

Sand Sculpture Festival Organiser: Green World Communication Venue: Cox's Bazaar Beach (in between Laboni and Kolatoli Date: March 21



Mirpur Utshab To celebrate Mirpur Free Day Organiser: Shattik Venue: Studio Theatre, Date: March 19-23 Inauguration: March 19 at 6pm



7th Children's Painting Exhibition Organised by artist Md. Abu Salim Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (new), Dhanmondi Date: March 20-24 Time: 3-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition Title: Saga of the Padma Artist: Monsur Ui Karim Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi Date: March 20-31 Time: 12-8pm



## Mirpur Festival 2009 at BSA

"Kusum Upakhyan" staged



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(From left) Liaquat Ali Lucky, Jhuna Chowdhury, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Golam Kuddus, Kazi Rosy and others inaugurating the Mirpur Festival 2009.

NADIA SARWAT

After a blood stained, ninemonth war against the Pakistani military, Bangladesh achieved independence on December 16, 1971. But, Mirpur, an important area of the capital, needed another month to be freed from the clutches of the collaborators of the Pakistani army. Mirpur remained captivated until January 31, 1972, with the non-Bengalis slaying many living in the area.

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Shampraday, a Mirpur-based

Day with a five-day Mizanur Rahman, general programme since 2001. This secretary of Bangladesh year's celebration, titled Patho Natak Parishad and "Walton Mirpur Festival 2009" others were also present at began at the Studio Theatre of the event. Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on March 19. The free of social injustice and festival includes staging of five violence. But the politics of plays by theatre troupes and our country has deviated seminars.

Nasiruddin Yousuff, presigurated the festival. Golam SSJ; Liaquat Ali Lucky, presid-Shattwik Natya ium member, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation theatre troupe has been (BGTF); Jhuna Chowdhury,

observing The Mirpur Free secretary general of BGTF;

"We fought for a country from that goal often. Our cultural activists continue roles. dent of Shammilito playing significant roles in Shangskritik Jote (SSJ) inau- crucial moments of our history. Shattwik's arrangement Kuddus, general secretary of validates this claim," Nasiruddin Yousuff said in his stage plays at the Studio inaugural speech.

Speakers demanded opening an auditorium for cultural put it.

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practices in Mirpur. Mirpur Town Hall auditorium was demolished, creating an impediment to holding cultural programmes in the area.

The inauguration was followed by staging of the play Kusum Upakhyan," a Shattwik Natya Shamproday production. A sequel to the play "Kusum Bettanto" by the troupe, "Kusum Upakhyan" was written by poet and playwright Kazi Rosy. Sagir Mostofa is the director the play.

In the play a fairytale unfolds where Kusum, a beautiful and gifted village belle draws the attention of the benevolent King of Shantipur. At a crucial point of his kingship, when the subjects are leaving the land, the king decides to take Kusum as his queen. But the rogue prince and his attendants are determined to drive Kusum away from the palace. One moonlit night, Kusum, along with her newborn son, is forced to leave her home. Kusum sets out for the unknown.

Kashfim, Saiful, Anisur Rahman Selim, Matiur Sumon and Asaduzzaman Swapan played the central

The festival will continue till March 23. It should be noted that Shattwik Natya Shamproday is the first to Theatre, BSA -- "a laudable initiative" as the guests

## Theatre Lecture Hall in Chittagong inaugurated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, progressive region in the troupes from across the Anurup Titu deserve special Chittagong

Chittagong has often paved the way for many things visionary and it happened again with the opening of the country's first Theatre Lecture Hall here with a view to practice and experiment with new forms of the medium.

Inaugural of the Lecture Hall at the Theatre Institute of Chittagong (TIC) was held last Thursday afternoon.

Theatre personality Ramendu Majumdar was the chief guest at the ceremony with TIC Chairman and Chittagong City Corporation Mayor A.B.M. Mohiuddin Chowdhury in the chair.

Noted litterateur Syed Shamsul Haque and theatre personality Mahbub Hasan were special guests at the

In his speech, Ramendu Majumdar said that theatre is an effective medium for raising social awareness. "Theatre can address the discrepancies as well as the achievements within a society," he said.

He also thanked the Chittagong Mayor for his contribution in setting up the institute.

Terming Chittagong as "a

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Our World: Warm Russia (r)

Middle East Business Report

practice of art and culture," country. Of them, Morshed mention. ence of Bangladesh.

Earlier a photography Hasan.

four Chittagong-based photographers highlighted scenes from plays staged by local groups as well as (a BITA production) By Hall.

Syed Shamsul Haque Himadri is a freelance pho-Uttaradhikar production) Chittagong. Forty photographs by by Rajesh Chakrabarty, "Rupoboti" (a Subachan Haque gave a lecture on production) by Morshed Himadri and "Min Konya" at the newly opened Lecture

Before the discussion at recalled that there was a tographer while Zobaer the inaugural, a plan for setting up a film city Hossain Sikder, Rajesh programme featuring Baul here prior to the independ- Chakrabarty and Anurup songs was held at TIC pre-Titu work at different dai- mises. Hammadur Rahman lies. Shots of "Gaan-er and Apu Barman perexhibition -- on stage plays - Pakhi" (a Fulki presenta- formed at the programme. at the TIC Gallery was tion) by Zobaer Hossain Students of TIC performed inaugurated by Mahbub Sikder, "Sampan Naiya" (an regional songs of

> Later Syed Shamsul "Theatre: Kolpo O Bikolpo"



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11:25 Barclays Premier League

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Singha Thailand Open -Day 3

Singha Thailand Open - Day 4

Superbike World Champion-

STAR Soccer Saturday (Live)

(Live) Fulham vs. Manchester

Barclays Premier League

STAR Soccer Saturday

Kissing Jessica Stein

Mrs. Parker And Vicious

Butterfly On A Wheel

How I Met Your Mother

Koffee With Karan

Jimmy Kimmel Live

Last Comic Standing

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American Inventor

Most Daring

Smallville

90210

Heroes

American Idol

Boston Legal

Hot Stepper

Countdown To Doomsday

American Idol

(Live) Newcastle United vs.

Students of TIC perform regional songs of Chittagong at the inaugural of the Lecture Hall.

Premier League Preview

Jb Group Classic (Tennis)

Premier League Preview

NBA Regular Season 2008/09

Euro Beach Soccer Cup Baku

Sportscenter Weekend 2009

Primetime Premier League

Barclays Premier League

Barclays Premier League

(Live) Tottenham Hotspur vs.

08:45 Primetime Premier League

(Live) Portsmouth vs. Everton

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Special Documentary Musical Programme: Shesh Okhkhor

Documentary Programme: Prapok Bangla Feature Film Char Deyaler Kabyo

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Drama Serial: Sagai Drama Serial: Eka Drama Serial: Naksha 10:40 Talk Show

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06:20 Jibon Jekhaney Jemon Drama Serial: Sakin Shari Shuri Agricultural Programme: 09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush

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08:30 Ajker Shokaal Bangla Feature Film 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy 01:05 Meena Drama Serial: Chena Chena Lagey

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Talk Show: Ei Shomoy BANGLAVISION

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09:00 Mukhorita Jibansy

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