

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Theatre Play: Sonata Director: Leesa Gazi Venue: British Council Auditorium, 5, Fuller Road Date: January 4-6 Time: 7pm



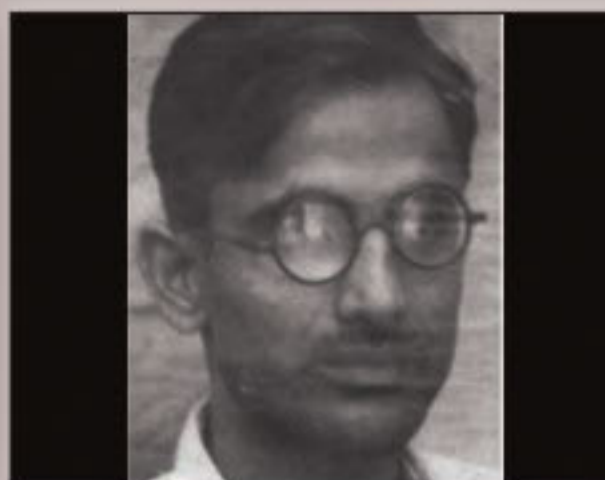
Group Painting Exhibition

Title: The Journey and Fraternity Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F (old), Dhanmondi Date: January 5-11 Time: 12pm-8pm



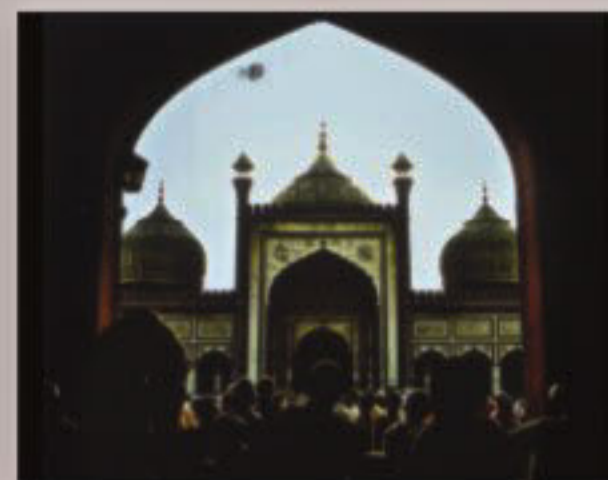
Satyen Sen Memorial Programme

Organiser: Satyen Sen Shilpi Sangstha Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises Date: January 4-5 Time: 5pm onwards



Photography Exhibition

By the students of batch 05, Dept. of Architecture, BUET Title: India: Plural Venue: Drik Gallery, H 88, Rd 15A (new), Dhanmondi Date: January 1-5 Time: 3-8pm



Weeklong theatre festival in Rajshahi



PHOTO: STAR

A scene from Centre for Asian Theatre's latest production "The Communicator".

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Theatre is holding a weeklong drama festival at Rajshahi Medical College auditorium to celebrate its silver jubilee.

The festival drew local theatre enthusiasts who crave quality shows.

"Visitors queuing up for shows is quite rare in this city," said Ahsan Kabir Liron, a cultural activist and senior member of Ritwik Film Society.

He added that theatre is mostly Dhaka-centric but the audience in Rajshahi are just as keen on performing arts as in the capital.

An 18-member team of theatre artistes from West Bengal, India is participating in the festival as well as many actors from Dhaka.

"The Indian team is the first to visit Rajshahi since 1980," said Nripendranath Saha, leader of the visiting group.

As the festival began on December 30, performers of Rajshahi Theatre staged "Bhut-er Bhoy", a play written by Kazi Nazrul Islam.

Rajshahi University-based Anushilan Natya Dal performed the play "Bhumi Konya", written and directed by Professor Moly Bhowmik.

"Bhumi Konya" highlights the Tebhaga Movement during which farmers -- irrespective of caste and creed -- came together under Ila Mitra's leadership.

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Mock court of "Bon Bibi"

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkhira

A mock court of 'Bon Bibi' (locally known as the goddess of forests) was set up at Nil Dumur, an adjoining bazar to the Sundarbans in Shyamnagar upazila. This was held to bring rich nations to trial for their role in contributing to global warming which was destroying the Sundarbans' forests and making them vulnerable to the disastrous impact of climate change.

A cultural function was also held at the same venue to create awareness about the impact of climate change on agriculture, economy, geography and bio-diversity of Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

The trial began when the Judge Bon Bibi (Sajeda Khatun) took a seat, set up on the image of a Tiger in the court at noon.

As the proceedings began, the complainants Kawsar Ali Moral, Shefali Begum and Shahabuddin alleged that the forests were a source of livelihood for them until now but due to climate change the valuable resources had been destroyed and they could no longer earn their livelihood from them.

They alleged that due to climate change, storms and upsurge of water from the Bay hit the coastal belts, the flora and fauna of the forest, which were gradually being destroyed due to heavy salinity.

Trees are dying in the forest and animals including tigers and deer are facing acute scarcity of food and shelter, they alleged.

They maintained that the rivers and canals in the forest were drying up due to heavy deposits of silt on the rivers and canals bed due to the impact of climate change.

They demanded punishment of the rich nations.

The court ordered rich nations to compensate the LDCs for the havoc wrought by their irresponsible attitudes to climate change and the environment.

Several hundred woodcutters, fishermen and honey collectors from nearby villages were present at the trial.

Among others Sathkhira DC Abdus Samad, Shyamnagar Upazila Chairman and Vice-chairman Abdul Bari and Shilpi Rani Mridha respectively, UNO Dilip Kumar Banik were present.



The performance aimed at generating awareness on the impact of climate change.

Art journal Depart launched



PHOTO: MUMIT M.

(From left) Mustafa Zaman, Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, K.G. Subramanyan and Kazi Anisul Moquit seen at the event.

A CORRESPONDENT

Depart, an art quarterly, made its debut on January 3 at Dhaka Club. On the occasion of the launch of the journal, eminent Indian painter K.G. Subramanyan was present as chief guest while noted educationist Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui attended as special guest.

Both addressed the significance of proper art criticism and its varied aspects.

The programme featured a performance conceived by visual artist Ronni Ahmed. The performance was presented by Reetu A Sattar, a theatre activist.

Kazi Anisul Moquit is the publisher and chairman of the editorial board of Depart. Mustafa Zaman is the editor of the journal. The English journal publishes features by writers from Bangladesh. The colour publication is rather uncommon when it comes to size.

The first issue of the journal includes Rabindranath Tagore's "Man the Artist" (Tagore delivered the lecture in 1930 at Baroda). Syed Jamil Ahmed, a noted theatre personality and scholar, has written on Bengali folktales.

Mustafa Zaman's "Quamrul's Frontier: Inheritance and Modernity Remapped" touches many facets of Quamrul's works and life.

Depart's first issue also includes an interview of Farhad Mazhar, a noted poet, scholar and a leading member of the Nayakrishi Andolon. The interview highlights Mazhar's thoughts on Lalou and his philosophies.

Other write-ups include reviews of art and photography exhibitions that would surely help the readers be aware of the cultural activities in the city.



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

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