

WHAT'S
ON THIS
WEEK

Exhibition
Organiser: Bangla Boshon
Venue: Dnk Gallery, H 58, Rd 15/A (new), Dhanmondi
Date: August 28-29
Time: 3-9pm



Film Screening
Film: The Big Day (France)
Filmmaker: Jacques Tati
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: September 4
Time: 10:30am & 5pm



Theatre
Play: Shorobhuj
Troupe: Subachan Nalya Sangsad
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: August 29
Time: 8:15pm



Photo Exhibition
Title: Our stories: Middle Class Bangladesh
Date: August 27-September 9
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Time: 10am-8pm



Rejecting conventional norms

Aikik Theatre premieres "Drop Out"



Scenes from the play.

JAMIL MAHMUD

The premiere of Narayanganj based Aikik Theatre's 10th production "Drop Out" was held at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on August 27. The play has been written and directed by Anwarul Haque.

Young Anwar, a member of Udichi Shilpi Gosthi and guest director, tries to bridge the gap between the protagonists and the audience. The protagonists are from an imaginary and anarchic society.

The protagonists-- three anonymous individuals who introduce themselves as 'I', 'You' and 'S/he'-- want to reject the conventional rules of their society.

In some sequences it seems that Anwar wants to de-construct his own society; we see the protagonists symbolically do not bow to the audience at the end and leave the stage separately. Soon after the curtains come down on the performance, the director deliberately keeps the audience in darkness for a while, which he says gives them time for introspection.

Interestingly enough, the play ends where it opens. At the opening, a giant mask appears gradually through the darkness, with a song "Boshey achhi boshey, achhi boshey achhi." Anwar uses the mask as a symbol of numbness of the society.

The protagonists seek to live coherently but often find themselves at cross-purposes. Their illogical conversation sometimes last long and sometimes short but they never find a way to escape.

Through their conversation it appears that they live in a society, where people do not laugh. "Why don't people laugh nowadays?" asks one of them. "They do not want to," answers one of them.

In the midst of their conversation, guests from different time periods join them to find a way to overcome their dilemmas. First comes the great poet Kanhpa, from the Charya era. The theme of featuring Charya poets is also visible in Aikik's 9th production

"Antarjatra."

The second stranger is a messenger, who alerts the protagonists about the arrival of 'Hitchcock's Birds'. The third is a mother, whose child has died after a tragic incident. The three strangers along with the three individuals try to find a way to escape the conventional society.

Fahim Emil, Ahmedur Rahman Tonu and Sheikh Safayet Alam play the roles of the three anonymous individuals. Sarwar Hossain Biplab appear as Kanhpa. Ayesha Tanjila and Ruma Sarkar respectively perform as the messenger of 'Hitchcock's Birds' and the mother.

Atiqul Islam Munna is the light designer and Asit Kumar is the music director of the play.

Earlier prior to the staging of the play, noted theatre critic Biplab Bala formally announced the premier of the play. President of Aikik Theatre S.M Ripon also spoke at the brief inaugural part.

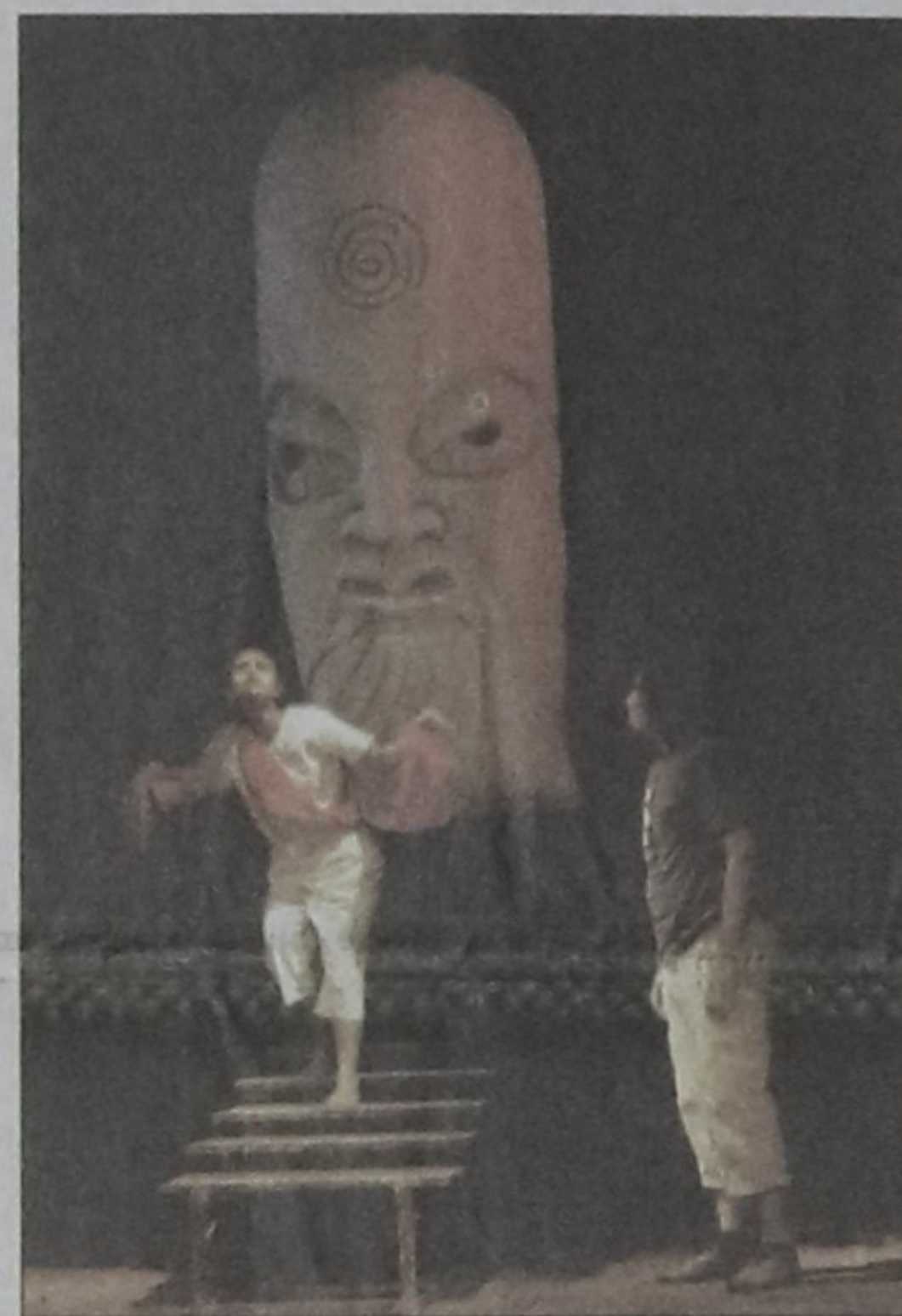


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A three-day photography exhibition was held recently at the North South University (NSU) campus at Bashundhara. Organised by North South University Photography Club (NSUPC), the exhibition was inaugurated by M.A. Kashem, Chairman, NSU Foundation. Vice Chancellor of the university Dr. Hafiz G.A. Siddiqui was present as special guest. Over a hundred photographs by the students were on display at the exhibition, depicting nature, landscape, architecture, action, still life, portraits, and life style.

Ferdous and Munmun on Rtv tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Rtv will telecast weekly talk show 'Dhrupadi Kahini' at 9:25 pm. Nazrul artiste Ferdous Ara and dancer Munmun Ahmed are guests on tonight's episode. The programme will feature insights into their lives -- untold stories behind their success, inspiration, struggles they had to face on their way to success and finally a sneak peak at their personal life.

The programme is directed and hosted by Shanta Islam and aired on Saturdays.



The guests share light moments on the TV show.



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 10:00 am, 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, 12:30 pm, 3:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am
Jonopader Khoror: 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-Ganjher Khoror: 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) at 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

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

On Air

BTV

08:45 Shokaler Gaan
09:05 Phirey Dekha
09:15 O Amar Desher Mati
09:35 Deshtakey Bhalobashi
10:30 Kagoj Niye Mojar Khela
11:30 Mati O Manush
12:10 Swashtio Jigyasha
01:30 Shukhi Poribaar
02:15 Sisimpur
02:45 Bangla Feature Film
05:45 Geeti Malyo
07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
09:00 Drama: Swapner Manush
10:35 TV Series

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aiker Shangbadpotro
08:30 Selected Programme
09:10 Kandey Amar Maa
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
11:05 Talk Show: Asian City Top Spin
12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhkhori
01:30 Documentary Programme: Amra Tomader Bhulbona
02:40 Bangla Feature Film
05:35 Islamic Programme
06:10 Rasul-er Deshey
06:20 Islamic Programme
08:00 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Niti Nai
08:40 Drama Serial: Eka
09:20 Drama Serial: Naksha
10:40 Talk Show: Mukto Shanglaap
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL I

08:05 Rabindra Sangeet
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
08:40 Aiker Chakri
09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 Amader Aina
12:30 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:05 Prothom Alo GPA

Shonborthona
02:30 Bangladesh Brand Forum
04:05 Fashion Dot Com
04:30 Ramjanul Mobarak
05:10 Talent Hunt: Sur Daria Epaar Opaar
06:30 Cookery Show
06:45 Kafela
07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush
10:00 Drama Serial: Nine Months in Brick Lane
11:30 Drama Serial: Jatrawala
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

ntv

08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Apnaar Jigyasha
01:05 Tomader Bhulbona
02:30 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi

12:30 Naachey Gaaney Number 1
02:02 Bangla Feature Film
05:15 Sports plus
05:20 Bhoghurey Dot Com
06:45 Drama: Rojadar
07:45 Drama: Bashona Bhibhrom
09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabhi
10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
11:45 Market Trend
12:02 Ekusher Raat

RTV

09:45 Drama Serial: Alta Shundori
10:45 Taroka Alap
11:30 Share Update
12:30 Drama Serial: FDC
02:03 Swapno Din-er Gaan
03:00 Drama
05:30 Protidin
06:20 Islamic Programme
07:30 Road to Democracy

06:20 Amader Jiboney Ramjan
08:15 Drama Serial: Rupnagorer Konya
09:05 Talk Show: Lizan Mehedi Amar Ami
09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 Tarabih Shanglap
12:10 Shangbad Protidin

DESH TV

12:15 Dur Paath
03:00 Bangla Feature Film
04:00 Desh Janopad
08:15 Drama Serial: Shubhro
10:02 Drama
11:45 Call-er Gaan

CHANNEL 1

09:10 Events of the Day
09:15 Desh Kaal
10:30 Drama: Flexi Load

ZEE STUDIO

09:30 The Lost City
12:45 The Tailor of Panama
03:10 The Grudge 2
04:55 End of Days
07:45 E!News
08:15 Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid
10:30 Double Take
12:30 He Got Game

HBO

11:00 Iron Man
01:30 Bee Movie
03:30 Entourage S507: Gotta Look Up To Get Down
04:15 Entourage S508: First Class Jerk
05:15 The Making Of Gladiator
06:00 Iron Man

10:30 Starship Troopers

12:55 Breach

STAR WORLD

09:30 The Simpsons
10:30 Rodney
11:30 The Bold And The Beautiful Omn
01:30 America's Got Talent
02:30 Eureka
03:30 Heroes
05:30 Beauty & The Geek
06:30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!
08:30 Koffee With Karan
09:30 Kyle Xy
10:30 Criminal Minds
11:30 Grey's Anatomy
12:30 Seinfeld

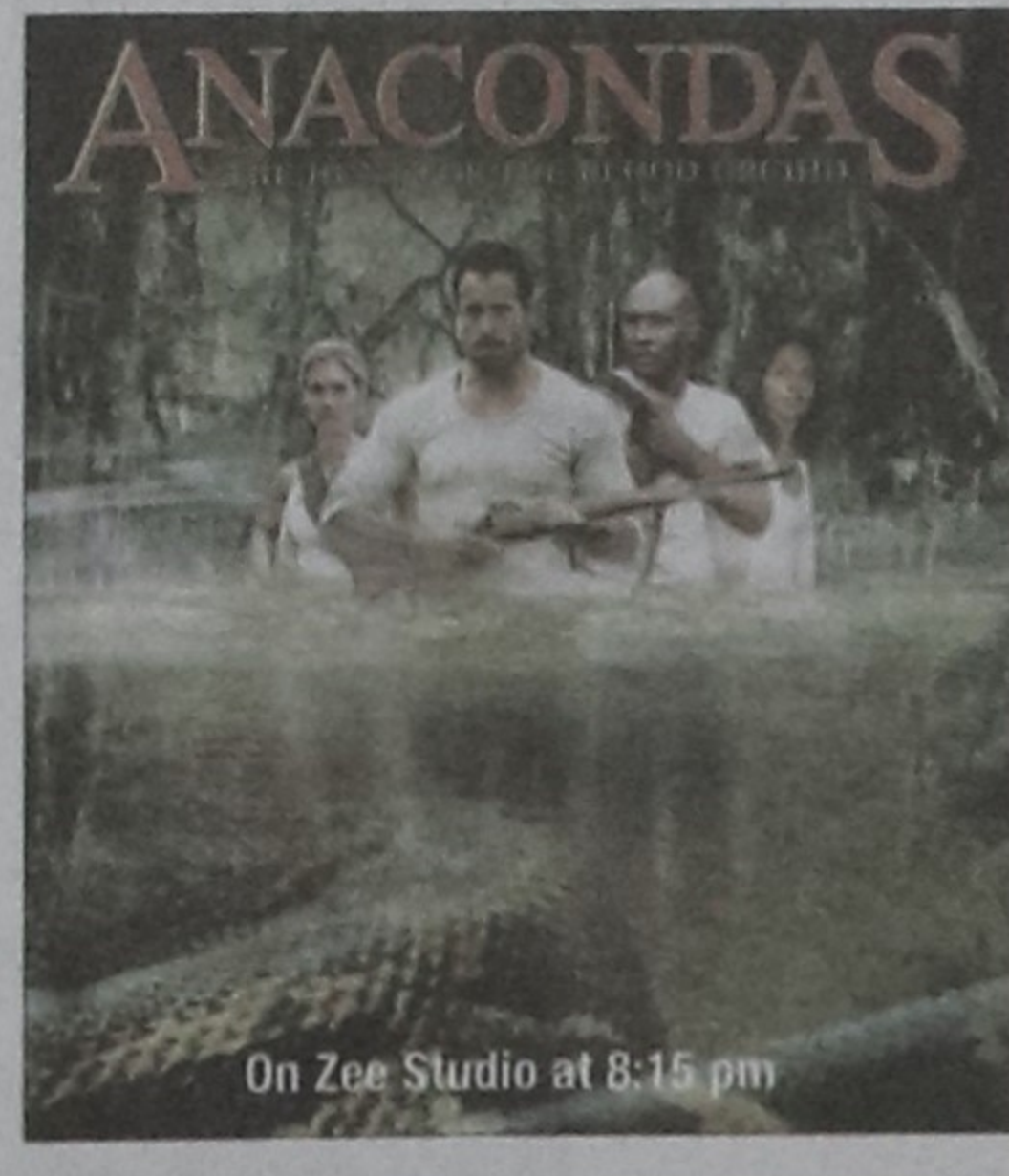
BBC WORLD NEWS

08:00 World News Today
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 HARDtalk (r)
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 The Last Volunteer (r)
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 Middle East Business Report
12:00 BBC World News
12:30 Click (r)
01:00 BBC World News
01:10 The World Debate: Are There Too Many..
02:00 BBC World News
02:30 Newsnight
03:00 BBC World News
03:10 Age Of Terror
04:00 BBC World News
04:30 Our World: Spain's Dark Past (r)
05:00 BBC World News
05:30 Middle East Business Report (r)
06:00 BBC World News
06:30 Dateline London
07:00 BBC World News
07:15 Sport Today
07:30 Talking Movies
08:00 BBC World News
08:30 Panorama: The Trauma Industry
09:00 BBC World News
09:10 The World Debate: Are There Too Many.. (r)
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 Final Score
11:00 BBC World News
11:10 Age Of Terror (r)



Hridoye Mati O Manush
On Channel I at 9:35 pm
Agricultural Programme
Host: Shykh Seraj

abc radio FM 89.2
06:30 Bhorer Janjaly Mukhorba Jiboney
08:30 Danton Dupurey
09:30 Duranto Bakerey Shundhatara
09:30 Shajer Maya
09:30 Rast-er Akashay Golper Shesh Nai
Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
08:00 Addabadi
12:00 Boiler Pola
02:00 Foorti Unlimited
06:00 Bumper to Bumper
10:00 Club Foorti
01:00 Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
08:30 Muesi Unlimited
09:30 Today's World Music
09:30 U Turn
09:30 Today Tai Hok
11:00 Rast Bhor Gaan



On Zee Studio at 8:15 pm

03:15 Drama: Tomari Opekhaye
04:25 Gallery
05:35 Aiker Iftar
06:15 Islamic Programme
06:45 Islamic Programme
08:15 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari Shari
09:00 Drama: DVD
11:30 Drama Serial: Ei Borshay

ETV

09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabhi
10:02 Deho Ghori
11:30 Mukto Khoror

09:25 Dhrupadi Kahini
10:10 Drama Serial: Monkora
11:30 Jegey Achho Ki
BANGLAVISION
08:00 Shubho Shokal
08:30 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
09:00 Ebong Classer Bairey
11:35 Cookery Show
12:30 Housing Barta
01:30 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:20 Islamic Programme
06:00 Islamic Programme

11:30 Shoptaho Sheshay
12:10 Tele-film
02:00 Showcase
03:30 Drama: Aguntak
04:30 Amar Ghar
05:15 Ramjan-er Swad
06:00 Hridoye Ramjan
07:00 Islamic Programme
08:15 Drama Serial: Probhati Shobuj Shongho
09:00 Selected Programme
09:45 Events of the Day
11:00 Corporate World

09:00 True Blood S109: Plaisir D'amour
10:00 Sep '09: HBO Central (SA)
10:30 Miss Pettigrew Lives For A Day
12:30 Jaws: The Revenge
STAR MOVIES
09:10 Banger Sisters, The
11:05 Astronaut Farmer
01:10 Ten Things I Hate About You
03:10 Pirates Of The Caribbean: At World's End
06:20 Bad Company
08:40 The Transporter