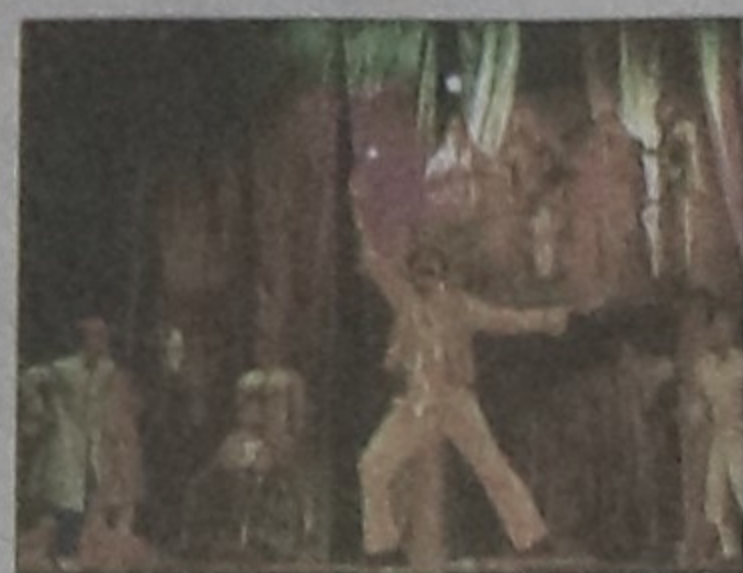


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Theatre

Troupe: Palakar
Play: Bayanno Baazar
Venue: Zahir Raihan Auditorium, Loharpul, Gandaria
Date: August 1
Time: 7pm



Film Screening

Organiser: Children's Film Society
Film: Joy Baba Felunath
Director: Satyajit Ray
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: July 30
Time: 6pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Image of Nature
Artist: Khurshid Alam Saleem
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: July 18-29
Time: 12pm-8pm



Film Screening

Organiser: Laser Vision
Film: Phylomeshu by Monshedul Islam
Venue: Dink picture Library, House 58, Road 26 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: July 30
Time: 6 pm



Tagore Lodge recovered and renovated

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

Tagore Lodge, the ancestral house of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore in Kushtia town has been converted into "Tagore Museum". The museum also houses a library.

At a cost of Tk 13 lakh, Kushtia municipality turned the lodge to a museum. The museum is drawing visitors now. Different cultural events are also held at the museum on various occasions.

Tourists from across the country as well as from overseas are coming to see this structure that is of significant historic value.

According to sources, Kushtia municipality took an initiative to preserve the lodge in 2002. The municipality took up a Tk 5 lakh project on January 26, 2002 to reconstruct the lodge. The municipal authority purchased the property from one Salima Khatun, who inherited it from the late Abdul Gafur.

According to sources, the local link to the Tagore family was severed when one Abdul Gafur bought out Tagore lodge at an auction many years ago. After the death of Gafur, his successors were residing in the lodge. Visitors had no access to the site.

The municipality floated a tender to rebuild the lodge and work started on November 9, 2003 only to stop soon due to fund constraint. After a lull, the present chairman of Kushtia municipality Anwar Ali resumed the reconstruction work in 2006 sanctioning Tk 7 lakh from the municipality fund.

The reconstruction work ended in 2008. In total there are seven rooms are in the two-storied building. The ground floor houses the museum and library and the first



A view of the recently renovated Tagore Lodge

floor can accommodate cultural programme. Shamsuzzaman Khan, former director general of National Museum inaugurated the Tagore Museum in January this year.

The site is situated by the road leading to the Tagore Kuthibari at Shilaiddah. Rabindranath's elder brothers decided to set up an office at the lodge. The poet was also involved in the business venture called "Tagore and Company".

The use of the lodge as an office for Tagore and Company dates back to 1895. The company traded in raw materials including jute. Later, the company's main office

shifted to Kolkata. Rabindranath gradually lost interest in business and handed over the company to an employee, Jagdishwar Roy, who renamed it Jagdishwar and Engineering Workshop.

Then Renwick and Company (established in 1891 by one William Renwick) and Jagdishwar started a joint venture renaming the company Renwick and Jagdishwar Company. The company still exists.

Converting the Tagore Lodge to a museum has generated much enthusiasm among the cultural activists and local people. Frontline cultural activists in the

district expressed their appreciation and thanked to the municipality for taking the initiative.

Now different organisations are holding programmes at the museum on special occasions.

Anwar Ali, Mayor of Kushtia municipality, urged all around the country to cooperate in turning the museum and library into a success through contribution.

"We are trying to collect and preserve all the books written by Rabindranath and others related to the poet as well as other materials including films and photos," said the Mayor.

Laisa Ahmed Lisa enthralled Delhi audience

KAVITA CHARANJ, New Delhi

It was a nostalgic evening when I went to the India Habitat Centre, Delhi to attend a performance by renowned Bangladeshi singer Laisa Ahmed Lisa. Going to the green room before her concert, Laisa, clad in a beautiful blue jamdani saree exchanged a few updates on Dhaka.

Before the show I had a chance to talk to a few members of the audience. Seated next to me was Ratna Bhattacharya. A resident of the Bengali-populated Chittaranjan Park, she traced her roots back to Mymensingh, Bangladesh. So enthused was she by Laisa's performance in Chittaranjan Park that she had come back once again to hear her sing. Said Ratna, "Laisa's delivery was excellent, along with her bhava, sur and taal."

Looking around I spotted two foreigners. Going up to talk to Erin Court, who is doing her PhD in international development from Oxford University, UK, she said that she had come at the recommendation of her friend. She has read one book by Tagore *Ghare Bhaire* (The Home and the World) and finds "Rich characters and an enthralling love story."

On to the performance. The tempo was set for the evening as Laisa sang *O amar desher mati*. The presentation was a medley of devotional, love and seasonal songs. Some numbers caught attention: *Prabhu amar priyo amar, Dhay jeno more sakal, Je rate duarguli, Mori lo mori*. An enthralled audience clapped warmly after each item.

This is Laisa's second visit to Delhi after the Tagore Utsav in March. "Tagore continues to be a major inspiration for me," says Laisa. And it was evident in her three entrancing performances in Delhi.



Laisa Ahmed Lisa

Rolling Stones moving to a new label

AP, London

The Rolling Stones, the world's top-earning music act last year, have signed a long-term, exclusive worldwide contract with Vivendi SA's Universal Music, dealing a major blow to the group's former recording company, EMI Group PLC.

The Rolling Stones are switching to Universal Music after more than 20 years with EMI.

Universal said on Friday that the

new deal covered both future albums by the Stones and their back catalogue, including such albums as "Sticky Fingers" and "Black and Blue" and songs "Brown Sugar" and "Start Me Up."

Universal, the world's biggest recording company, did not disclose terms of the deal.

The Stones' departure from EMI, where they'd been for more than 20 years, is a low point in a bumpy ride for Terra Firma Capital Partners Ltd., the private equity firm that bought the London-

based recording company last year.

New EMI boss Guy Hands failed to sign British band Radiohead. Other major artists, including Coldplay and Robbie Williams, have expressed unhappiness with some changes at the company since the buyout.

"Universal are forward-thinking, creative and hands-on music people," the Stones said in a statement. "We really look forward to working with them."

The British group has already

had some experience of working with Universal after the company's subsidiary of French media and telecommunications giant Vivendi SA, in March released the sound-track album from "Shine A Light," director Martin Scorsese's film of the Stones' 2006 performance at the Beacon Theater in New York.

The Stones topped Forbes magazine's list of wealthy music acts last year, reportedly earning some \$88 million between June 2006 and June 2007, mostly from their "Bigger Bang Tour."



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 World Roundup
09:05 Talk Show
09:30 Musical Programme: Smritimoy Geelmooy
10:30 Dance Programme: Tarana
11:30 Drama Serial: Neel Konthey
12:10 News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 8:00 pm
12:15 News (English) at 3:00 pm
12:10 El Amar Bangladesh
12:30 Shukhi Poribar
01:00 Selected Programme
01:30 Baanshuri
02:15 Prangon
02:40 Kira Digolo
03:05 Cartoon
04:30 Dance Programme: Nityer Nityer Taley Taley
05:05 Debate
06:15 Matri Bhasa
07:00 Shondhamakoti
07:25 Bazar-er Bag
08:35 Drama Serial
10:30 Dhrupadi
11:00 Talk Show: Date Line Dhaka

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aker Shangbadpotro
08:30 Char Deyal-er Kabyo
09:15 Drama Serial: Anyo Boshonto
10:30 Talk Show: Onnyodishti
11:05 Health Show: Shustho Thakun
11:35 Musical Programme: Notun Chhobir Gaan
12:15 Motamot
01:30 Chochitir Golpo
02:30 Daily Soap: Doll's Soap
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
03:45 Children's Programme: Chhotoder Pritibi
04:20 Agricultural Programme: Matir

Shubatabsh
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
05:10 Health Show: Square Hospital Shustho Thakun
05:45 Genetic Business Week
06:20 Documentary Programme: Ashay Pasher Manush
08:00 Drama Serial: Swapno Mongol
08:45 Entertainment Show: Aaj Kaal Porshu
11:30 Talk Show: Jay Katha Keu Boleni
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

08:05 Tagore Song
09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh Public Reaction
09:45 Grameenphone Tritamatra
11:05 Educational Programme: Uchyoshikhyay Desh Bideshey
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:35 Ekattur-er Dinguli Konyo
03:30 Musical Programme: Hridoyer Gaan
04:30 Arshinagar
05:30 Muktiudyho Probidin
06:00 Drama Serial: Alor Khojey Kojona
06:20 TV Series: Tarzaan
07:50 Drama Serial: Agun-er Alo
08:20 Banglalink Bangla-er Pathay
09:35 Drama Serial: Central Mental Hospital
10:00 Drama Serial: Phirey Dekha

ETV

08:30 Ekusher Shokaal
09:15 Drama Serial: Ghatok Ebong Amra
10:30 Ekusher Business
12:00 Ekusher Dupur
12:30 Ekusher Business: Special Focus
01:30 Ekusher Business: Shopol Jara
02:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market Dhaka 1000
03:30 Shornali Shada Kalo
05:30 Sms Mania
05:45 Ekush-er Shondha
06:30 Documentary Programme: Desh Jurey
07:45 Cookery Show: Tomi Mian-r Recipe
08:15 Drama Serial: Akey Shunyo Dash
09:30 Drama Serial: Ghotok Ebong Amra
10:00 Musical Programme: Amar Gaan

10:50 Financial Bulletin
11:40 Total Music
08:30 Aker Shokaal
08:55 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob Janey
09:30 Talk Show: Shomporko
10:05 Drama Serial: Tero Kahon
11:00 Shangskriti Ei Shoptaho
11:30 Tiffin-er Phakey
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob Janey
03:15 Musical Programme: Closeup 1



Central Mental Hospital
On Channel i at 9:35 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Kushum Sikdar, Shazu Khadem

2008
05:25 Ithash-er Ei Div-ey
05:30 Apnar Jigyasha
06:45 Chochitir Koto Katha
08:15 Drama Serial: Eil Kath-er Khanda
09:00 Music Express
09:45 Drama Serial: Baishakh Theke Sraon
11:30 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
08:40 Saangeel Ongon
09:00 Drama Serial: Dohon
09:30 Wide Angle

BANGLAVISION

08:30 Nana Ranger Dinguli
09:00 Agamir Kontho
10:10 Drama Serial: Mondo Bhalo Shada Kalo
10:40 Sports Vision
11:35 Musical Programme: Pran-er Gaan
12:30 Shur-er Kathan
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
02:30 Talk Show: Aamar Ami
03:05 X Crime
04:20 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor

06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:50 Drama Serial: Horek Rang-er Mon
08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
09:05 Cookery Show: Confidence Salt
09:45 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura
11:25 Talk Show: Top Story
12:00 Shongbad Probidin
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
03:30 Moza Maray Foza Bhai
04:00 Rupantor-er Golpo
04:30 Shomoyer Aainayee Raajneti



Radio Forthi 88.0 FM

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

Radio Today 89.6 FM

07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Masti Unlimited
01:00pm Today's Adda
04:00pm U-lum
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
02:00 am Back to Back

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:30 1968 Mustang
10:30 Beyond the Big Bang
11:30 Eye Max
12:15 Dent King
12:30 The Supreme Samurai
01:30 The Way Of The Samurai
02:30 More 60's
03:30 Baader-Meinhof Gang
04:30 Atlantis
05:30 Braveheart's Scotland
06:30 1968 Mustang
07:30 God's Gold

08:30 Cold Cuts
09:30 A Dangerous Man
11:30 Beyond the Big Bang
09:30 The It Crowd
10:00 Jake In Progress
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ZEE STUDIO

10:50 Two English Girls
01:15 Hollywood's 10 Best
01:20 Storm Catcher
03:20 Turner And Hooch
05:30 Charlie Chaplin
06:00 The Three Musketeers
08:15 Hollywood's 10 Best
08:45 The Santa Clause 2
11:00 Sweet Home Alabama

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

11:30 Titanic's Nuclear Secret
Sweet Home Alabama
On Zee Studio at 11:00 pm
Genre: Romance
Cast: Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas, Patrick Dempsey

12:30 Ghosts Of The Black Sea
01:30 Laya Project
03:00 Bear Bandits
03:30 Aryan Brotherhood
04:30 I Didn't Know That
05:00 Jungle Geoff & Viper Strike
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Laya Project
07:30 Triumph of Life
08:30 Inside: FBI Stake Out
11:30 Lockdown