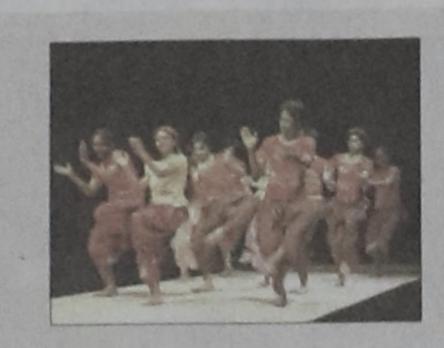
Theatre Fund raiser for Poet Samudra Gupta Play: Raja Ebong Onnanyo. Troupe: Prachyanat Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, BSA Date: July 19

Time: 7pm



Theatre Play: Koinna Troupe: Prachyanat Venue: Mahila Samiti, Natok Sharani Date: July 18 Time: 7pm



DHAKA THURSDAY JULY 17, 2008 Culture@thedailystar.net

Solo Musical Soiree and CD Launch Artiste: Rokaiya Hasina Venue: Central Auditorium. Date: July 17 Time: 7pm



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



In Focus

Shashi Lodge: In need of a face-lift



A front view of Shashi Lodge (left), a crumbling door and stairway at the lodge

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Shashi Lodge, an architectural symbol of Mymensingh region, is in poor shape as neither the Ministry of Cultural Affairs nor the

neglect.

Though there was a negotiation between the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Education Ministry in Lodge

tion, the issue is yet to be settled, according to sources. The meeting was held at Mymensingh Circuit House and attended by higher ups of both the ministries, sources

Since 1952, the building has Education Ministry is taking been used as the Teachers' Trainnecessary steps to preserve its ing College (female); test glory. Only three rooms of the Mymensingh, the only one of its structure are being used for offi- kind in the country. However, the cial purposes, other 21 rooms building is not used for holding remain closed and in a state of classes currently as new buildings were constructed in recent years.

Background of Shashi

with a musical staircase. arjun, korpur, naglingam, after his beloved son Shashikanto radhachura. There are also rub-Acharya Chowdhury. The lodge earthquake on June 1, 1897. Later Shashikanto had the lodge reconstructed but he could not erase the memory of the destroyed musical staircase. He had another musical staircase built at a cost of Taka 3 were brought over from Paris.

Antique items are tastefully arranged at every step of the lodge situated on nine acres of land. The beautifully designed lodge 1995 to hand over the responsibil- Maharaja Shurjokanto Acharya attracts visitors from both home antique chandeliers are in a sorry ity of the site to the Archaeological Chowdhury commissioned this and abroad. The palace has an state as well. These were imported soon as possible for proper pres-Department for better preserva- magnificently designed lodge abundance of trees, including from overseas to satiate the ervation.

Shurjokanto named the lodge kathgolap, laxmibilash and ber, bokul, champa, kamini, korai, was razed to the ground during an ashok and jamrul trees in the spacious estate, planted by the

then zamindars. The 24 rooms in the lodge incorporate unique architecture. The doors and windows of the rooms are embellished with varilakh, a major amount in those ous artistic designs painted on the days. Materials and instruments glass, which immediately grab the visitor's attention. However, these valuable elements are in a dilapidated condition due to lack

of proper care and maintenance. The large and magnificent

zamindars' refined tastes. The woodworks on the floors of this lodge are being damaged every

Rainwater pours in after two or three heavy showers, posing a peril to the palace. Thankfully, the relevant authority recently undertook repair works to check the rainwater, official sources said.

There is a statue of a bathing woman made of stone in the middle of a fountain in front of the lodge. Another fountain is inside the palace. The two-storied bathing house by a big pond, adjacent to the lodge is now being used to store straw. Likewise, the ghat of the pond has been totally ruined.

As this palace has historical value, it has also been used for shooting TV plays and movies. Though the Education Ministry undertook repair work 50 years ago, leaks sprang up a few years later, according to the Teachers' Training College sources.

Principal of the college, Professor Rikta Roy said that no class is held in this building now. She also called for the restoration of this historic site.

A Tk one crore nine lakh project, titled "Teaching Quality Improvement-Secondary Education Project" (TQI-SEP) under the Education Ministry, was submitted in the last fiscal year for renovation work of the lodge but is yet to be approved; the sources

"Such a magnificent palace needs constant repair by the Archaeological Department," said a local source. The sources also added that it would be better to hand over the lodge to the Archaeological Department as

Movie Watch "A Throw of Dice" Blast from the silent past



Charu Roy (left) and Seeta Devi in the 1929 film "A Throw of Dice," directed by Franz Osten

provide a surge of visual pleasure. Produced by the German director Franz,Osten and the Bengali lawyer Himansu Rai, the movie itself seems poised between two cultures, balancing the highly developed technique of German silent chance, perhaps, will rescue him. filmmaking and the rich iconography of Indian tradition. Jungles and palaces, elephants and tigers, princes in silk and servants in rags were photographed on location in Rajasthan and presented with the meticulous lighting, enveloping depth effects and rhythmic editing patterns of the Weimar cinema at its height.

Mahabharata," the ancient Indian epic, the film tells the story of two kings, the open-hearted Ranjit (Charu Roy) and the devious Sohat Indian) rather than the European (played by Rai himself) who, dur- performers in dusky makeup who ing a hunting expedition, fall in had populated previous German love with Sunita (Seeta Devi), the visions of India, like Joe May's 1921 beautiful daughter of a wise man film "The Indian Tomb."

There's hardly a frame in the 1929 who lives deep in the wild, Ranjit film "A Throw of Dice" that doesn't wins Sunita's heart, but on the day nialist curse of Orientalism, "A of the wedding, the conniving Sohat lures his rival into a game of cerned with presenting its characchance using trick dice. Ranjit loses ters as exotic/erotic "others" than and crusading nationalist her, along with his kingdom and his with creating a common ground of

Largely forgotten until a restoration by the British Film Institute made a splash last summer at a screening in Trafalgar Square in London, "Dice" was the third film produced by Osten and Ran (The first, "The Light of Asia," has been restored by the European cultural channel Arte.) All three seem to have been substantial successes in Based on an episode from "The Europe and Asia, a phenomenon explained partly by the decision to cast Indian actors (although Seeta Devi, born Renee Smith, was Anglo-

09:00 It Always Sunny In Philadelphi

10:30 Blood Ties

11:30 The Unit

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10:00 Saibaba

03:00 Grihasti

11:00 Hamari Devrani

02:00 Hamari Devrani

01:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby

01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan

Karam Apnaa Apnaa

07:30 Aek Chabhi Hai Padoss Mein

Hamari Devrani

08:30 Kya Aap Paanchvi Pass

SeTezHai

09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan

10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby

10:30 Amul Star Voice of India - II

Kis Desh me Hai Meraa Dil

09:30 Are U Smarter Than 5th Grader

Though hardly free of the colo-Throw of Dice" seems less conpersonal freedom, and returns to artfully presented spectacle. Osten Sohat's palace as a slave. Chance returned to India in 1935 to work at has led Ranjit to this dreadful pass; the studio Rai had created, the mellifluously named Bombay Talkies Workers Industrial Cooperative Society, where he directed 15 more features -- a run that came to an end during the production of "Kangan" ("The Bangle") in 1939, when Osten, a member of the Nazi party, was arrested by British colonial officials and held through the end of the war.

> The new disc, originally produced for British release by Tim Pearce and Nadine Luque, features an appropriately cross-cultural score by Nitin Sawhney that blends Western orchestrations and Indian

Source: The New York Times

06:00 Arizona Rattlers

07:30 Raptor Force

06:30 | Didn't Know That

08:30 Mega Green Tech

09:30 Super Factories

10:30 Mega Green Tech

11:30 Super Factories

12:15 Wonder Brand

01:30 London's Lost Cities

02:30 Braveheart's Scotland

The Ocean Liners

12:30 Anne Frank

03:30 Desert Aces

06:30 Anne Frank

07:30 Ancient Greece

04:30 Batteries

05:30

10:30 Renault

11:30 Eye Max

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

07:00 What Would Happen If

* News Bulletin

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55

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News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00

News (English) at 3:00 pm.

Late Night News (Bangla and

English) 11:30 pm. (To be tele-

cast on all Bangla channels).

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8:20am,7:00pm Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm,6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. CHANNEL 1

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06:15 Dhormo O Jibon 07:00 Boi Potro 07:20 Lok Lokalay 07:40 Esho Bangladesh Gori 08:25 Hazar Taar-er Bina 08:40 Drama: Nironjon-er Kheya 10:30 Gaan Gull Mor ATN BANGLA

08:15 Ajker Shangbadpotro 08:30 ATN Desher Aaina 09:15 Nachey Mon Nachey-re 10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti 11:10 ATN Family Star 12:15 Musical Programme: Shur-er Madhuri Shodaipati 12:45

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Islamic Programme 05:20 06:20 Shobar Jonyo Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhil Drama Serial: Nupur 09:20 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda

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01:03 Made In Bangladesh

01:30 Dhallywood Beats

02:30 Bangla Feature Film Protidin Cartoon Muktir Lorai 08:00 Just Band 08:30 Griho Shoili Drama Serial: Lukochuri Drama Serial: Raat Jaga Pakhi Biz Event 11:30 Editor's Comment 12:00

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08:25 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jol 09:05 X Crime 09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue 11:25 Bengal Music Unplugged **CHANNEL 1**

10:30 Bangla Feature Film 02:00 One Sports 03:30 Char Bioscope



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Trend 2008

08:30 Patch Adams 12:45 Threshold 12:30 Blades Of Glory 02:15 Analyze That 04:15 Hollywood Spotlight : Kevin Costner

04:45 Mavenck 07:15 The Making Of Blood Diamond 07:30 Black Mask II: City Of Masks 09:30 Happy Feet 11:45 Forrest Gump

STAR MOVIES 10:20 Good Year, A 12:20 U.S.A. Vs John Lennon

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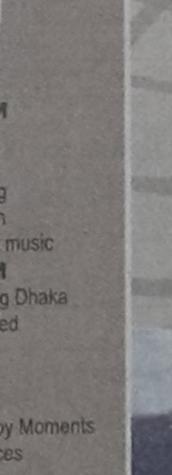
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Happy Feet On HBO at 9:30 pm **Genre: Animation** Cast: Hugh Jackman, Robin Williams, Nicole Kidman

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09:30 History Rocks 12:30 Beyond The War Of Worlds