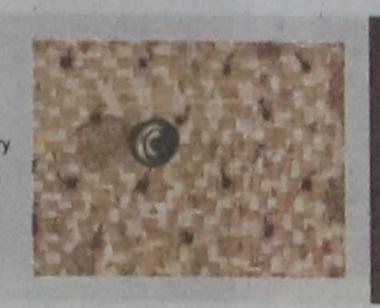
WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Film Screening Film: Ratatouille Organiser: Children's Film Society, Bangladesh and Goethe-Institut Bangladesh Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi Date: February 26 Time: 5pm



Solo Art Exhibition Title: Palolik Dinlipi Artist: Kalidas Karmakar Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, R 27(old) Dhanmondi Date: February 15-28

Time: 12pm-8pm



Book Launch On 200th birth anniversary of Louis Braille Books: "Chharar Taley Monta Doley and "Chharar Mala" Organiser: Prerana and Child Sight Foundation Venue: National Music and Dance Centre, BSA February 15 at 4:25pm

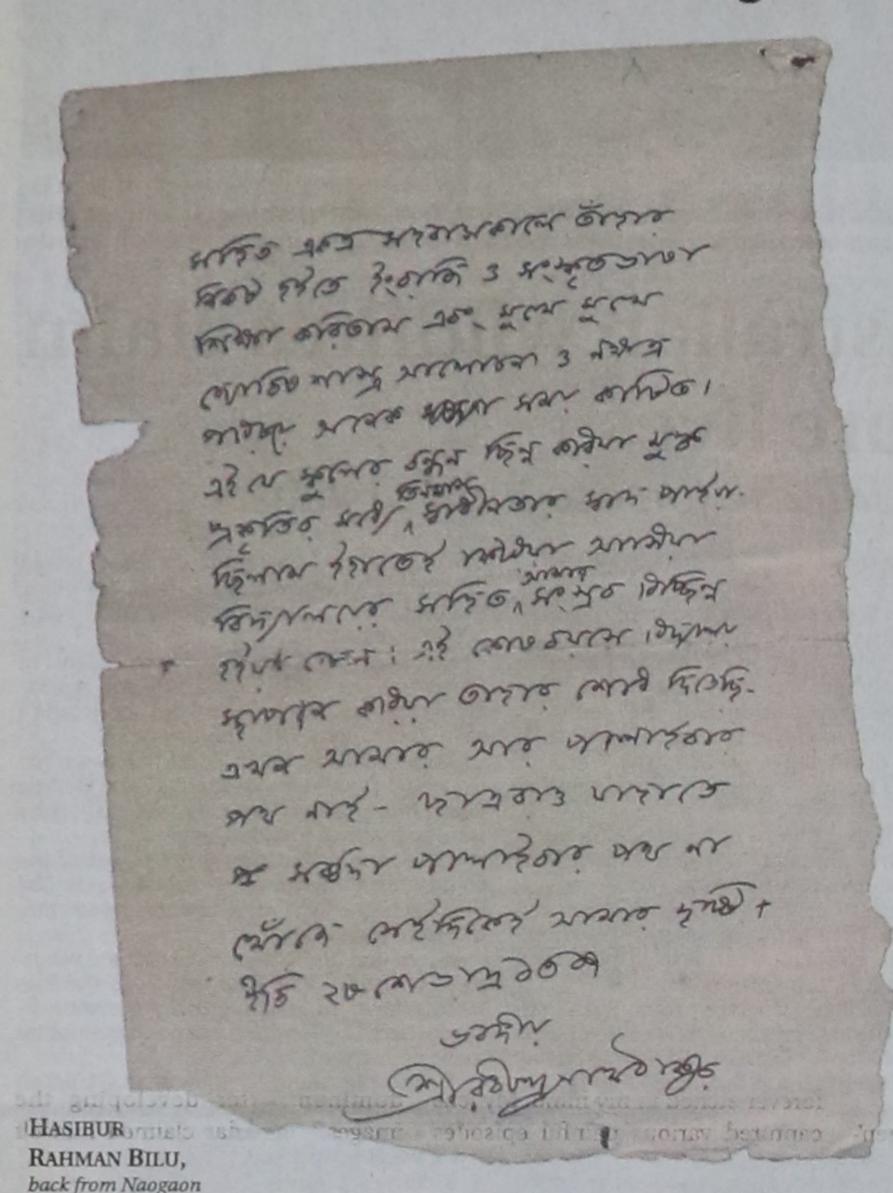


Musical Soiree Title: Bhalobashar Organiser: Rabi Raag Venue: Natmanadal, Dhaka University Date: February 14 Time: 6:30 pm



Tagore's letter

A rare find in Naogaon

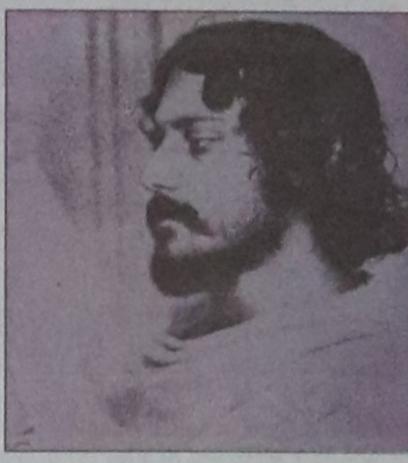


A rare hand written letter by Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore was recovered recently from Patisar village under Atrai Upazila in the northern district of Naogaon. It's a landmark discovery, as this is the first document carrying Tagore's handwriting.

Naheed Sultana, custodian,

Shazadpur Upazila in Sirajganj district, confirmed that the six- page letter was addressed to someone in Bolpur (Shantiniketan), West Bengal. Apparently the missive was a response to a request to the poet for his photograph. The letter was dated on Bhadra 28 in the Bengaliyear 1317.

"As far I know, no original handwrit-Rabindranath Kachharibari Museum at ten letter or manuscript of Tagore is in gerdays and his conjugal life.



any of the museums in Bangladesh," said Mohammad Abdul Khaleque, director general, Department of Archaeology, Bangladesh.

The letter has a complicated history: One Matiur Rahman of Patisar village collected the letter from a man named Nazrul Islam. Nazrul Islam inherited it from his father Kabej Ali Mandal, the only Muslim cook working on the poet's boat. Matiur Rahman has been collecting Tagore memorabilia from several districts in the county since 2003 on his own initiative.

Some handwritten letters by the poet's son Rathindranath and other family members are carelessly housed at the Patisar Rathindranath Institute, under the principal in-charge of the institute, ABM Mosaddek Hossain.

Matiur Rahman asserted that a large number of Rabindranath memorabilia had been missing from the Patisar Rabindra Kachharibari since 1947. "I've seen lockers and other furniture lying uncared for at a local sub-post office and union land office in Patisar," he said.

Tagore had pointed out in the letter

The letter is signed by the Nobel laureate poet.

that his date of birth was May 6, 1861. However, custodian Naheed Sultana told The Daily Star that he was born on May 7 in the same year. She maintained that Tagore was in all likelihood born after 12 am, hence the discrepancy.

In response to a request for a biography, the poet mentioned in the letter that his life history was not important. He did, however, give insights into his youn-

Priceless coins recovered in Bhola

RAFIQUL ISLAM, Barisal

A significant number of ancient coins have been recovered at Joya village under Gangapur union of Borhanuddin upazila, Bhola district. Arabic or Persian writing are engraved on the coins.

Advocate Fariduddin, local UP chairman, said that when he heard about the findings of the hidden treasure, he called Ataur Rahman of the village on February 5. Ataur admitted that while digging for the foundations of his new house, he found a metal pitcher with some old coins. According to the locals, pirates used to bury their booty -- that included gold and silver coins -- in coastal villages like Joya.

Authenticity and quantity of the coins were not disclosed.

Ataur presented a silver coin weighing 1.2 tola to the son of the UP chairman and another to Milon, the digger who recovered the treasure.



Arabic or Persian writing are engraved on the coins.

Poet Abu Zafar's birth anniversary observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The 75th birth anniversary of poet Abu Zafar Obaidullah was observed with much fanfare at Baherchar under Babuganj upazila of Barisal district on February 8.

Abu Zafar Obaidullah Smriti Pathagar chalked up the event. The participants held a discussion on the life, work and achievements of the poet at the Pathagar premises.

The speakers said that though he was a high up civil service official, Obaidullah always preferred to be known as a

poet of the soil, nature and mankind. "Obaidullah always incorporated elements such as the joys and sorrows, struggles and lives of the peasants and the rich images and legends of Bengal," said the speakers.

Atikur Rahman, president of the Pathagar presided over the proceedings, while Bazlur Rahman Master, former UP chairman, was chief guest. Headmaster Rafikul Islam, Sultan Mahmud, Abu Taleb Master, Rashid Molla and others addressed the audience.

In the course of the meeting, a decision was also made to hold a two-day long Kabi Abu Zafar Obaidullah Mela 2009 complete with cultural programmes and discussions at Baherchar to celebrate the ninth death anniversary of the poet.

Obaidullah was born on February 8, 1934 and died on March 19, 2001. The poet was a prominent figure of the Language Movement and the proud recipient of the Ekushey Padak and Bangla Academy Award.

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Home Care

Celebrity chef Rick Stein in town

Celebrity chef Rick Stein arrived in Dhaka yesterday. The chef, who has a specialty in seafood cooking and Mediterranean delicacies, will be shooting an episode of his popular television series at the Dhaka Club today at 3pm. He would also be shooting another episode at Nazimgarh Resort in Sylhet on February 13, says a press release.

Over the years, Stein has been at the helm of such television shows



Rick Stein

like "Memoirs of a Seafood Chef" (BBC 2008), "Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes" (BBC 2007), Rick Stein in Du Maurier Country" (BBC 2007) and many others. For more information on the chef, check out his website, www.rickstein.com.

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Gladiator (2000)

Dangerous Minds

According To Jim

La Femme Nikita

The Moment Of Truth

The Ellen Degeneres

Murder She Wrote

Ghost Whisperer

La Femme Nikita

According To Jim

The Moment Of Truth

Ghost Rider

Tremors 3: Back To Perfection

American Pie Presents: Beta

The Wendell Baker Story

Son Of The Pink Panther

Keeping Up With The Steins

News Bulletin

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

Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-I News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

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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 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am. 1:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. CHANNEL 1

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News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am

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 abc radio News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm,

06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am

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

programme. On Air

BTV 08:20 Shuprobhat SAARC Round Up Talk Show Musical Programme: Shaswata Open University

Ma O Shishur Kotha Hijal Tomal Debate 02:15 Cartoon 03:05 Shukhi Paribar Abhijatri 04:05

05:05 Sisimpur Computer Nabo Anondey Jago Agricultural Programme: Mati O Manush

Musical Programme Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Nichey Drama Serial: Rakkhosh Selected Programme

10:30 Shur Shombhar ATN BANGLA

Ajker Shanbadpotro Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou Talk Show: Vision 2020

Hello Bangladesh Boi Mela Pratidin 11:15 Style Icon 12:15 IT Zone 01:25

Band View Drama Serial: Larey Lappa Drama Serial: Rupali Manush 03:15 Children's Programme: Nilgiri 03:45 04:20 Islamic Programme Islamic Programme 05:10 Talk Show 05:35

Take Care 06:20 Projonmo Katha Drama Serial: Sundari O Kaker 08:00 Chhana Drama Serial: Ghar Jamai

Drama Serial: Roud-Brishti

Talk Show: Talking Point Grameenphone Lead News 12:00

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CHANNEL i 08:05 Tagore Song Shokaal-er Gaan 04:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh 09:45 Public Reaction

Grameenphone Tritiomatra 11:05 Sports Time Educational Programme: 11:30 Medha Bikash Citycell Taroka Kathan Ebong Cinemar Gaan

Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga 10:50 Khudey Gaan Raj Apnaar Shuswashtho Boi Mela Protidin (Live) Special Programme Mega Serial: Saath Goenda

Cookery Show 07:50 Chandrabindu 08:25 Drama Serial: Shagotom Bhalobasha 09:35 Drama Serial: Prithibir Shob Rup Mekhey Achhey Ghashey Drama Serial: Sangsar

Boi Mela Protidin

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Drama Serial: Jhuthamela

Quiz Show: Ispahani Janar

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Shubha Shandhya

Bajo Ebong Bajao

Kabir's Recipe

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09:30 Bangla Feature Film

Cookery Show: Siddiqua

Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan

Drama Serial: Trinar Golpo

Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

Apnaar Jigyasha

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Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue 11:15 Shap Ludur Gaan DIGANTO TELEVISION Shasthya Diganto Drama Serial: Jiner Badsha Cartoon: Tom and Jerry 05:30 Khet Khamar Drama Serial: Ondhokaar-er



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