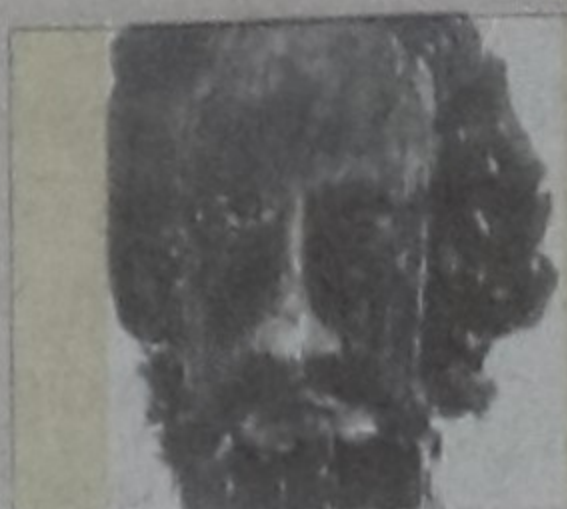


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Theatre Festival
To celebrate Abdullah Al Mamun birth anniversary
Organiser: Theatre
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: July 10-17
Time: 6:30pm onwards



Rabindra Festival
Organiser: Chhayanaout
Venue: Chhayanaout Sangskriti Bhavan, Dhanmondi
Date: July 17-18
Time: 10am (1st day), 6pm (2nd day)



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Pahariya Pathay
Artist: Shohag Parvez
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise of Dhaka
Date: July 3-16
Time: 9-12am & 5-8pm



Concert: Tribute to King of Pop
Organiser: Old School
Venue: Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre
Date: July 18
Time: 7pm



Evolution versus creation

Prachyanat School of Acting and Design stages "Inherit the Wind"

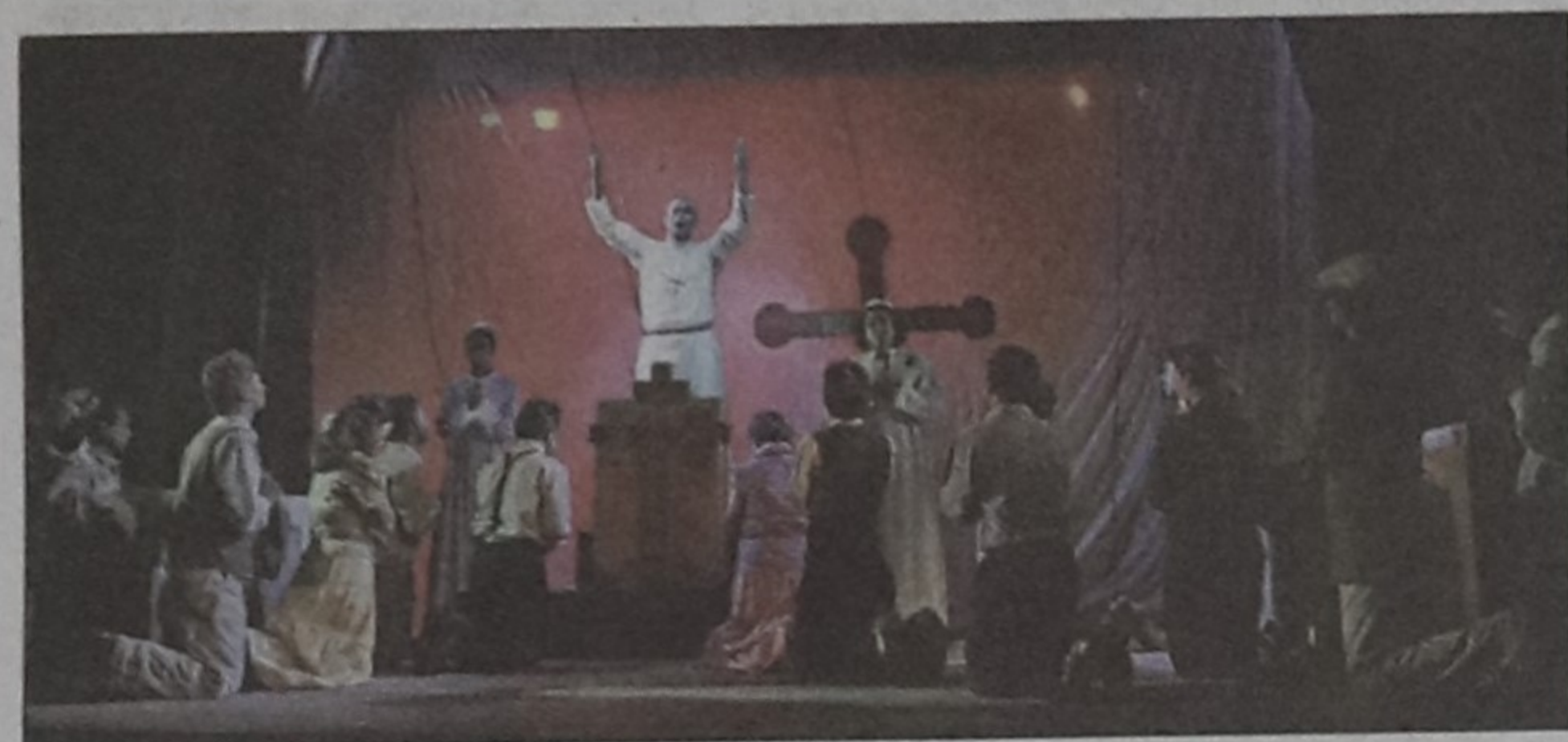


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"Inherit the Wind" highlights the conflict between theory of evolution and the creation story.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

As part of its certificate giving ceremony, the 16th batch of Prachyanat School of Acting and Design staged "Inherit the Wind" at the Dr. Nilima Ibrahim Auditorium of Mahila Samiti, Natok Sharani on July 12. The production is an adaptation of Jerome Lawrence and Robert Edwin Lee's play with the same title.

"Inherit the Wind" zooms in on the ultimate dispute between science and religion. In the play, the debate begins with a schoolteacher Bertram Cates (played by Rimon Kumar Sarkar) being reprimanded for teaching his students Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, which goes against the creation story according to religion.

The state takes legal actions against Bertram. Surprisingly the best lawyer of the state, Henry Drummond (Tulika Tanzila), decides to fight for Bertram. With the help of Drummond, Bertram wins the case and estab-

lishes the motto that 'thinking is an inherent human instinct and logic does not necessarily oppose religion.'

Prachyanat member Saiful Islam Jarnal directed the play, translated into Bengali by Abdur Rashid. Among others, Kamrul Islam Neel, Sabrina Islam and Kazi Rajesh performed other central roles.

Veteran media personality Syed Hasan Imam and secretary general of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation Jhuna Chowdhury spoke at the certificate giving programme.

Azad Abul Kalam, director, acting and Shahidul Mamun, director, administration of Prachyanat, also spoke at the programme.

In his speech Azad Abul Kalam said, "Ours is an opulent culture. The state, however, rarely provides patronage to the arts. Major share of the government's budget for culture is spent in the form of salary of the employees."

Prachyanat School of Acting and Design began functioning in 2001.

Channel i Shera Kantho

Lal-Sabuj round goes on air tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A new round of the musical talent hunt "Channel i Shera Kantho '09" goes on air tonight. The new segment is titled "Lal-Sabuj" and features regional songs.

A total of 11 episodes of this round will be aired. Renowned singers Shakila Zafar, Kanak Champa and music director Emon Saha are judging this round.

A special episode featuring songs on/related to Dhaka is the highlight of this round. Tonight's episode will feature songs from the Sylhet division.

Hosted by Tajzi, the programme is aired at 7:50pm every Tuesday.



Shakila Zafar, Emon Saha and Kanak Champa on the show.



Popular film actors Riaz and Shabnur in a scene from the upcoming feature film "Bhalobeshey Bou Anbo." Directed by Chandan Chowdhury and produced by Anwar Hossain Mintu, the film features music by seasoned composer Alam Khan. The film is scheduled to be released on July 24.

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