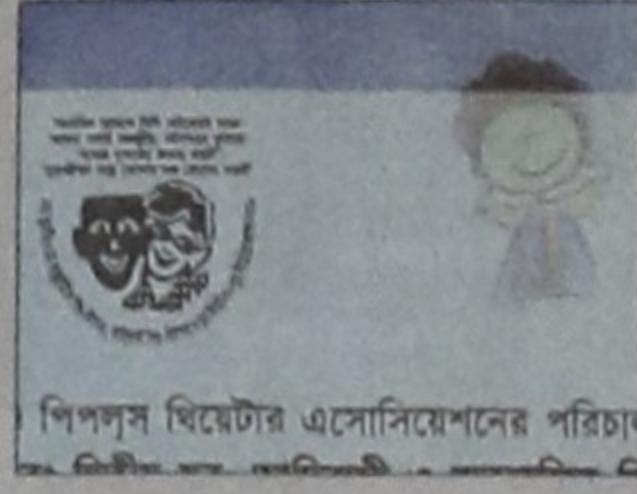


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Children's Theatre Festival
Title: 10th National Theatre Camp for Children and Adolescents
Organiser: People's Theatre Association
Venue: Showell Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library
Date: July 17-31
Time: 4pm onwards



Musical Soiree
Title: Praner Khele
Artistes: Mita Haque & Nandita Yasmin
Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Bengal Shilpala, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: July 23
Time: 7:30pm



Theatre Festival
Celebrating 26th anniversary of Mahakal Nalya Shamporday
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: July 23-30
Time: 8pm everyday
Inauguration on July 23 at 6:30pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Drowning Is There Time for Love?
Artist: Monica Jahan Bose
Venue: Alliance Francaise of Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: July 23-Aug 5
Time: 5-8pm



Anis A Khan: The making of an art connoisseur

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Renowned sculptor Syed Abdullah Khalid once told me that a person very close to him had a large collection of paintings of all the major Bangladeshi artists. I got an opportunity to meet this art collector, Anis A Khan (Managing Director and CEO, Mutual Trust Bank Ltd), at his Gulshan home recently.

Anis lives in a spacious and airy flat, just right for a sizeable collection of paintings. Anis takes time to place the paintings at adequate distance from each other.

"I'm proud of my art collection and I consider these paintings my most prized possessions."

Anis is also close to most of the renowned Bangladeshi artists. Artists frequently visit his home and suggest where the paintings should be hanged.

"Back in 1984, when I was just a young banker, I frequently visited Agrabad Hotel in Chittagong for seminars and meetings. Nur Mohammad's Divine Art Gallery was at the hotel lobby. I used to go to the gallery often and developed a passion for collecting paintings. However, at the time I was just a service holder, and couldn't afford to buy a lot of paintings. Nur Mohammad realised this and started selling paintings to me in instalments. I started with some superb sketches by Chandra Shekhar Dey," he said.

Abdur Razzaque was one of the painters close to Anis. "In 1994, Muhammad A (Rumee) Ali (at present the chairman of BRAC Bank) took me to Razzaque Sir's house on Elephan Road. I was truly impressed by his works. I wanted two of his sketches. Initially, he did not agree to sell those. However, Razzaque Sir's wife got him to sell the paintings to me and I believe I got two of his best works."

"When I started collecting paintings, my primary intention was to acquire the contemporary works of all major painters. I am always in search of new and original paintings. This is my passion," Anis said.

Anis' remarkable collection includes works of Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hasan, SM Sultan, Abdur Razzaque, Sufiuddin Ahmed, Monirul Islam, Abdul Baset, Syed Abdullah Khalid, Abdus Shakoor Shah, Shahabuddin Ahmed, Shamsul Islam Nizami, Syed Jahangir, Murtaja Baseer, Rafiqun Nabi, Hashem Khan, Iftikhar Uddin Ahmed, Kanak Champa Chakma, Ranjit Das, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Rashid Chowdhury, Mominul Reza and other distinguished painters.

One fine morning, one of Anis' close friends offered him a chance to buy a sketch by Zainul Abedin. He had found a boy who wanted to sell a Zainul Abedin sketch. The boy's father had been very close to the Shilpacharya. Abedin had presented the painting to the boy's father. After his father died, the boy's family faced financial crisis. Anis bought it for Tk 60,000.

Anis likes to collect landscapes, and works featuring nature and figures. He is particularly drawn to floral images and the scenic beauty of rural Bengal. Anis has become a knowledgeable art connoisseur. He is also adept at explaining the finer nuances of paintings. He has visited all major art museums in the world. In his free time, Anis scouts around for art works.

Anis' collection now includes nearly 350 paintings. His wife also shares his passion for art.



Anis A Khan with a painting by Syed Abdullah Khalid.



A Zainul Abedin sketch, part of Khan's collection.

Concert on solar eclipse

Event in Panchagarh attended by around 50,000

KONGKON KARMAKER, Panchagarh

Panchagarh Deputy Commissioner's office along with Bangladesh Astronomical Society organised a concert on Tuesday afternoon here at Panchagarh Stadium to generate awareness on the rare solar eclipse yesterday morning.

Thousands of people from across the country flocked to the venue to experience the total solar eclipse.

Artists from Dhaka along with local musicians performed at the concert aimed at creating awareness on witnessing the solar eclipse. Around 50,000 people gathered at the Panchagarh stadium.

The concert provided information relating to scientific studies and research on the eclipse, atmospheric ionisation, geomagnetism, aster-

oids, behavioural changes in animals and birds and impact on the microorganisms before, during and after the eclipse.

Panchagarh District Administration officials made elaborate accommodations for research work to be carried out by visiting scientists and enthusiasts.

Earlier the National Science and Technology Museum and Bangladesh Astronomical Society ended their month long campaign against the superstitions and misconceptions regarding the eclipse, and seminars and special classes at schools, screening films and documentaries pertaining to the eclipse for awareness of the people.

At the seminar the information was given to the people about the marked abnormalities during the eclipse.

The concert ended at 3:30am on Wednesday.



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News Bulletin

BTW
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
Jonopad-er Khobor: 5:15 pm

ATN BANGLA
NEWS (Bangla): 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am
News Every Hour: 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.
Gram-Ganjer Khobor: 5:00 pm

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.

News (English): 6:00pm
Rtv
News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am

ntv
News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

ETV
News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 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; English Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm

RADIO TODAY
News: 08:45 am, 01:45pm, 06:45pm, 09:45pm, 11:45pm

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Tagore Song

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Swastho Protidin

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Shangbadpotro

11:45

Tarok Alap

09:45

Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue

09:45

Jonota Mukhomukhi

09:30

Be Kind Rewind

11:30

Knight Rider

12:30

Cops

11:30

Front Of The Class

01:30

Things We Lost In The Fire

03:45

Hollywood One On One 49

04:15

Half Past Dead 2

06:00

The Making Of True Blood

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Be Kind Rewind

08:15

The Deep End Of The Ocean

10:30

Ocean's Thirteen

01:00

Wild Things

STAR MOVIES

09:40

Slaughter In San Francisco

11:25

Paws

01:10

The Contract

03:05

The Amityville Horror

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Signs

07:00

Epic Movie

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Tmrt

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Keeping The Faith

12:55

Species

ZEE STUDIO

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The Grudge 2

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Renaissance Man

02:45

The Whole Ten Yards

04:50

Paris, Je T'aime

07:25

Get Shorty

08:30

Legend of the Red Dragon

10:30

Cop Land

12:55

The 25th Hour

STAR WORLD

09:30

Friends

10:30

Everybody Loves Raymond

11:00

Two And A Half Men

11:30

Grey's Anatomy

12:30

Ghost Hunters

01:30

The Simple Life

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