troupe:** Subachan Nattiya Sangsad  
**Venue:** Experimental Theatre Stage, BSA  
**Date:** July 18 and 23  
**Time:** 7pm



## Silver jubilee of Mahakal Natya Sampraday



Mahbubur Rahman (3rd from right) receives the crest from Faiz Ahmed. Actors of Mahakal Natya Sampraday in *Ghum Nei* (below).

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### JAMIL MAHMUD

Theatre troupe Mahakal Natya Sampraday is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. As part of the celebration, the troupe arranged a two-day-long programme at the Neelima Ibrahim Auditorium, Mahila Samiti, Natok Sarani. On the first day (July 14), a discussion, award-giving ceremony were held and a play was staged. Speakers at the discussion called for a unification of all cultural activists.

At the discussion, Md. Shahnewaz, general secretary of Mahakal gave the welcome speech. The troupe awarded veteran theatre activist-director-actor Mahbubur Rahman at the programme. Chief guest, veteran journalist Faiz Ahmed handed a crest to Mahbubur Rahman.

Mahbubur Rahman is a lifelong member of Mahakal Natya Sampraday. He has been involved with the troupe for over two

decades. He performed in some of Mahakal's productions including *Buddhuram*, *Ghum Nei*, *Aaina* and *Shunai Koinnar Pala* as an actor. He also wrote and directed several plays of Mahakal.

Jhuna Chowdhury, secretary general of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTFF); Golam Kuddus, general secretary, Sammilito Sanskritik Jote (SSJ); media personality and honorary member of BGTFF Sara Zaker; and Nasiruddin Yousuff, president, SSJ) were the special guests at the programme.

In his speech, Nasiruddin Yousuff said, "Over the last 25 years, on an average, Mahakal has staged two plays per month; though there should've been more performances. But the trend in our country is no better."

Mahakal Natya Sampraday has staged 620 shows of 23 plays over the last 25 years. Among these, ten are stage plays and thirteen are street plays. *Shunai Koinnar Pala* is Mahakal's most staged play -- 105 shows so far.

In her speech Sara Zaker said, "I believe that theatre activities have a unique flow. Our veteran activists are gradually leaving (passing away) us but we have to move forward with remaining strength. I congratulate all the members of Mahakal on this very special moment."

Chief guest Faiz Ahmed said, "A newborn becomes an adult in 25 years. So, individuals, who have worked hard to establish Mahakal as one of the leading theatre troupes in our country deserve admiration."

Afzal Hossain, executive member and former president of Mahakal chaired the programme.

The discussion was followed by the staging of Mahakal's production *Ghum Nei*. Written by Nasiruddin Yousuff, and directed by John Martin, *Ghum Nei* depicts guerrilla operations by the Freedom Fighters during the Liberation War.

On the second day (July 15), Mahakal Natya Sampraday staged *Shikhandi Kotha*. *Shikhandi Kotha* features the intersex community. Everyday joys, woes and frustrations of the intersex community are depicted in the play. The play is written by Aanan Zaman and directed by Rashid Haroon.

## "Ulto Rathjatra" in Tangail

### MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Local Hindu devotees celebrated the annual "Jagannath Ulto Rathjatra" last Saturday. One of the major religious festivals of the Hindus, the district came alive with religious fervour and festivity.

The grandest Ulto Rathjatra procession returned to Sabalia Iskon temple from the Baro Kalbari temple in the town in the afternoon.

The colourful procession made its way through the streets of the town. Hundreds of people took part, seeking divine blessings for universal peace and harmony.

Devotees at Baro Kalbari temple believe that the Rathjatra and Ulto Rathjatra are indelible part of our diverse culture. They have now

become celebrations for all, as people of different creed and backgrounds participate in the procession.

The Rathjatra procession went from the Sabalia Iskon temple to the Baro Kalbari temple on July 4.

A discussion was also held at Sabalia Iskon temple in the town on this occasion. With Biswanath Ghosh in the chair, the discussion was addressed by, among others, Tangail Additional Deputy Commissioner (education and development) Kamala Ranjan Das; acting Mayor of Tangail Poursabha Zafar Ahmed and head of Sabalia Iskon temple Shreedhor Das.

A traditional *mela* was also held at the Baro Kalbari temple premises on this occasion.



A view of the Ulto Rathjatra.

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## Fulki observes 22nd anniversary in Faridpur

### REZAUL KARIM, Faridpur

Fulki, a cultural organisation for children and youngsters of Faridpur, observed its 22nd anniversary with a cultural programme at the Faridpur Ainjibi Samity auditorium recently.

A discussion was held on the occasion. Faridpur Deputy Commissioner Yahya Bhuiyan was the chief guest and Anjali Bala, president of Fulki chaired the function. Among others, Miriam Karim Ghosh, chief executive of Faridpur Zila Parishad; classical singer Kuranamoy Adhikari; playwright Dr. Biplab Bala; Professor Alif Hossain; Secretary of Fulki Syed Ashraf Azam and dramatist Mohammad Ali Rumi spoke on the occasion.

After the discussion, artistes of Fulki performed songs, recitation and dance. They also staged *Tota*



Child artistes of Fulki perform at the programme.

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*Kahini*, a play by Rabindranath Tagore. The cast included Brishti, Mahin, Dipto, Ashika, Sabid took part in the play.

## Reception and cultural programme in Pabna

### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

'Football Referee Sammiti', Pabna district unit, organised a reception and cultural programme recently, at the Pabna Police auditorium. Three renowned individuals of the district were accorded a reception for their contribution to the fields of culture, sports and journalism in the district level.

The awardees are dramatist Abdur Razzak Dulal; chief reporter of *Daily Ichamori*, Pabna, Md. Sifat Rahman Sam; and football referee Brojo Gopal Saha.

Senior vice president of the organisation, Abu Ishaque Shamim chaired the programme, while Pabna Police superintendent AFM Masum Rabbani was the chief guest.



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, 5:00 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 7:30am, 1:30pm, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.  
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.  
 News (English) at 8:00pm

**ntv**  
 News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and 12:15am

**ntv**  
 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**

08:20 Shuprobhat  
 09:05 Talk Show  
 09:30 Smitimoy Geetimoy  
 10:05 Open University  
 10:30 Lok Lokaly  
 11:30 Drama Serial  
 01:00 Matribhasha  
 01:30 Hijal Tomal  
 02:15 Debate  
 03:05 Cartoon  
 03:30 Shukhi Poribar  
 04:05 Aamader Chalachitra  
 04:30 Musical Programme: Dolon Chanpa  
 05:05 Sispur  
 05:30 Computer  
 06:15 Nobo Anande Jago  
 07:00 Mati O Manush  
 07:20 Talk Show  
 07:45 Echo Bangladesh Gori  
 08:35 Drama Serial: Shei Hanshi Shei Mukh  
 09:15 Drama Serial  
 10:30 Shur Shombhar  
 11:00 Talk Show

**ATN BANGLA**

08:30 Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou  
 09:15 Ashpasher Marush  
 10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti  
 11:05 Aami Tomaderi Lok  
 12:15 IT Zone  
 01:30 Musical Programme: Band View  
 02:30 Daily Soap: Dol's House  
 03:15 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush  
 05:20 Islamic Programme  
 06:20 Take Care  
 08:00 Drama Serial: Master Da Shurjoshen  
 08:40 Drama Serial: Ghar Jamal  
 09:20 Drama Serial: Raangila Bao  
 11:30 Talking Point  
 12:00 Gameerphone Lead News

**CHANNEL-1**

09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh Public Reaction  
 09:45

09:50 Grameenphone Trnio Matra  
 11:05 Sports Time  
 12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Tarokakathan  
 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
 02:35 Ekatturer Dinguli  
 04:05 Study UK  
 04:30 Apnar Shushashtho  
 05:30 Mukhjudho Protdin  
 06:00 Drama Serial: Shath Goenda  
 06:20 Arku Desh Bideshey Ranna  
 07:50 Shera Radhuni 1414  
 08:20 Special Programme  
 09:35 Drama Serial: Doink Tolpaar  
 10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar  
 11:30 Drama Serial: 69  
 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

**ETV**

08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal  
 Drama Serial: Tom Tom  
 09:15 Ekush-er Business  
 12:00 Ekusher Dupur  
 12:30 Ekushey Business: Special Focus  
 01:30 Ekushey Business: Shophol Jara  
 Drama Serial: Ghotok Ebong Amra  
 03:30 Cine Hits  
 04:00 Shuraat Haal  
 05:45 Ekusher Shondhya  
 06:30 Desh Jurey Shangleap  
 07:45 Ashar Chor  
 08:15 Talk Show: Tini  
 09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom  
 10:00 Golpo Sholpo Gaan

**RTV**

09:00 Drama Serial: Dahon Heart Beat  
 09:30  
 10:03 Drama Serial: Chhaya Shongi  
 11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap  
 11:30 Just Band  
 12:35 Puppet Show  
 01:03 Made in Bangladesh  
 01:30 Dhaliwood Beats  
 02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
 06:00 Proldin  
 Children's Programme: Sa Sa Dhin Tai  
 08:00 Nirbachon 2008  
 08:35 Music Video  
 09:20 Drama Serial: Dahon  
 11:00 Drama Serial: Raat Jaga Pakhi

**ntv**

Ajker Shokaal  
 Drama Serial: Eit Kanch-er Khacha  
 09:30 Frankly Speaking

10:05 Gallery  
 10:30 Music Express  
 11:30 Golpo Kathar Nalok  
 12:10 El Shomoy  
 01:05 Japan Video Topic  
 02:30 Drama Serial: Eit Kanch-er Khacha  
 03:15 Drama Serial: Teen Purush  
 03:50 Drama Serial: Neer  
 05:30 Apnar Jigyasha  
 06:20 Shubho Shondhya  
 06:45 Dance Programme  
 08:15 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe  
 09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan  
 09:45 Drama Serial: Neer  
 11:25 Talk Show: El Shomoy

**CHANNEL 1**

08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh  
 10:30 Bangla Feature Film  
 02:00 Bioscope  
 03:30 Drama Serial: Moyur Bahon  
 04:00 Mon Bari  
 04:30 Proshno Uttor  
 05:15 Rang Berong  
 06:00 Saajh Bela  
 06:30 Top News  
 07:00 Padma Raag  
 08:15 Char Bioscope  
 09:00 Mon Bari  
 09:30 Music Wagon  
 11:00 One Sports

**Neer**  
 On ntv at 9:45 pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Hillol, Tanvin Sweety

**BANGLAVISION**

08:30 Street Show: Raat Biraaley  
 09:00 Ebong Glass-er Balroy  
 09:30 Bangla Feature Film  
 02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar  
 02:30 Top Story  
 03:05 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue  
 04:20 Drama Serial: Swapnochura  
 05:30 Cinebit  
 06:05 Talk Show: Din-er Sheshey Pran-er Gaan  
 06:50 Nana Rang-er Dinguli  
 08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanagar Home Care  
 09:05 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue  
 11:25 Media Bhuban  
 12:00 Shangbad Protdin

**BOISHAKHI**

10:05 Bangla Feature Film  
 02:10 BSB Cambrian Challenge  
 04:00 Musical Programme  
 04:30 Music Today  
 05:00 Praney Jey Gaan Bajey  
 07:30 Arshita Aami  
 09:30 Nityer Jhankarey  
 10:30 Telefilm

**HBO**

08:30 Bad News Bears  
 10:45 Painkiller Jane  
 12:30 Blood Work  
 02:45 The Making of Superman Returns

03:00 For Love Of The Game  
 05:45 The Hitcher  
 07:30 Casper  
 09:30 Blood Diamond  
 12:15 Ransom

**THE HISTORY CHANNEL**

12:30 Anne Frank  
 01:30 Desert Aces  
 02:30 Stalngard  
 03:30 On The Edge  
 04:30 Balls  
 05:30 Renault  
 06:30 Anne Frank  
 07:30 Ancient Maya  
 08:30 Batteries  
 09:30 London's Lost Cities

**Radio Foorti 88.0 FM**

07:00am Hello Dhaka  
 11:00am Amat 88  
 03:00pm Dhaka Calling  
 07:00pm Seven Eleven  
 12:00am Back to Back music

**Radio Today 89.5 FM**

07:15am Good Morning Dhaka  
 11:00am Masti Unlimited  
 01:00pm Today's Adda  
 04:00pm U-tum  
 08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok  
 11:00pm Raat Vor Gen

10:30 Koffee With Karan  
 11:30 Ghost Hunters  
 12:30 Prison Break  
 01:30 Brothers & Sisters  
 02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show  
 03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
 04:00 General Hospital  
 05:00 Koffee With Karan  
 06:00 Kyle XY  
 07:00 The Simpsons  
 07:30 Friends  
 08:00 Sainfield  
 08:30 That '70s Show  
 09:00 Hope And Faith  
 09:30 America's Got Talent  
 10:30 Bones  
 11:30 Most Shocking  
 12:00 Friends

**ZEE STUDIO**

08:30 Duel Of Fist  
 10:45 Basic  
 01:00 Tuck Everlasting  
 03:00 The Santa Clause 2  
 05:30 Charlie Chaplin

**A Good Year**  
 On Star Movies at 7:00 pm  
 Genre: Comedy/Romance  
 Cast: Russell Crowe, Archie Panjabi

**STAR MOVIES**

09:55 Little Miss Sunshine  
 11:40 Trailer Park Boys: The Movie  
 01:20 Phat Girlz  
 03:00 Home Alone 2: Lost In New York  
 05:00 Last King Of Scotland, The  
 07:00 Good Year, A  
 08:55 Firestorm  
 10:25 Body Armour  
 12:00 Rocketman

**STAR WORLD**

09:30 My Name Is Earl  
 10:00 Stacked