

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

30th Anniversary Celebration
Organiser: Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: November 26-29
Time: 4pm onwards



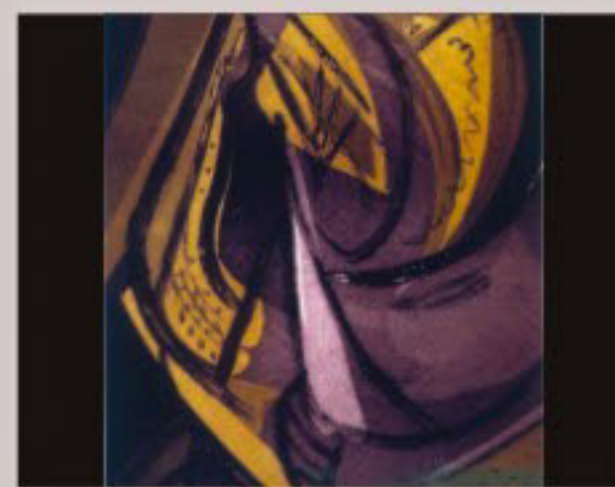
Ananda Jagya Mega Cultural Festival

Organiser: Indra Gandhi Cultural Centre & Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venues: Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi
Date: Nov 26-Dec 3



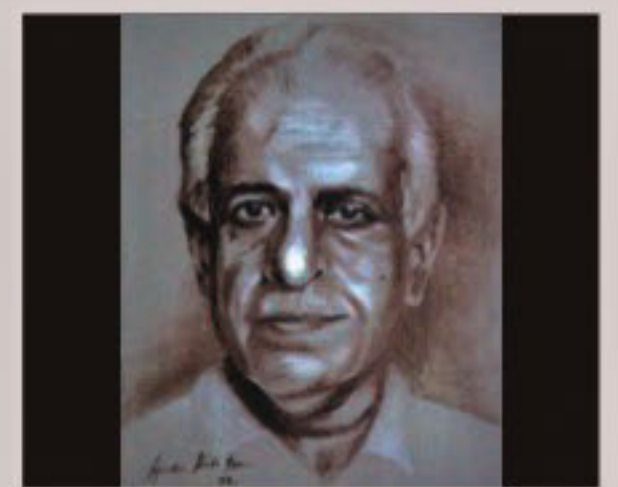
Print Exhibition

Title: The Limitless Luminosity of Art
Artist: Safuddin Ahmed
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-275/F, R-16, Dhanmondi
Date: November 26-December 9



Birth Anniversary

Nataya Guru Nurul Momen
Organiser: BSA & Arani Mohona International
Venue: Experimental Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: November 22-28



Group Theatre Federation anniversary programme begins

"Raarang": staged on the first day

JAMIL MAHMUD

A four-day celebration programme to mark the 30th anniversary of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) began at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on November 26. The programme features diverse programmes such as staging of plays, seminars, rally, memorial lecture and felicitation. On the first day, noted troupe Aranyak Natyadal staged its acclaimed production "Raarang" at the Experimental Theatre Hall.

Ramendu Majumder, ITI Worldwide president, formally inaugurated the celebration programme. In his inaugural speech Majumder expressed the hope that BGTF would continue its journey with fond memories of its successful three decades.

In his speech veteran theatre activist Mamunur Rashid said that in the early years he was against the idea of forming BGTF. He said, "It is true that I did not want an organisation like BGTF. My fear was through the activities of BGTF,



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organisational activities would harm creative skills. To my utter fear, my prediction has come to pass."

Rashid urged theatre activists to play a more active role in the country's socio-political scenario.

Among others, Kamal Lohani, director general, BSA;

Jhuna Chowdhury, secretary general, BGTF and Professor Afsar Ahmed, Department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangirnagar University spoke at the inaugural.

Liakat Ali Lucky, chairman, BGTF presided over the inaugural session.

After the discussion,

Mamunur Rashid's saga on the Santal revolution "Raarang" was staged.

"Raarang" depicts the story of oppression on the Santals, since the Partition. Raarang -- a Santal word meaning battle cry -- zeroes in on the struggle of the indigenous people in north-

ern Bangladesh against feudalism and religious bigotry. Through the true story of Alfred Shoren, the playwright has portrayed their plight effectively. However, the 'battle cry' fails in the face of treachery by some interested quarters.

The actors of the play include Tamalika Karmakar, Joyraj, Shamima Shawkat, Ruboli Chowdhury, Mitali Das, Shamim Zaman, Chanchal Chowdhury, AKM Hasan, Deepak Suman and Abu Hashim.

The day's programme also included an assembly of the women theatre activists. The assembly was held in the morning at the Seminar Room of BSA which was formally inaugurated by Sara Zaker.

Today's programme includes staging of the Prachyanat play "Raja...Ebong Onnanyo"; an assembly of backstage artistes such as set, light and costume designers; and announcement of the yearlong programme to celebrate Rabindranath Tagore's 150th birth anniversary.

International Protest Day against Repression of Women

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A programme of Baul songs to convey messages to the common people about the necessity to stop violence, oppression, repression and sexual harassment of women, was held at Kalibari area in the town on November 25. Marking the International Protest Day against Repression of Women, Alokito Manush Prokalpa organised the programme.

Eminent Baul artistes Mohammad Zainal Uddin, Khokon Sarker and Shamsun Nahar rendered Baul songs composed on the negative effects of repression of women. The drum beats in particular, played by Raj Kumar, entertained the audience the most.

A discussion was held, attended by Lokman Hossain Miah as chief guest. Among others, Abul Kalam, secretary Nagorik Andolan; Zobaidda Khatun, field coordinator of Alokito Manush Prokalpa; advocate Nazrul Islam Chinnu; Kamrun Nahar of CARE Bangladesh; Ferdous Ara Mahmuda Helen president of Bangladesh Mohila Parishad; spoke on the

occasion.

Earlier, a colourful rally was taken out from the Town Hall premises. The rally was attended by several NGOs and socio-cultural organisations.

Incidents of sexual harassment and repression of women have increased in recent months and if this trend continues, anti-social elements will be encouraged to commit more such heinous crimes.

The families of girls are tensed to send their children to school, fearing that they will fall victim to stalkers, said the speakers. They also called upon influential personalities not to shelter the stalkers. They stressed the need to create awareness among the commoners as part of a social movement.

Termining repression of women a social curse, the speakers added that such ills should be eliminated to maintain social peace and prosperity, they went on.

In this competitive world, girls need to be educated and the state should step in to provide them with greater scope for education, the speakers concluded.



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Leonardo DiCaprio is 'a real man'

--- Vladimir Putin

Russian PM Vladimir Putin has praised Leonardo DiCaprio as "a real man" for his persistence in getting to a St Petersburg summit on saving tigers.

His first plane was forced to make an emergency landing after losing an engine, while a second had to stop after encountering strong headwinds.

"I would like to thank you for coming despite all the obstacles," Putin told DiCaprio at the conference.

DiCaprio has pledged \$1m (£635,000) to the effort.

Putin broke off from a prepared speech after he spotted DiCaprio in the audience.

"A person with less stable nerves could have decided against coming, could have read it as a sign - that it was not worth going," Putin said.

The prime minister said that, in Russia, DiCaprio's efforts made him a "muzhik" - or "real man".

A Delta Airline plane DiCaprio was travelling in on Monday was forced to make an emergency landing.

A second plane was forced to make an unscheduled refuelling stop in Helsinki.

DiCaprio told the prime minister that two of his late grandparents were Russian, and that he had always wanted to take his grand-

mother to St Petersburg.

"I'm sure when you get to know St Petersburg you will be proud of your Russian roots," Putin said.

Governments of 13 countries where tigers still live met in Russia on Tuesday for the summit to discuss a plan to save the big cats from extinction.

In the last 100 years, tiger numbers have dropped from about 100,000 to less than 3,500 tigers in the wild today.

Delegates agreed to double tiger numbers by 2022, to focus on protecting tiger habitats and to address poaching.

Source: BBC

Ramayan Gaan and Lila Kirton in Manikganj

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

Shib Shiddheshwari Mandir Committee organised a 40-day programme including 'Ashtakaleen leela kirton', 'Harinam sangkirton', 'Nagor kirton', 'Ramayan gaan' and discussion at the Mandir premises under Manikganj Municipality area here in Manikganj. The programme ended on Friday.

Hundreds of Hindu devotees attended the programmes daily.



Devotees assemble at the programme.



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

ATN Bangla

- 01:25 Shurer Madhuri
- 03:45 Char Deyaler Kabbo
- 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khabor
- 05:30 Boshudha Dhak Dhol
- 10:45 Bihongoo Kotha
- 11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
- 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
- 06:00 The Daily Star Standard
- Chartered Jiboner Golpo
- 11:30 Prokriti O Jibon
- 12:00 Grameenphone
- Ajker Shangbadpotro

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- 04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey
- 05:30 Apnar Jiggasha
- 06:45 JotoModhur Bhulguli
- 07:20 Sholo Ana Bangali Ana Drama
- 09:00 Drama
- 04:02 Bhoboghurey Dot Com
- 05:30 Ei Shoptaher Bishwa
- 06:30 Desh Jurey Oporadh
- 07:50 Musical Programme: Ta Na Na
- 10:10 Media Gossip

Banglavision

- 10:10 Art Show: Lal Golap
- 11:05 Shudhui Gaan
- 03:05 Bangla Feature Film
- 06:05 Ebong Class-er Bairey
- 11:30 Business Vision
- 12:30 Rabi Jege Acho Ki
- 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 05:30 Alta Sundhori
- 04:00 Desh Janopad
- 05:30 Durpath
- 06:25 Shongskritir Sharadesh
- 07:45 Amra Dujon Dekhte Kemon Total Sports
- 07:30 Coraline
- 09:30 Hey Arnold! The Movie
- 11:30 The Dark Knight
- 02:30 Rocknrolla
- 05:45 Double Impact
- 07:45 Anaconda 3
- 09:30 I Love You, Man

Zee Studio

- 08:30 Flightplan
- 10:40 Monsters, Inc.
- 01:30 Two Lovers
- 03:50 Meet the Fockers
- 06:20 Kiss of the Dragon
- 08:30 Made in Hollywood
- 09:30 Wedding Daze
- 11:30 The Ring Two
- 09:50 Nothing To Lose
- 11:35 12 Rounds
- 01:30 Ice Age: Dawn Of The Dinosaurs
- 03:10 Con Air
- 05:10 Robocop
- 07:00 Knowing
- 09:10 Taken
- 10:50 Streets Of Blood
- 09:00 The Bold and The Beautiful
- 09:30 Warehouse 13
- 11:30 Koffee With Karan

National Geographic

- 01:30 Humpbacks
- 02:30 Dogtown
- 03:30 Blowdown
- 04:30 Naked Science
- 05:30 Inside
- 06:30 Cheetah Blood Brothers
- 07:30 Great Migrations
- 08:30 Death of the Universe
- 09:30 Hubble's Final Frontier
- 10:30 Humpbacks : Cracking the Code
- 11:30 Lockdown
- 12:30 Jihad - The Men & Ideas
- 03:30 Behind Al Qaeda
- 03:30 I was Bitten

TLC

- 12:30 Ian Wright
- 02:30 Extreme
- 05:30 Girl Meets Hawaii
- 08:30 Vegas Revolution
- 09:30 Super Swank
- 11:30 Shimmy
- 12:00 Xtreme Sommer
- 05:10 World Features
- 06:30 Click
- 07:15 Sport Today
- 07:30 Architects on the Frontline
- 08:30 One Square Mile : Vukovar
- 09:10 The Firing Line
- 10:30 India Business Report
- 11:30 Architects on the Frontline
- 12:00 BBC World News

Talk Show

- ATN Bangla ntv
- 04:25pm Proshonggo 12:00am Ei Shomoy
- Desh TV ETV
- 11:45pm Shoja Katha 12:02pm Ekusher Dupur
- Channel i Banglavision
- 09:45am Grameenphone 09:05pm Amar Ami
- 09:45am Tritomatra RTV
- 12:30pm Citycell 08:30 Road to Democracy

Drama Serial

- Desh TV 08:15pm Graduate
- 08:15pm Metamorphosis ETV
- 09:45pm Nikamaler 08:20pm Nilanjona
- 09:45pm Bioscope 09:30pm Lolita
- ATN Bangla Banglavision
- 09:20pm Lilabati 08:15pm Jamai Mela
- 10:55pm Ochena 09:45pm Fifty Fifty
- ntv Rtv
- 02:30pm Labonno Prova 09:20 Life is Beautiful
- 10:20 Tourist

News Bulletin

- 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 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,

- 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
- 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

- 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
- 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



Tourist
 On RTV at 10:20pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Agun, Chumki



I Love You, Man
 On HBO at 09:30pm
 Genre: Comedy/ Romance
 Cast: Paul Rudd, Jason Segel



Fifty Fifty
 On Banglavision at 09:45pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tajin



- RADIO FOORTI
- 07:30am Hello Dhaka
- 10:00am Morning Express
- 12:30pm No Tension
- 04:00pm Dhaka Calling
- 09:00pm Full Volume
- 11:00pm Back to Back music
- abc radio fm 89.2
- 06:00am Bhorer Janalay
- 09:00am Mokhurilo Jiboney
- 12:00pm Darun Dupurey
- 03:00pm Duranto Bikeley
- 05:00pm Shondha Tara
- 07:00pm Raat-er Akashey
- 09:00pm Golper Shesh Nei
- RADIO TODAY
- 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
- 11:00am Musti Unlimited
- 01:00pm Today's Adda
- 04:00pm U Turn
- 08:00pm Tabey Tai Hok
- 12:00am Today's Happy Moments