

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

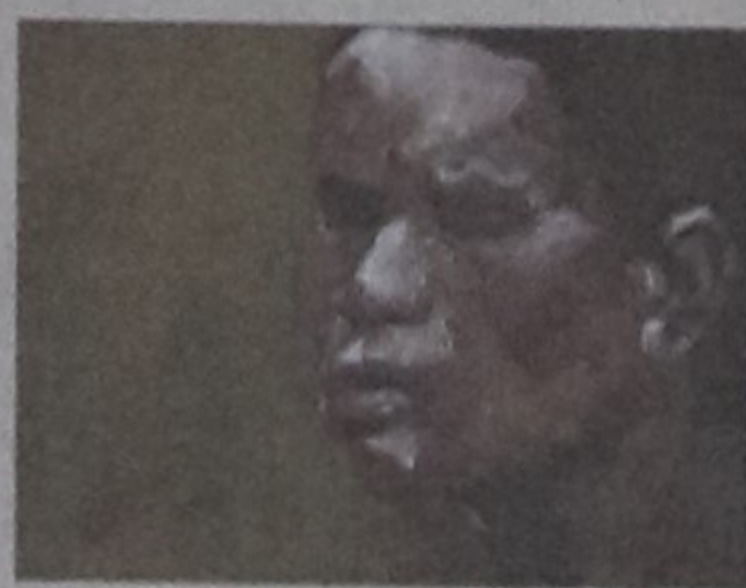
Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Jamal Ahmed
Venue: Gallery Chitrag, Rd 4, H 21, Dhanmondi R/A
Date: November 14-23
Time: 10am-8pm



Art & Photography Exhibition

on Bangladesh Street Culture
Artists: Rokaya, Kuhu, Smita, Ujjwal and Anil
Venue: Bay's Galleria, 5th floor, 57, Gulshan Avenue
Date: November 8-23
Time: 11am-9pm (Fridays 3pm-11pm)



Punk Rock Concert

Organiser: Goethe-Institut, PASCH and BLACK
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: November 24
Time: 6:30 pm
Tickets will be available from November 16



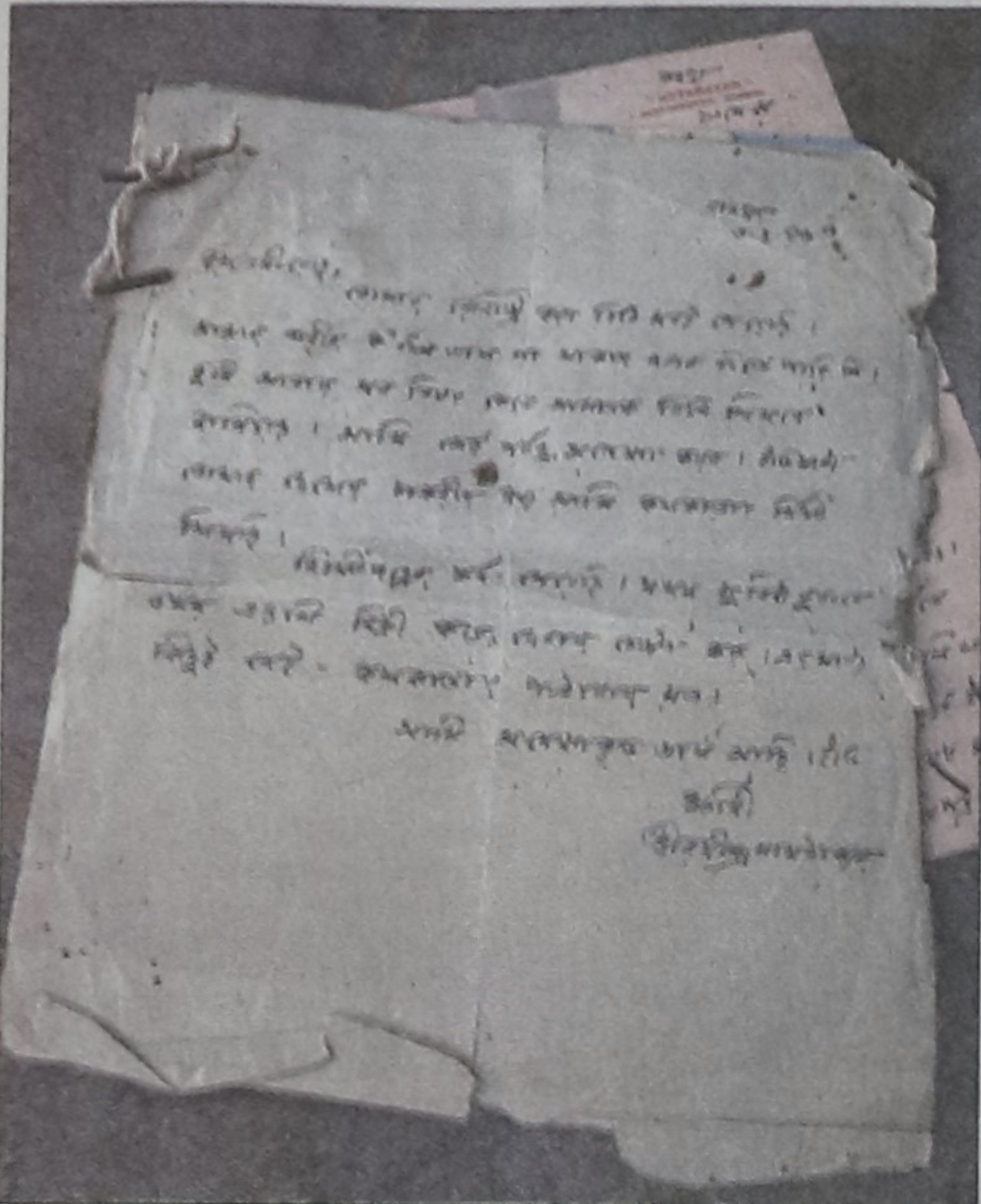
Theatre

Play: Shonai Madhab
Troupe: Loko Naytadal
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: November 21
Time: 6pm



In focus

Rare Rathindranath letters uncared for



A rare letter written by Rathindranath, son of poet Rabindranath Tagore.

HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, back from Naogaon

The rare letters of Rathindranath Tagore and his spouse have been found at Potisar area in Atrai upazila of Naogaon district recently along with Nobel Laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore's memorabilia like chairs, mirrors and cupboards.

Letters in Bengali to the estate manager Birendranath Sarvadhikary at Potisar in Atrai. Most of the letters were sent to the estate through the postal department from Uttarayan Rajpur of Shantiniketan in 1954. A rare letter of Protima Devi, wife of Rathindranath, was sent to the same employee of the estate with a request to send Taka 2,000 for the marriage ceremony of one Azin's son.



A recently installed statue of Tagore at Potisar Rabindra Kacharibari in Naogaon.

Kumar said that the 11 letters of Rathindranath and his wife had not been preserved. As a result some of the letters had become moth-eaten. Poet Rabindranath enthusiast Matiur Rahman, collected two mirrors and a cupboard along with other artifacts with the help of local people and government officials recently. Earlier too, he collected several Rabindranath

memorabilia. Most of the locals are of the opinion that if Potisar Kacharibari is converted to an archaeological museum, all the documents can be preserved along with the other Rabindranath Tagore memorabilia. Rabindranath Tagore visited Potisar for the last time in 1937 by boat along with his associates. His son Rathindranath died in 1961. Six years later, in 1969 Protima Devi passed away.

Radharaman's death anniversary observed at ancestral village

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

"Bhromor koiiyo giya, Sri Krishna bichheder anoley angoye joloye joloye bhramar koiiyo giya..." - the familiar song reverberated in the air of Keshabpur village in Sunamganj district. Radharaman Smriti Sangha organised the daylong programme including a cultural function and more on the occasion of the legendary bard's 92nd death anniversary at his ancestral village last Wednesday.

Radharaman Smriti Sangha President Raja Miah chaired the discussion while Mayor of the Jagannathpur Pura Shabha Abdul Monaf attended the event as chief guest. Former UP chairman Askir Miah and artiste Nuruddin conducted the function.

At the cultural programme, Tania Begum, Ruma Begum, Surat Miah, Harun Miah Dewan and others presented Radharaman songs. The per-

formances were appreciated by several thousand enthusiastic people.

A devout soul, Radharaman was born at Keshabpur in 1833. Many of his songs remain popular to date. He is considered to be the "father of Dhamail songs." His father Radharamadhab Dutta was also a poet. Some of his works are "Brahman Geeta," "Bharat Madhabi," "Padma Puran" and "Suryabarta Panchali." Radharaman was the youngest among his siblings.

Radharaman lost his father in his childhood and came across sages, but failed to earn sympathy from them. He became a disciple of a Vaishnav, Kedarnath Raman Bhattacharya of nearby Rajnagar in Maulvibazar district. Out of his deep devotion to Krishna, Radharaman established an ashram at a remote place by the Naluar Haor, where he composed over a thousand songs. The songs are known as "Radharaman Sangeet." A good number of his songs performed by leading artistes are aired on radio and TV. The legendary personality died in 1915.

Srotar Ashor at Chhayanat

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Chhayanat's monthly musical soiree "Srotar Ashor" was held on November 15 at the Rameshchandra Dutt Memorial Auditorium, Chhayanat Sanskriti Bhaban.

The programme featured performances by Shabnam Shirin, Priyanka Gope, Nurjahan Runa and Khairul Anam Shakil, general secretary of Chhayanat.

At a packed auditorium, Shabnam Shirin started with a rendition of a Nazrul Sangeet, "Ganga Sindhu Narmada." Next she rendered the song "Bhoria poran shunetechhi gaan."

Next was Priyanka Gope. Prianka rendered three Nazrul songs "Peye keno nahi pai," "Kholo kholo kholo go duar" and "Shey choley gechhey boley"

Nurjahan Runa sang "Morey dekh bichh-sher deshey," "Tepantor-er mathhey," "Tumi jodi Radha hotey Shyam" and "Bon-er taposhkumari."

The last performer of the evening was noted Nazrul artiste Khairul Anam Shakil.

Shakil opened his performance with a rendition of a Shyama Sangeet of Nazrul -- "Shyama naam-er laglo agun." Other songs performed by Shakil were "Bonokuntolo elaye," "Shoponey esho nirjoney," "Keno ano phoolodor" and "Boshia bijoney." "Srotar Ashor" ended with a group rendition of the National Anthem.

Theatre festival in Manikganj



A scene from the play "Kolonkini Bodhu".

ZAHANGIR ALAM BISWAS, Manikganj

Katigram Sporting Club organised a theatre festival in Manikganj to generate awareness on dowry, drugs, bribes, corruption and crime.

Police Superintendent of Manikganj, Sheikh Muhammad Maruf Hasan inaugurated the two-day theatre festival at Katigram Sporting Club (KSC) playground in Sadar upazila in Manikganj recently. KSC President Bulbul Ahmed presided

over the inaugural function where acting secretary Gazi Salauddin Tito gave an address.

"Kolonkini Bodhu" was staged on the first day and "Danabir Horish Chandra Raja" was put up on the concluding day. The plays, written by Sree Ranjan Devnath, were directed by Ashraf Alam Daud, drama secretary of KSC.

Around 5,000 enthusiastic people from all walks of life attended the two-day festival.

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