

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Photography Exhibition
 Photographer: Dr. Niaz Rahman
 Title: Rhythmic Wing Beats
 Venue: Dink Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhanmondi
 Date: June 25-July 2
 Time: 3pm-8pm



Photography Exhibition
 Title: Environmental Portraiture
 Venue: Pathshala South Asian Media Academy, 16, Shukrabad
 Date: June 21-28
 Time: 11am-6pm



Theatre
 Play: Amputation
 Troupe: Centre for Asian Theatre
 Venue: Auditorium, District Shilpakala Academy, Bogra
 Date: June 30
 Time: 7pm



Solo Tabla Recital
 Artist: Pt. Samar Saha
 Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, R-27, H-275/F, Dhanmondi
 Date: June 28
 Time: 7:30pm



BANKIM CHANDRA CHATTOPADHYAY

Fostering a love of the Bengali language



ted for a declared prize. He did not win the prize, and the novelette was never published. His first fiction to appear in print was "Rajmohan's Wife." It was written in English and was probably a translation of the novelette submitted for the prize. "Durgeshnondini," his first Bengali romance and the first ever novel in the Bengali language, was published in 1865.

"Kapalkundala" (1866) is his first major publication. The heroine of this novel is modelled partly after Kalidasa's Shakuntala and partly after Shakespeare's Miranda. However, the partial similarities are only inferential analysis by critics, and Bankim Chandra's heroine may be completely original.

His next romance, "Mrinalini" (1869), marks his first attempt to set his story against a larger historical context. This book marks the shift from his early career, in which he was strictly a writer of romances, to a later period in which he aimed to stimulate the intellect of the Bengali speaking people and bring about a cultural renaissance of Bengali literature. He started publishing a monthly literary magazine "Bangodarshan." The magazine carried serialised novels, stories, humorous sketches, historical and miscellaneous essays, informative articles, religious discourses, literary criticisms and reviews.

In "Krishnakanta's Will" (1878) Bankim Chandra produced a complex plot. In that complexity, critics saw resemblance of Western novels.

His final novel, "Sitaram" (1886), tells the story of a local Hindu lord, torn between his wife and the woman he desires but unable to attain, making a series of blunders and taking arrogant, self-destructive decisions.

One of the aims of Bankim Chandra was to interest people in science and in the progress of the society and country. It was a time when educated Bengalis spoke only English instead of their own language. Bankim Chandra wanted to foster the love of the Bengali language in the educated Bengalis, and to make them share their knowledge with others through their language.

Bankim Chandra passed away on April 8, 1894.

Compiled by Correspondent.

Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay is considered one of the greatest novelists of the sub-continent. The Bengali novel genre practically began with him. He is widely regarded as a key figure in literary renaissance of Bengal as well as undivided India. Some of his writings, including novels, essays and commentaries, were a breakaway from the traditional verse-oriented writings, and provided an inspiration for authors.

Yesterday marked the 172nd (June 27, 1838) birth anniversary of the litterateur.

Bankim Chandra was born in the village Kanthalpara in Naihati, in an orthodox Bengali Brahmin family, the youngest of three brothers, to Jadab Chandra Chattopadhyay and Durga Debi.

He was educated at the Mohsin College in Hooghly and later at the

Presidency College, graduating with a degree in Arts in 1857. He was one of the first two graduates of the University of Calcutta. He later obtained a degree in Law as well, in 1869.

He was appointed as Deputy Collector of Jessore. Bankim Chandra went on to become a Deputy Magistrate, retiring from government service in 1891. His years at work were peppered with incidents that brought him into conflict with the ruling British. However, he was made a Companion, Order of the Indian Empire in 1894.

Following the model of Ishwarchandra Gupta, Bankim Chandra began his literary career as a writer of verse. He soon realised, however, that his talents lay in other directions, and turned to fiction. His first attempt was a novel in Bengali submit-

PHOTO: MUMIT M.
 Theatre troupe Prachyanat staged its workshop-based presentation "Pinic" on June 26 at the rehearsal room of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. "Pinic" is a short play aiming to generate awareness against drug abuse. The play has been written, designed and directed by Imogen Butler-Cole. Reetu A. Sattar translated the play.



Pierce Brosnan, son team up for big screen

For the first time, former 007 star Pierce Brosnan will team up with his actor son Sean for the big screen.

Pierce, 57, will star in big-budget movie "Bonded" alongside the 26-year-old.

The duo will play police officers in pursuit of a Mexican teenager smuggled into the US as a sweatshop worker.

Mo Ramchandani, a childhood friend of Brosnan junior, will direct the actors, who are also the executive producers of the flick.

"Pierce and Sean always said that they would find a project to work on together and this movie was seen as ideal. They have lots of screen time together, so it's going to be a very special film for both of them," the Daily Express quoted a source as saying.



Celebration at Kantanagar Temple

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Thousands of pilgrims from different parts of the country and abroad thronged Kantanagar Temple of Dinajpur to pay obeisance to Lord Krishna during a daylong bath festival in honour of the deity.

To celebrate the festival, thousands of devotees gathered at Kantanagar Temple on Saturday morning. The Bath Festival started at 10:30am with religious rituals performed by priests.

Thousands of women took a dip in Dhepa river before the festival began.

In a symbolic gesture, the priests poured about 180 pots



Priests performing the bath ritual of Lord Krishna at Kantanagar Temple.

of water on Lord Krishna's idol. After the completion of the bath, the temple authority distributed prasad among the

devotees.

Earlier, the idol of Lord Krishna was brought to the Kantanagar Temple premises

from Dinajpur Rajbari, about 28 km away from Dinajpur town.

A daylong fair was also organised in the precincts of the temple. Tight security measures were taken by the Dinajpur district administration.

The temple, situated here at Kaharol upazila of Dinajpur near Dhepa river, draws a large number of people throughout the year, particularly during the festival. It is believed that the temple is one of oldest in the subcontinent.

Unfortunately, the temple has been completely neglected by the state government, despite its attraction as a place of pilgrimage and high potential for tourism.

ON AIR

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

ATN BANGLA
 12:15 Motamot
 01:25 Cholo-chitrer Golpo
 03:45 Chotoder Prithibi
 04:25 Matir Subash
 05:15 Ainar Shamney
 06:15 The Lost World
 08:45 Drama: Mojma
 10:45 Documentary Programme: Bihango Katha
 12:30 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL i
 01:05 Eborer Cinemar Gaan
 01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
 03:05 Fun Club Tournament
 04:05 Muktiudhyo Protidin

04:30 FCT Business Talk
 06:20 Rupantor
 07:50 Drama: Muthophone
 09:35 Family Game Show
 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro
ntv
 01:00 Swastho Protidin
 04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey
 05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha
 06:45 Ogrozo
 07:20 Sholoana Bangaliana
 09:00 Cookery Show
 12:00 Special Programme on World Cup

ETV
 02:02 Desh Jurey
 03:30 Deho Ghari
 04:30 Bishwa Cup Football Mania
 05:25 Kobi O Kobita
 05:45 Sports Plus
 07:50 Cookery Show
 12:00 Ekusher Raat
Rtv
 01:00 Selected Programme
 02:03 Bangla Feature Film
 05:30 Prithibir Pathey Pathey
 06:00 Protidin
 06:30 Crime Focus
 07:00 Road To Democracy
 09:00 R Music
 12:00 Good Shot

BANGLAVISION
 12:30 Shaali
 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
 06:05 Sports Time
 09:05 Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar
 11:20 Bishwacup Protidin
 12:30 Cinemar Gaan

HBO
 12:30 The Incredible Hulk (2008)
 03:00 Saint Sinner
 04:30 Clear And Present Danger
 07:30 Nutty Professor II: The Klumps
 09:30 The Incredible Hulk (2008)
 12:00 Patriot Games
ZEE STUDIO
 08:30 The Wedding Date
 11:00 What's Love Got To Do With It
 01:30 Suburban Girl
 03:45 Catch Me If You Can
 07:15 Kinky Boots
 09:30 RoboCop 3
 11:50 The Duchess

BBC WORLD
 12:00 BBC World News
 12:30 World Business Report
 01:00 BBC World News
 01:30 World Business Report
 01:45 Sport Today
 02:00 BBC World News
 02:30 HARDtalk (r) David Remnick

03:00 BBC World News
 03:30 World Business Report
 03:45 Sport Today
 04:00 BBC World News
 04:30 World Business Report
 04:45 Sport Today
 05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
 06:00 BBC World News
 06:30 Football Focus
 08:30 World Cup Have Your Say
 09:00 BBC World News
 09:30 HARDtalk (r) David Remnick
 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing
 11:30 World Business Report

ESPN
 12:30 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Match: Slovakia vs. Paraguay
 02:30 2010 FIFA World Cup Matchday Highlights
 03:30 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Match: Spain vs. Honduras
 05:30 2010 FIFA World Cup Matchday Highlights
 06:30 Sportscenter Express: South Africa Presented By Samsung

07:00 2010 FIFA World Cup Pre-Show
 07:50 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa
 10:00 2010 FIFA World Cup Post Show
 10:30 Sportscenter India
 11:00 Sportscenter Asia
 11:30 2010 FIFA World Cup Pre-Show
 12:20 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa

STAR SPORTS
 09:30 MotoGP World Championship 2010 - Main Race
 12:30 Sbk Supbike World Championship 2010 - Races
 01:30 Sbk Supbike World Championship 2010 - Races
 02:30 FIM Mx1 Motocross World C'ship 2010 - Races
 03:30 Asian Tour Golf Show - Queen's Cup
 04:00 Wimbledon Highlights
 05:00 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships
 12:00 TNA Xplosion 09/10

Talk show
ATN BANGLA
 11:30pm Je Katha Keu Boleni
CHANNEL i
 09:50am Grameenphone Tritio Matra
 12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathan
ntv
 12:30am Ei Shomoy

Drama Serial
ATN BANGLA
 08:00pm Chhonochhara
Channel i
 05:30pm Mon
ntv
 08:15pm Manabzamin
 09:45pm Dhupchihaya
BANGLAVISION
 08:15pm Jol Pukur
 09:45pm Fifty Fifty

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) 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,

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

2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa
 Match: Brazil Vs Chile
 On ESPN at 12:20 am

Gunin
 On Ekushey TV at 8:20 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Shams Sumon, Shabnam Pervin

The Duchess
 On Zee Studio at 11:50 pm
 Genre: Drama
 Cast: Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes

10:00 Morning Express
 12:00 My Time
 01:00 No Tension
 04:00 Dhaka Calling
 09:00 Night Rider
 01:00 Back to Back music
abc radio fm 89.2
 06:00 Bhorer Janalay
 09:00 Mukhorto Jiboney
 12:00 Darun Dupurey
 03:00 Duranto Bikeley
 05:00 Shondhata
 07:00 Shajer Maya
 09:00 Raat-er Akashey
 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei
RADIO FOORTI
 07:30 Hello Dhaka
 10:00 Morning Express
 12:00 My Time
 01:00 No Tension
 04:00 Dhaka Calling
 09:00 Night Rider
 01:00 Back to Back music
RADIO TODAY
 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
 11:00 Musti Unlimited
 01:00 Today's Adda
 04:00 U Tum
 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
 11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan
 12:00 Today's Happy Moments