

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

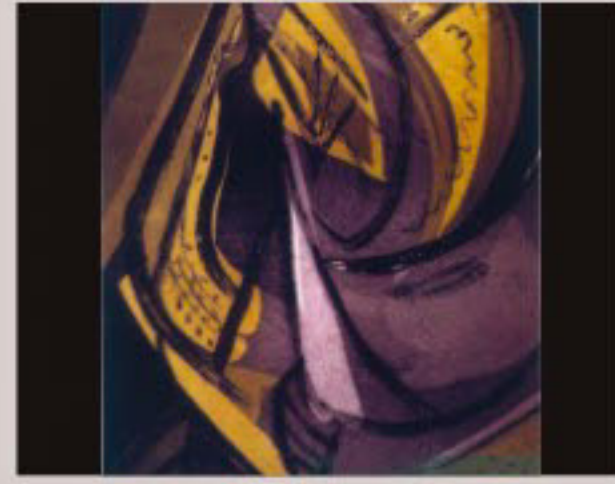
Theatre Festival
 Organiser: Dept. of Theatre, DU
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: December 3-6
 Time: 7pm



Group Photography Exhibition
 Title: Pinnacle of Goodwill
 Artist: Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club
 Venue: Gallery Cosmos, Malibagh
 Date: December 10-12
 Time: 5pm-8pm



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



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: Rong O Rekha
 Artist: D.D. Mollick
 Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, Rd-15 A (New), Dhanmondi
 Date: December 3-9
 Time: 3-8pm



Milestone

Bangla Academy celebrates 55th founding anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangla Academy celebrated its 55th founding anniversary with elaborate programmes on December 3. The celebration began with offering wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar, and included discussion and a cultural event.

Shamsuzzaman Khan, director general of Bangla Academy; Mohammad Altaf Hossain, secretary of the academy; Murshid Anwar, deputy director of Coordination and Public Relation Department of the academy and other dignitaries paid tribute to the martyrs of the Language Movement by offering flowers at the Shaheed Minar to mark the day.

The academy organised a discussion on "Ekhon Rabindranath", followed by a



cultural programme.

Tagore exponent Professor Sanat Kumar Saha presented the keynote paper. Shamsuzzaman Khan delivered the welcome speech and National Professor Kabir Chowdhury presided over

the programme.

Shamsuzzaman Khan said, "The main task of the academy is to conduct research on Bangla language, culture, history and publish fictional, literary and research-based works. Bangla

Academy Award is considered one of the most prestigious honours in our country. The award is conferred every year. To honour the International Mother Language Day, the academy organises the month-long Ekushey Boi Mela, the oldest and largest book fair in the country. Bangla Academy has become a part of our national identity.

"On the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore -- to be celebrated next year -- we are going to take a number of initiatives, including book publications and cultural programmes on the great bard.

"Honouring the contribution of Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam to Bangla literature, the academy has decided to install two life-sized sculptures of the poets at its entrance."

Sanat Kumar Saha said,

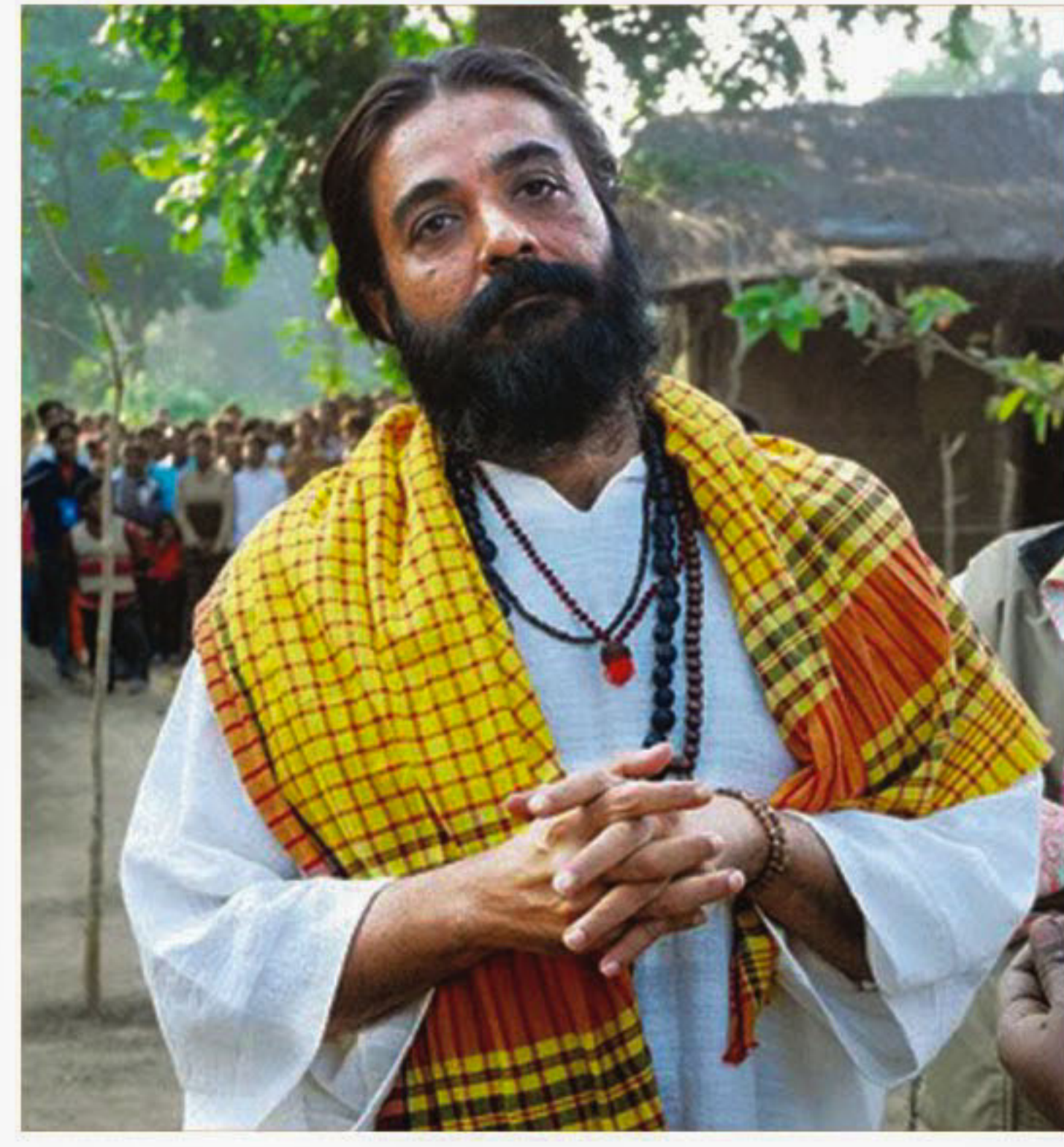
"Rabindranath mingled man and nature in his poems, dramas, novels and short stories. He dreamt of a world that has no place for war, crimes or injustice. Subtle and sublime expressions, individualism and humanity are recurring subjects in his writings."

Kabir Chowdhury said, "Bangla Academy not only contributes to the field of language and literature, but is also a powerhouse of art, research and culture. Sanat Kumar Saha has delivered a scholarly speech. Besides being a true patriot, Tagore was also a global personality. He is a major source of inspiration for us."

The cultural programme featured Rabindra and Nazrul Sangeet renditions by artistes Laisa Islam Lisa, Iffat Ara Dewan, Sajid Akbar, Sharmin Shathi Islam, Yakub Ali Khan and Lina Taposhi.

Becoming Lalon

Prosenjit talks about "Moner Manush" and expanding the horizons of Bangla cinema



Prosenjit on the set of the film.

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, *New Delhi*

For Bengali superstar Prosenjit, essaying the role of Lalon in Goutam Ghosh-directed "Moner Manush" was like a dream come true.

The 48-year-old actor, who has worked in nearly 300 Bangla films and a few Hindi movies, said he was eagerly waiting to be offered the role of Lalon.

"When I read the novel by Sunil Gangopadhyay (on which the film is based), I said to myself 'this is a challenge for an actor and I would love to play it.' It was a surprise for me when Goutamda called me to ask whether I had dates for the film. I jumped at the chance though I normally have a packed schedule," Prosenjit told the media in Panaji, Goa during the 41st International Film Festival of India.

He said, "I learnt many things including how to play ektara. But beyond the physical aspects, it was a difficult role to play because I had to feel the character from within. I left my world and decided to be on my own for eight months, I grew a beard and when I finished the film, it took me some time to come out of the Lalon mode," said the actor.

Prosenjit said he is thankful to directors like Rituparno Ghosh, in whose films too the actor has featured, and Goutam Ghosh for bringing out and utilising the actor inside him.

"I thank Rituda who first offered me roles which made people see the actor in me. When people like Goutamda and Buddhadebda (Dasgupta) offer you a role, you step up. They know how to get the best out of an actor," Prosenjit said.

The actor felt that despite having good content, Bangla films lack global appeal due to poor marketing.

Prosenjit said that commercial Bangla cinema is yet to find its market beyond Bengal but hopes that things will change with his latest film "Moner Manush".

"The problem with Bangla cinema is that it has always focused on the art side but not on the commercial aspects which have become increasingly important now. Films by masters like Satyajit Ray are known even to the non-Bengali audience.

"But commercial Bangla cinema is yet to find an audience beyond Bengal. However, things are changing for good, we are opening up to new markets.

"This is why 'Moner Manush' is very important for the Bangla film industry because it is a co-production and we will get access to more people," Prosenjit said.

Apart from Prosenjit, the film also stars Bangladeshi actors Raisul Islam Asad, Syed Hasan Imam, Champa and Chanchal Chowdhury, among others.

Poet Abul Hassem birth anniversary celebration in Pabna



Dignitaries at the discussion.

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, *Pabna*

The 112th birth anniversary of Abul Hassem, considered one of the major poets of the Bengali Muslim Renaissance, was observed in Faridpur upazila of Pabna district, hometown of the poet, last Wednesday. The programme was organised by the Abul Hassem Smrity Parishad at Kobi Abul Hassem Academy premises.

A discussion focused on the life and works of the poet. A cultural programme also featured on the occasion.

Faridpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer Abu Taher Md. Masud Rana chaired the discussion, while the lawmaker of Pabna-3 constituency Makhbul Hossain spoke as the chief guest. Among the special guests were noted folk singer Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, renowned journalist Atikul Alam and Colonel (retd.)

Nazmul Alam, son of the poet. Abul Hassem was one of the key poets during the British era in this region. Though he is primarily considered a poet of the Muslim renaissance, Hassem's verses paint contemporary social picture, speakers were of the view.

At the cultural programme, Mustafa Zaman Abbasi rendered folk songs. Young artistes of Faridpur Music Academy also performed on the occasion.

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Lalon Festival begins in Bogra

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Bogra*

A five day festival on Lalon songs began at Shardihi in Bogra Sadar Upazila on Sunday. Bogra Lalon Academy arranged the programme celebrating its first anniversary.

According to Md. Iqbal Hossain, President, Bogra Lalon Academy around 200 Lalon singers will take

part in the event. Noted Lalon singer Farida Parveen will perform on December 9 evening.

Dr. Md. Samir Hossain Mishu, Adviser of the festival told the Daily Star correspondent that Indian High Commissioner along with other dignitaries is expected to attend the festival.

Lalon singers from Kushtia and other districts will perform everyday as per schedule.



A rally was brought out as part of the inauguration.

TV SCHEDULE

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

ATN BANGLA	01:25 Chhobir Golpo	03:45 Chhoter Prithibi	04:25 Matir Shubash	06:20 The Lost World	10:45 Bihongo Katha	12:30 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL i	01:05 Ebonj Cinemar Gaan	09:35 Fantastic Family Game Show	11:30 RC Travel On	12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro		
ntv	01:00 Shastha Protidin	03:15 Shanto Kutir				
05:30	Natok Thekey Gaan					
BANGLAVISION	11:05 Shudhui Gaan	03:05 Bangla Feature Film	09:05 Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar	12:30 Cinemar Gaan		
DESH TV	04:00 Desh Janopod	05:30 Durpath	06:25 Bajarey Notun	07:45 Drama: MuktiJuddho 71	12:30 Total Sports	
ATN NEWS	11:30 Sports Insight	02:15 Amader Katha	05:15 Pramanyo Shomoy	07:30 Saat Rang (Live)	08:30 Follow up	
Diganta TV	12:30 Score Cards	03:30 World Round Up	08:05 Din Bodoler Dola	09:25 Chitra Bichitra	11:05 Jibon Japon	11:30 Arshinagar
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	05:30 Apnar Jiggasha	06:45 Ogrojo	07:20 Sholanaa Bangaliana	11:30 Music Jam	
ETV	12:30 Ekushey Business	04:00 Drama	05:30 Street Magic	06:30 Desh Jurey	11:45 Baula Ontor	12:00 Ekusher Raat
Rtv	10:45 Tarokalap	12:06 Protidin-er Gaan	02:30 Bangla Feature Film			

HBO	09:00 Revolution	12:30 Bollywood Hero	01:45 The Stepfather	03:45 TMZ	04:15 Friday Night Lights	06:45 Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels	11:15 Body of Lies
Zee Studio	08:30 Chocolat	11:05 Santa Baby 2	01:30 Little Fish	03:50 American Beauty	07:00 Top Gun	09:30 Along Came a Spider	11:45 The Manchurian Candidate
Star Movies	08:35 Cocktail	10:20 Killshot	12:05 The Young Victoria	02:00 My Best Friend's Girl	03:45 Beer For My Horses	05:20 He's Such A Girl	07:00 Twilight
09:10	Shark In Venice						
10:45	Behind Enemy Lines: Colombia	12:25 All The Boys Love Mandy Lane					
Star World	08:30 Modern Family	10:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?	01:30 The Bold and The Beautiful	05:30 Lie To Me	07:30 Koffee With Karan	08:30 How I Met Your Mother	09:00 Friends
National Geographic	09:30 Nat Geo's Most Amazing Photos	11:00 Creative Vision	11:30 Monster Fish	01:00 Nat Geo Women's Hour	01:30 Wonder World	05:30 Nat Geo Amazing!	07:30 Great Migrations
09:30	Nat Geo Wild	09:30 Big	10:30 Fight Science	11:30 True Stories			

Discovery Channel	08:30 Engineering Earthquakes	09:30 Extreme Engineering	10:30 A Haunting	11:30 Surviving Disaster	12:30 Swords	01:30 Piranha Adventure	02:30 Into Alaska with Jeff Corwin	03:30 Man vs. Wild	05:30 I'm Alive	06:30 Into The Shark Bite	07:30 Doing DaVinci	08:30 Feast India	09:30 Ecopolis	10:30 Worst Case Scenario	11:00 Million 2 One	11:30 I'm Alive						
BBC World	08:45 Asia Today	10:30 HARDtalk	06:30 GMT with George Alagiah	07:30 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain	08:30 World Business Report	08:45 Sport Today	09:00 BBC World News	09:30 HARDtalk	11:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing	11:45 Sport Today												
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News Bulletin

BTV	9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am	1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.	7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
ATN BANGLA	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.			
NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am.			
NEWS EVERY HOUR:	7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm.		
NEWS (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.			
BANGLAVISION	NEWS (Bangla) at 7:30am,		
12:02pm, 2:00pm,			
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			

Poth Jana Nai On ATN Bangla at 08:40pm Drama Serial Cast: Dilara Zaman, Oporubo	Ecopolis On Discovery Channel at 09:30pm Genre: Documentary Host: Daniel Kammen	Manabzamin On ntv at 08:15pm Drama serial Cast: Raisul Islam Asad, Saba
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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
abc radio fm 89.2	06:15 Choy Noy	09:30 Adik Odik	02:05 Oporazita	03:00 Duranto Bikeley	03:30 Adik Odik	04:30 Bhalo Theko
RADIO TODAY	07:15 Good Morning Dhaka	01:00 Today's Adda	04:00 U Turn	08:00 Tobey Tai Hok	11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan	12:00 Today's Happy Moments