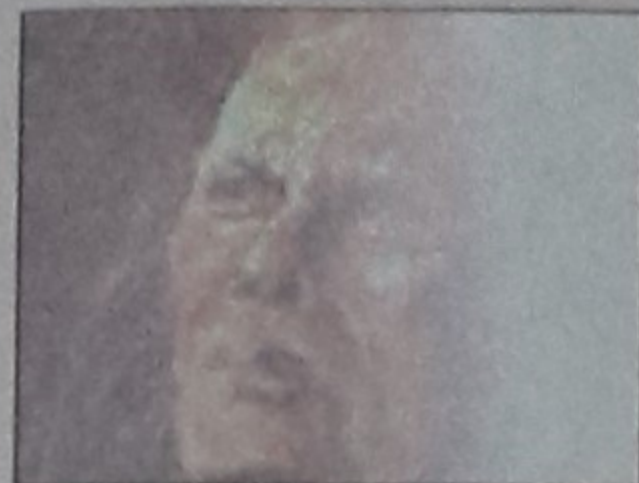


WHAT'S
ON THIS
WEEKDocumentary
Premiere

Documentary: Shikar
(On the life and works of
Shah Abdul Karim)
Venue: Conference
Lounge, Press Club
Date: July 29
Time: 3pm

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



Theatre Festival

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



Art Exhibition

Title: SHOMOKAL-2
Venue: Galleri Kaya,
Uttara
Date: July 31-August
11
Time: 11am-8pm

Ashit Bishwas: Lifelong
devotion to esraj

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Ashit Bishwas is a gifted musician and one of the few adept *esraj* players in Bangladesh. Today he is a familiar face at various cultural programmes. Recently, he performed solo at a programme organised by the Indian High Commission in Bangladesh. He has also worked as a background musician for several documentary films. Last year he provided the background score for a BBC documentary featuring the Royal Bengal tigers of the Sundarbans. The documentary is to be aired shortly. And apart from his various artistic pursuits, he also trains students in the *esraj*.

Ashit was an early entrant to the world of music. He began learning Nazrul songs from his father Radha Raman Bishwas. At the time he had no inkling that he would become a reputed *esraj* player.

He first heard the *esraj* on an old cassette, while still a young boy. He was then living with his family in Sylhet. The music stirred his

imagination and he knew then that the *esraj* would be a lifetime companion. His new found enthusiasm took him to Agartala where he was trained by Ustad Manoranjan Babu.

Later he moved with his family to Chittagong. He began playing the *esraj* at various cultural programmes. In 1985, when he was still doing his higher secondary, he managed a job in Bangladesh Betar, Chittagong. In September 2007, he was transferred to Dhaka Agargaon Radio Station, where he works to date.

Ashit has attracted a huge fan following in the course of his career.

On the scope for young artistes in Bangladesh, Ashit says, "There are numerous talented musicians in Bangladesh who are underexposed. Besides, fresh, new faces are always being discovered. I would like the High Commission of Bangladesh to launch these talents in the international arena. I firmly believe that our musicians can earn much fame if they are given the opportunity to showcase their talents on an international forum."

Cultural programme
at Sirajganj tree fair

GOLAM MOSTAFA JIBON, Sirajganj

A weeklong tree fair and cultural function has been arranged at Sirajganj Collectorate School and College ground in the town to mark a tree plantation drive.

Sirajganj District Administration, Forest Department and Agriculture Extension Department (AED) have jointly arranged the programme in association with the NGO, Samannay Parishad.

Deputy Commissioner Humayun Kabir inaugurated the programme last Saturday afternoon. Police superintendent Mosharaf Hossain, additional deputy commissioner Abdul Qayum Sarker and Social Forest Department's Divisional Officer Aji Kumar Rudro were present as special guests at the event. The programme was presided over by Hasibur Rahman, deputy director of AED, Sirajganj.

Speakers at the programme were of the view that due to rampant deforestation, the country's ecological balance is in disarray. As a result we face both droughts and floods. They urged all to plant trees, starting with each home.

A rally -- led by the DC Humayun Kabir -- was brought out in the town on Saturday morning on the occasion.

Local artists from several organisations performed at the cultural function, held each evening at the fair. The event will wrap up this Friday with a seminar and a prize-giving ceremony.



Child artistes perform at the fair.

Anwito, a multilingual cultural
movement, turns two

Dance performance and recitation at Anwito's anniversary celebration.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Anwito, a multilingual cultural movement, celebrated its second anniversary at the Music and Dance Centre auditorium, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) in the city on July 27.

The celebration included a discussion and a cultural programme.

Social Welfare Minister Enamul Haq Mostafa Shaheed was the chief guest, while IIT Worldwide President Ramendu Majumdar was the special guest at the discussion.

In his speech, the minister said, "Our language and culture could be effectively used to confront ignorance and fundamentalism." He also quoted from "Elegy Written in a Country Church-Yard" by

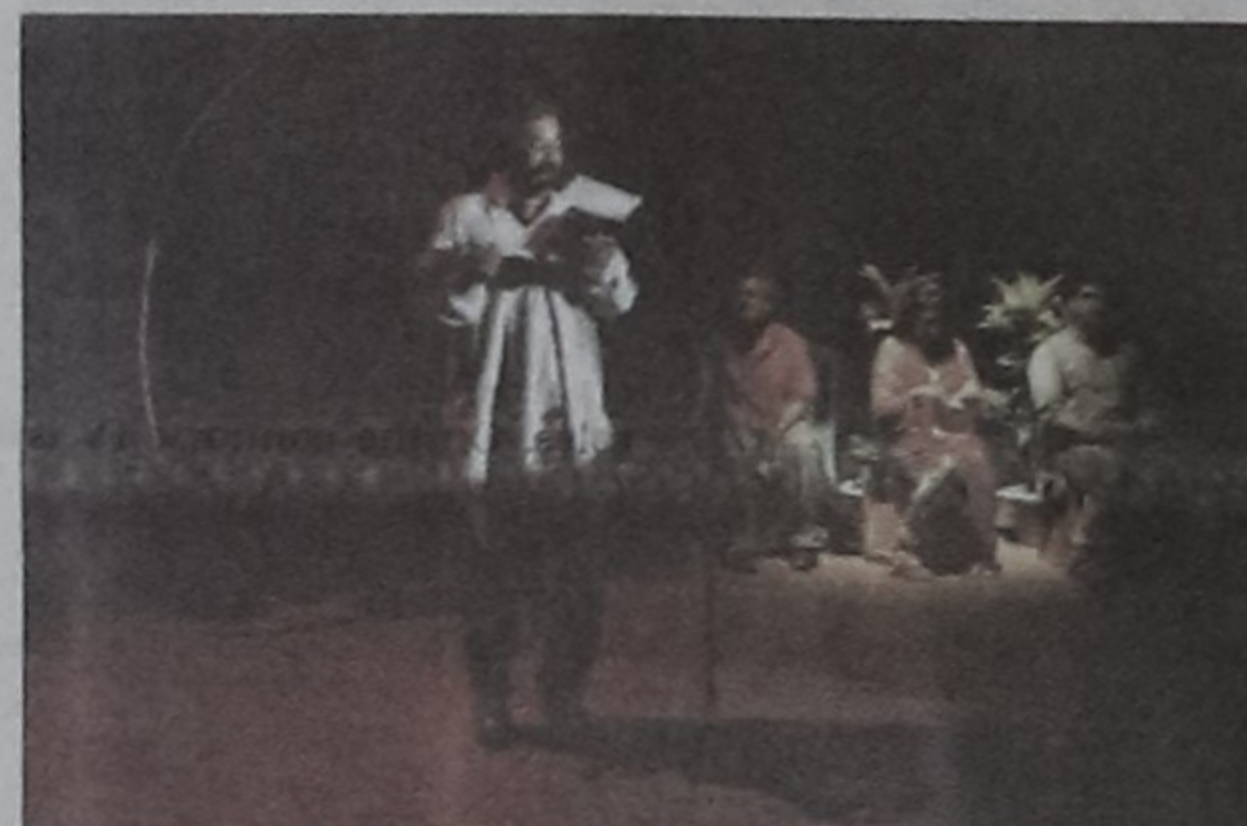
Thomas Gray and made references to Sheikh Saadi, Omar Khayyam, Jalaluddin Rumi, Imru'u al Qais and Syed Mujtaba Ali in his speech.

Shafi Kamal, chairman of Anwito, presided over the meeting.

The cultural programme featured a dance to a poem on Liberation War, recitation of

"Banshiwala" by Rabindranath Tagore and poems in several languages, renditions of Bangla, Farsi, Urdu, Hindi, English songs and more performed by artistes of Anwito.

Regrettably, certain artistes at the programme were seen lip-synching with CDs playing in the background.



News Bulletin

BTV

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-1

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

ATH BANGLA

NEWS (Bangla): 6:00 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, 4:00pm

News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.

Gram-Ganjier 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.

Rtv

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

On Air

BTV

08:45 Shokaler Gaan
09:05 Documentary Programme:
Phirey Dekha

CHANNEL-1

09:30 Ananda Bhraman
10:05 Open University
10:30 Selected Programme

ATH BANGLA

11:00 Roshikola
11:30 Quiz Quiz
12:10 Gharey Bairey
12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
01:30 Hijo Tomal

English Debate

02:15 English Debate
03:00 Cartoon: Bananas in Pyjamas
03:30 Shukhi Poribar
04:05 Toruner Swapno
04:30 Dolon Chapa

Sisimpur

05:05 Sisimpur
05:35 Computer
06:15 Samprotik
07:00 Maati O Manush
07:45 Documentary Programme:
Phirey Dekha

Documentary: Aamar

08:25 Bangladesh
08:30 Drama Serial: Pathar
09:30 Drama Serial: Chhai
10:25 Rupali Dheu

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aker Sangbadpatra
08:30 Drama Serial: Shada Kalo Mon
09:15 Drama Serial: Noksha
10:30 Talk Show: Hello Bangladesh
11:15 Talk Show: Asian City Top Spin
12:15 IT Zone

Musical Programme: Band

View

02:30 Dance Programme: Nupurer
Chhondey
03:15 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush
03:45 Children's Programme: Shapla
Shaluk

Islamic Programme

04:20 Islamic Programme
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
05:10 Islamic Programme
05:35 Jiboner Jolchhobi
06:15 Take Care
08:00 Travel Show: Rexona
Destination Unlimited

Drama Serial: Ghar Jamai

08:40 Drama Serial: Ghar Jamai
09:20 Drama Serial: Jotsnakal

11:30 Talk Show: Talking Point
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

08:05 Tagore Song (Special)
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
08:40 Aker Chakri
09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Trinitomatra
11:05 Sports Time
11:30 Shur Doria Epar Opar
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemaar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga
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Tomader Bhulbona

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06:00 Children's Programme: Mattu

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10:10 Talk Show: Onno Nayan
11:30 Bhalo Thakun
12:30 Positive Bangladesh
01:30 Mega Serial: Gulshan Avenue
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:20 Shyamol Bangla
06:00 Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Media Bhuvan
06:50 Point of Order
08:15 Drama Serial: Megh Bondhu
09:05 Life in Metro
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 Telepress Business
12:00 Shangbaad Protidin

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08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
09:10 Events of the Day
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