

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Fracophonie Festival '10
Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: March 20-27
Time: 5pm onwards



Int'l Theatre Festival 2010

Organiser: Dhaka Padatik
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: March 19-25
Time: 7pm



Solo Photography Exhibition

Title: The Dockyard
Artist: Yask Desai
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A (New), Dhanmondi
Date: March 18-24
Time: 3pm-8pm



Solo Art Exhibition

Artist: Anukul Mojumdar
Title: Tales of Dreams
Venue: Shilpangan Art Gallery, H-26, R-3, Dhanmondi
Date: March 19-April 3
Time: 12pm-8pm



Dhaka Padatik-UCB International Theatre Festival

Sanglap Kolkata stages "Lathikando"

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Dhaka Padatik-UCB International Theatre Festival is well underway at National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). On the fourth day (March 22) of the weeklong festival, theatre troupe Sanglap Kolkata staged its production "Lathikando" at the event.

Adaptation of a novel by eminent writer Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay, the play was directed by Kuntal Mukhopadhyay.

Haribol (Paritosh Sengupta) gives Nabin (Kaushik Roy) a magic stick. Nabin is on his way home. Nimai (Kamol Chattopadhyay) accompanies him. When they approach the remains of a fort, two robbers -- Geni (Swati Biswas) and Panna (Bitan Bindu Bandyopadhyay) -- attack Nabin. A fierce battle takes place where Nabin defeats all the robbers with the magic stick.

But when Nabin reaches home, the plot thickens. Everyone around him, and strangers, try to take away the magic stick from Nabin.

The cast also included Shuproakash Basu, Nandita Roy Chowdhury, Pulok Roy, Subrata Shikdar, Badol Lahiri, Ranjit Das, Shekhor Bera, Purnendu Mukherjee, Premangshu Shaha, Kallol Dey, Tulshi Dhali and Vashkar Basu.

Murari Roy Chowdhury directed the music. Sudeep Sanyal was in charge of lighting design.

The other play staged yesterday evening was "Ostoraag" (inspired by an Agatha Christie story) directed by Kuntal Mukhopadhyay.

President of Dhaka Padatik and also the convener of the festival Golam Kuddus said, "Through theatre we want to uphold the spirit of universal humanity irrespective of caste, creed and religion."

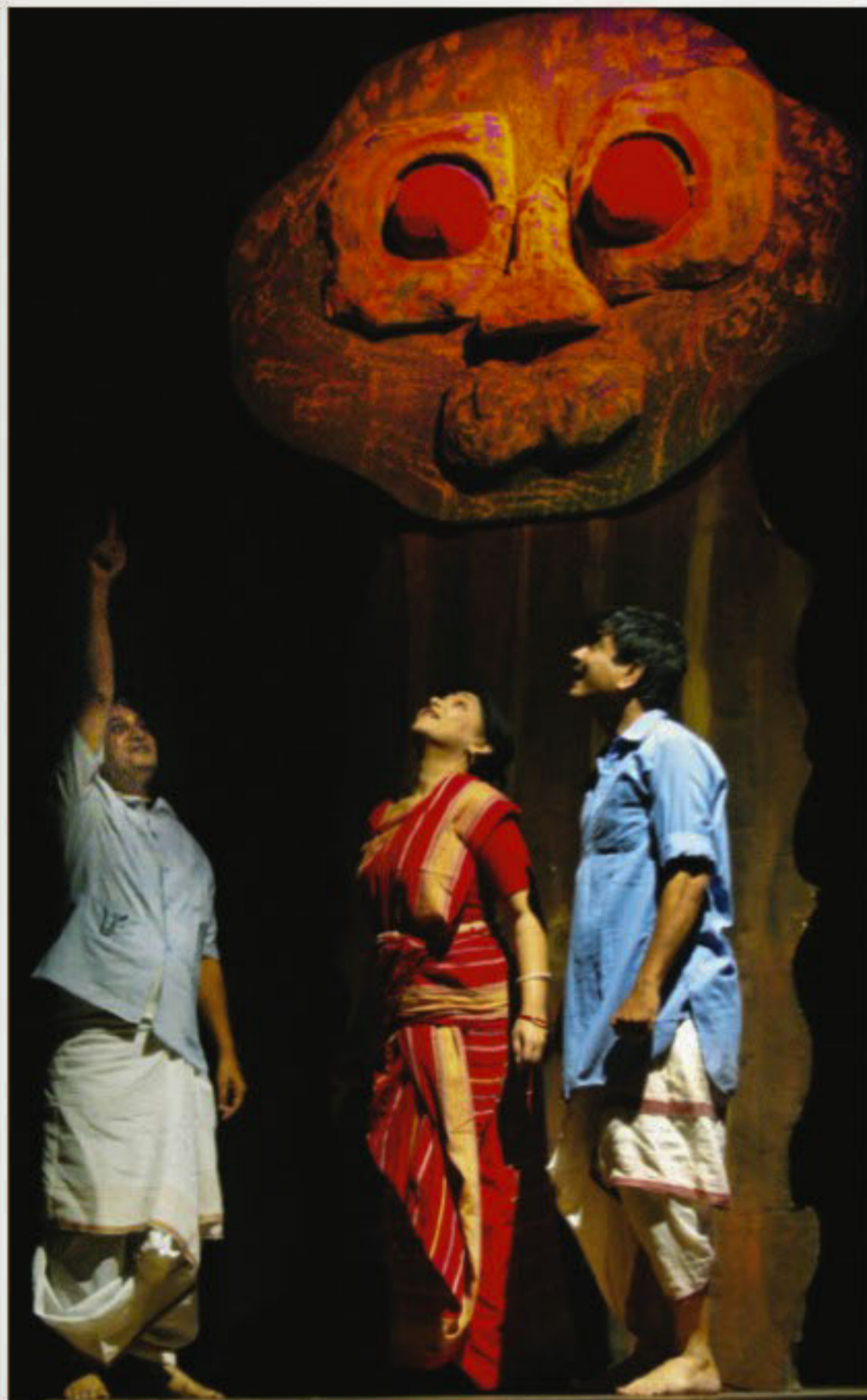


PHOTO: MUMIT M.

Desh Natak's new play "Prakrito Purangana"



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The play revolves around gender discrimination in our society.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Theatre troupe Desh Natak premiered its latest production "Prakrito Purangana" on March 22 at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Written by Khandakar Hafiz Redu, the play is directed by Shamsul Alam Bakul.

"Prakrito Purangana" is a play against the discrimination of women in our society. Rupai, the protagonist of the play, is unmarried though social mores dictate

that she should have married years ago.

One day a Baul comes to her neighbourhood. From the Baul, Rupai learns about the spiritual theory of creation and Adam and Eve, the first man and woman to come into the world. That story makes her long for her own better half. She begins to believe that one day she will meet him.

Throughout the play the director tries to establish the point that though society is changing continuously, the popular

mindset on women remains unchanged.

Lopa Momtaz, Tahmina Mostafa and Jolly Chowdhury played the role of Rupai. Firoz Alam, Mamun Chowdhury, Kudratuchhama, Susmita Saha and Anisur Rahman play the other lead roles. Ishrat Nishat is the light designer of the play. Ali Ahmed Mukul is the set designer, while Ayan Chowdhury and Asim Kumar Nattyto did music direction for the play.

"Prakrito Purangana" is Desh Natak's 18th production.

'Pabna Drama Circle' inaugurates weeklong programmes marking Independence Day

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Pabna Drama Circle, the leading theatre organisation of the district has started a weeklong programme to observe the Independence Day. A discussion meeting, general knowledge competition and reading out letters written during the Liberation War were part of the programme at the group's premises on Monday afternoon when the event was launched.

Pradip Shanyal Gopal, president of the organisation, chaired the discussion while secretary of Pabna Press Club Utpal Mirza, noted author of the district Sayeed Hassan Dara, dramatist Firoz Khandakar, Mustafizur Rahman Russel and Sarwar Ullash spoke on the occasion.

The speakers on the occasion recalled the values of Independence Day. Bangladesh has a glorious past. Thirty lakh brave sons and daughters of the soil sacrificed their lives for the sake of the country's independence, the speakers said.

The speakers also lamented that the spirit of Liberation War is yet to be fulfilled though 39 years have passed. We had a dream to build a secular country. But that dream is yet to materialise, they added.



PHOTO: STAR

Cultural activists from different organisations participate in the programme.

Later the cultural activists from different organisations participated in the events. The guests handed over the books on Liberation War among the winners.

ON AIR

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

ATN Bangla

11:10 Asian City Vision 2020
 01:25 Musical Programme: Band View
 02:30 Mega Serial: Baba
 03:15 Dance Programme: Nupurer
 05:15 Chihondey
 06:15 Kaandey Amar Maa
 Health Based Programme: Take Care
 08:00 Travel Show: Rexona Destination Unlimited
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

ETV

10:02 Galpo Shalpo Gaan
 02:02 Desh Jurey Oporadh Porikroma
 04:02 Drama Serial: Neel Toyaley
 04:30 Drama Serial: Biprotip
 05:25 Tomar-I Naam Bolbo

ntv

10:05 Drama Serial: FNF
 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Somoy
 02:30 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
 03:15 Drama Serial: Dhupchhaya
 06:45 Bajo Ebon Bajao
 09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
 09:45 Drama Serial: Asharey Galpo

BANGLAVISION

11:35 Onyo Nayan
 12:30 Raat Biraatey
 02:30 Drama Serial: Fifty Fifty
 03:05 Drama Serial: Diba Raatri Khola Thakey
 05:25 Musical Programme: Propajolir Chhoya

09:05 Shoundarja Kotha
 09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
 12:00 Shangbaad Protidin

DESH TV

12:15 Dur Path
 04:30 Dur-er Janala
 05:02 Cartoon
 06:02 Jalkatha
 07:45 Desh Galpo
 10:30 Total Sports
 11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha

RTV

10:45 Taroka Alap
 02:03 Bangla Feature Film
 06:45 Amader Dhaka
 07:15 Uttal Ekattur
 07:30 Road to Democracy
 09:25 Drama Serial: Mon Kora
 10:10 Drama Serial: Shey Amar Ekla Pakhi
 11:30 Concert: Fully Powered

CHANNEL 1

11:00 Bangla Feature Film
 03:00 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul
 03:30 Drama Serial: Gahor Baidya
 04:30 Cine Tune
 05:15 Gaanwala
 08:15 Drama Serial: Garbhodharini

11:00 Baul Fusion: Ingoma

DIGANTA TV

12:30 Score Card
 06:05 Sharol Path
 08:05 I-Tech
 10:00 Prime Time
 11:05 Dig Diganta
 11:30 Musical Programme: Shur Shurohi

BBC WORLD

09:30 Asia Business Report
 12:30 World Business Report
 12:45 BBC World News
 01:30 World Business Report
 05:30 GMT with George Alagiah
 06:00 BBC World News
 06:30 World Business Report
 06:45 Sport Today
 07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain
 08:30 World Business Report
 08:45 Sport Today
 09:00 BBC World News
 09:30 HARDtalk
 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing
 11:30 World Business Report
 12:00 BBC World News

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 Shine
 10:45 Just Friends

01:30 Barbershop
 03:50 Face Off
 06:50 End of Days
 09:30 Dangerous Proposition
 12:00 The Basketball Diaries

HBO

09:00 Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa
 10:45 Mr. Woodcock
 12:30 Vantage Point
 02:15 The Making Of The Incredible Hulk
 02:45 The Incredible Hulk (2008)
 05:00 Tmz 196
 05:30 Kangaroo Jack
 07:15 Mr. Woodcock
 09:00 Tmz 197
 09:30 Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa
 11:15 The Incredible Hulk (2008)

ESPN

09:30 Vancouver 2010 - Day 6 - Afternoon H/L
 10:30 Sec Women's Gymnastics Match: Georgia vs. Alabama
 12:00 Uda National Dance Team Championships
 12:30 German FA Cup 2009/10 Match: Werder Bremen vs. FC Augsburg
 02:30 Handa Women's Australian Open - Day 3
 05:30 Planet Speed 2009/10

06:00 NBA Action 2009/10
 06:30 Gravity Games
 07:30 Football Focus With John Dykes
 08:30 Sportscenter India
 09:00 Sportscenter Asia
 09:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Manchester United vs. Liverpool
 10:30 Sportscenter India
 11:30 Hitz 09/10
 12:00 Planet Speed 2009/10
 12:25 German FA Cup 2009/10 Match: FC Schalke 04 vs. Bayern Munich

STAR SPORTS

11:00 FIM Mx3 World Championship 2009 - Highlights
 11:30 Masters Official Films 2007
 12:30 Engine Block 2010
 01:00 FIM Mx1 Motocross World C'ship 2009 - Highlights
 02:00 Pattaya Women's Open
 03:25 Glitch
 03:55 AFC Champions League 2010 Match: Kashima Antlers FC vs. Persipura Jaya
 06:00 Game
 06:30 TNA Ppv 09/10 - Destination X
 09:30 Score Tonight
 10:00 Nike Football Locker Room 2009/10

Talk show

ATN BANGLA
 11:30pm Talking Point
 12:30am Hello Bangladesh

ntv
 12:10pm Ei Shomoy

DESH TV
 11:45 pm Shoja Kotha

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 06:40 pm Point of Order

Drama Serial

ATN BANGLA
 09:20pm Kothay Pabo Tarey

ntv
 11:30pm Manush Badol

ETV
 08:20pm Poster
 09:30pm Jahur Ali Jahuri

DESH TV
 08:15pm Jolpori

BANGLAVISION
 08:15pm Megh Bandhu

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-i

News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am

ATN BANGLA
NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 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

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

Asharey Galpo
 On ntv at 09:45 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Mosharraf Karim, Bindu

The Incredible Hulk
 On HBO at 11:15 pm
Cast: Edward Norton, Liv Uller and William Hurt
Genre: Action/Thriller

The Basketball Diaries
 On ZEE STUDIO at 12:00 am
Cast: Leonardo DeCaprio, Lorraine Bracco
Genre: Biography/Drama

RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM
 07:30 Hello Dhaka
 10:00 Morning Express
 12:00 No Tension
 04:00 Dhaka Calling
 09:00 Knight Riders

RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM
 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
 11:00 Masti Unlimited
 01:00 Today's Adda
 04:00 U-turn
 08:00 Tobe Tai Hok
 11:00 Raat Vor Gan
 02:00 Back to Back