

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Title: Poshakey Ronger
Uthab
Venue: Gallery Nitra
Upahar, Aziz Cooperative
Super Market, Shahbagh
Date: August 28-
September 19
Time: 10am-8pm



Photo Exhibition
Images of tourist sites of Moscow and St. Petersburg
Venue: Lobby, Russian Centre of Science & Culture, H 42, Rd 7, Dhanmondi
Date: September 1-30



Photography Exhibition
Title: 20 Years of Drik
Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: September 7-10
Time: 3pm-9pm

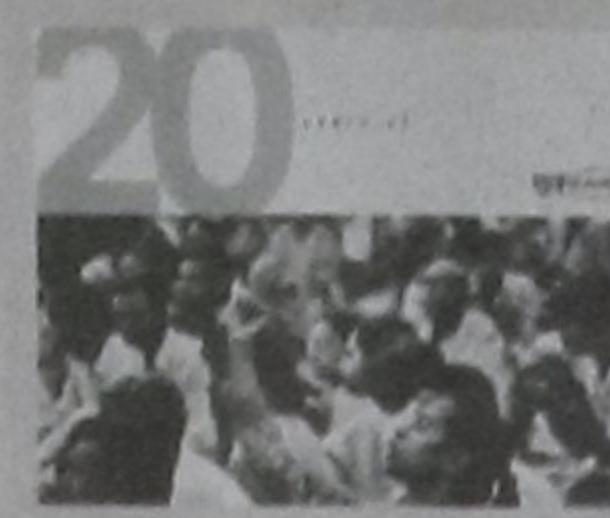


Photo Exhibition
Title: Our stories: Middle Class Bangladesh
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Time: 10am-8pm



Nandan Kanon stages Tahader Kotha

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Nandan Kanon, an organisation of the recitors, staged its production "Tahader Kotha" at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library recently. Rahmatullah Noman directed the production.

"Tahader Kotha" zooms in on triumphant women -- both real and fictional characters. It narrates the stories of Pakhi, Rohini and Jitsoma.

Pakhi is one of thousands of *Birangana*, who had to endure inhuman abuse during the Liberation War. Rohini, a widow, is the protagonist of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's "Krishnakanta Wil." Jitsoma was a scholar at the royal court of the King of Gandha.

The recital also included heroic stories of Utpalbarna and Draupadi.

The production featured a compilation of writings by Bani Basu, Sabyasachi Dev, Momtazuddin Ahmed, Khandokar Mosharrif Hossain, Shawli Mitra and Masuda Bhatti.

The cast included Razia Sultan Koli, Azmia Binte Mahbub, Sharmin Sultan, Syeda Tasnuva, Jyotirmoy Das, Camellia Jelley, Kazi Farzana Leena and Manishita Biswas.



An artiste of Nandan Kanon during the recital.

Beatlemania is set to return again

Beatlemania is set to return -- in digital form at least -- when The Beatles: Rock Band game is released this week.

The format may not be unique, but the content is. It will be the first time that music by the Fab Four has appeared in a video game.

And as a newcomer to music gaming, it was astonishing how quick and easy it was to step from the 21st Century into the Swinging Sixties.

For the uninitiated, Rock Band is a karaoke-style game that uses adapted game controllers -- lead guitar, bass guitar and drums -- to play along to various songs.

The game is all about keeping in time with colour-coded blobs that scroll along the on-screen fretboard. It works in a similar way if you are Ringo on

the drum pads.

And it's curiously addictive. If one of the band is not up to scratch, you'll get kicked off stage -- though there's a family-friendly override setting.

The Beatles: Rock Band game is part of a wider marketing campaign that also sees

the release of newly-remastered versions of the band's back catalogue on CD.

It comes at a time when the music industry is looking for new ways to recover some of its dwindling revenue as CD sales decline.

Of course, music video

games are nothing new -- Guitar Hero 5 was released last week in the US featuring tracks by Nirvana, Muse and Iron Maiden.

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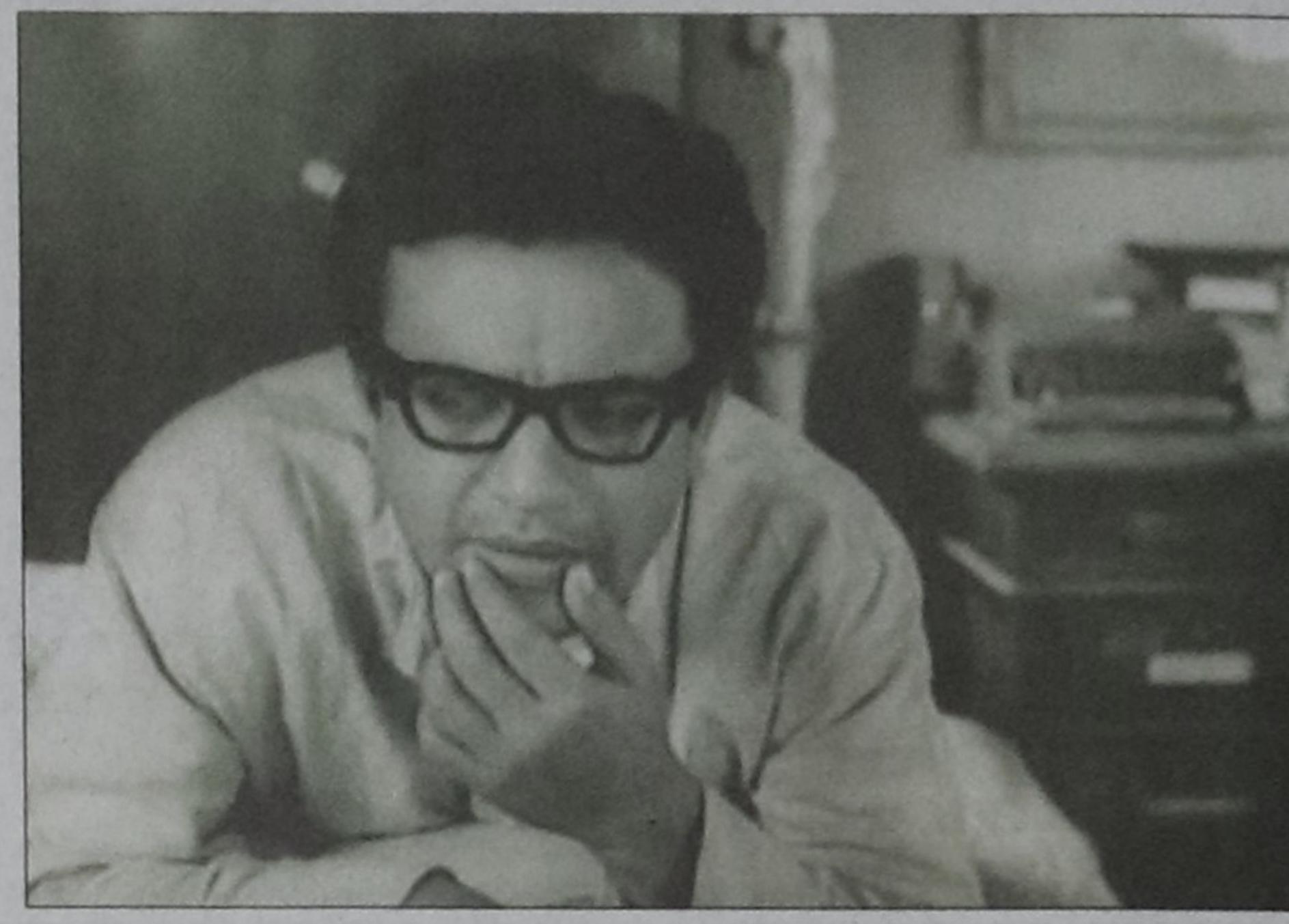
Uttam Kumar: The legend that was and will be

Bengali cinema's greatest matinee idol Uttam Kumar's birth anniversary on September 3, 2009 was celebrated befittingly in Kolkata. In a tribute to the actor, the Department of Posts, India released a postage stamp. Honorary Governor Sri Gopal Krishna Gandhi, on the release of the first day cover and the stamp, paid rich tributes to the great actor.

Every year in September, when Uttam Kumar was born the denizens of West Bengal celebrate with abandon in tribute to him. All Indian television channels feature his films all through July and then September.

Among the honours that have come his way: His fans have set up the Uttam Mancha, an auditorium for staging plays in South Kolkata, while others have introduced the Uttam Kumar Film Awards in memory of this great actor. And that's not all. Tollygunj where Uttam Kumar spent a large part of his working life boasts of his life size statue. Also the Tollygunj metro station was recently named Uttam Kumar Sarani after him.

Here's the story of Uttam Kumar's eventful life: His name initially was Arun Kumar Chatterji but was changed to 'Uttam' ('the best') when he staged an entry into the world of films. *Dristiadaan*, his first film, was released in 1948. One school



Uttam Kumar

of thought has it that he made his debut as an extra in *Mayador* in 1947. Ironically at the beginning of his film career, he was labelled as 'Flop Master General' because his films flopped often, driving him to despair. He managed to take off in the world of films through sheer grit.

Apart from some of his successful films, Uttam Kumar is also known for his sizzling chemistry with Suchitra Sen from their first film *Shaare Chuattar*, a tickling comedy, to their last film *Priyo Bandhab*. In between they acted jointly in other

films like *Harano Sur*, *Saptapadi* and *Grihadan*. The so-called intellectuals labelled him as a 'theatrical actor full of mannerisms', while other detractors claimed that 'He does not know the ABC of acting.'

However, he foiled the critics with his stellar performance in *Bosu Paribar* (1952), directed by Nirmal De. After this first success, he became a star with *Agni Pariksha*, directed by Agradoot. His last film was *Ogo Bodhu Sundari* (1980), loosely adapted from *My Fair Lady*. Following a massive heart attack on the studio floors, he passed away

on July 24 at the age of 54. In his three decade film career he had acted in 159 Bengali films.

Uttam Kumar is also known for his performance in such Satyajit Ray films as *Nayak* and *Chirakhana*.

Alongside he acted in a few Hindi movies such as *Amanush*. For a small period he also acted in professional theatre.

A lesser known side of him is his persona as a director, assistant director, producer, production manager and his role as a singer.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent

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

On Air

BTV

08:45 Shokaal-er Gaan
09:05 Documentary Programme: Priye Dekha

09:15 Selected Programme

09:30 Educational Programme

10:05 Open University

10:30 Ogrodut

11:30 Shonali Swapno

12:10 Gaan-er Mala

12:35 Shukhi Poribar

01:30 Matri Bhasha

02:15 Baanshuri

02:45 Krira Diganto

03:05 Carton

03:30 Bhorholo Dor Kolo

04:05 Baithak Khana

04:30 Shomhabonar Bangladesh

05:05 Debate

06:20 Islamic Programme

07:25 Selected Programme

07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha

08:25 Ilihash Otiijay Bangladesh

09:30 Selected Programme

10:50 Tomaar Gaan Shonabo

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08:15 Ajker Shangbadpotro

08:30 Drama: Chhadey Boshey

09:45 Kandey Amar Maa

10:30 Hello Bangladesh

11:05 Talk Show: Asian City Vision

12:15 Motamot

01:25 Chhotofer Golpo

02:30 Drama Serial: Ghar Jamai

03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhkhui Nai

03:45 Children's Programme: Choroder Prithibi

04:15 Zhotpot Iftar

04:35 Kotomey Quran

05:10 Jantey Chai

05:35 Islamic Programme

06:15 Islamic Programme

06:35 Rasul-er Deshey

06:45 Islamic Programme

08:00 Drama Serial: Shadakalo Mon

08:40 Drama: Poironari

11:30 Talk Show: Jey Katha

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12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

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08:30 Shokaler Gaan
08:50 Ajker Chakri
09:30 Shanbadpotre Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
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11:30 Hridoyer Gaan
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka
12:30 Musical Programme: Ebong
12:30 Cinemar Gaan
12:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
01:30 Arshin Nagar
02:30 Study @ UK
03:05 Banijyo O Orthoniti
04:05 Mukti Juddho Protidin
04:30 Islamic Programme
05:10 Amar Chhobi
05:40 Jibon Jekhney Jemon

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