

WHAT'S ON

Nazrul Utshab
Organiser: Chhayanaut
Venue: Chhayanaut Bhawan, H-72, R/15/A, Dhammondia
Date: July 1-2
Time: 6:30pm

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Churning Life
Artist: Baboleh Adhikary
Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 28-July 4

Cultural Festival
Organiser: Dhaka University
Venue: Hatmandal, TSC, Senate Building
Date: July 1-2
Time: 10am onwards

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Women's Lib
Artist: Razia Sultana
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Dhammondia
Date: July 1-8; Time: 12-8pm

National Recitation Festival
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 26-July 2
Time: 4pm onwards

6th Int'l Children Painting Exhibition
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpa Academy
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpa Academy
Date: June 26-July 10

Memorial Programme
On Poet Sufia Kamal
Venue: Liberation War Museum
Date: July 2
Time: 5pm

Concert
Quebe Junction
Featuring 11 leading bands
Venue: National Indoor Stadium, Mirpur
Date: July 2
Time: 5pm

Film Screening
Featuring five Indonesian films
Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahab
Date: July 3-5
Time: 4pm onwards

National Recitation Festival ends today



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Reciters of Shongbrita Abriti Chorchha O Bikash Kendra at the festival.

With the theme "Jagoro Koro Udyato Koro Nirbhoy Koro Hey", the weeklong National Recitation Festival ends today at National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), Bangladesh Abriti Samannay Parisad, in association with BSA, arranged the festival.

A seminar on "Pathyakrom O Ganomadhya-m-e-Abriti" (recitation in curriculum and public media) was held on the second day (June 27) of the festival. Professor Emeritus Dr. Anisuzzaman read out an essay at the seminar. From June 28, around 175 recitation organisations from across the country staged their productions everyday at the festival.

Dhaka; Srot Abriti Sangsad, Dhaka; Sharobritto, Dhaka and more presented their productions "Jachchhey Bheshey Megh-er Dol", "Shimar Majhey Ashim Tumi", "Ek Birangona Kabyo", "Abhijan-er Bir Shenadol", "Bidrohi Koiborto", "Gaurananda Kobi Bhooney Shuney Punyaban" and "Mukto Koro Bhooy" respectively at the event.

"Jachchhey Bheshey Megh-er Dol". With the rhythm of tabla, the young reciters read out several Tagore poems, while one of the artists, with mondira in his hands, rendered excerpts from the Tagore song "Pagla Hawar Badol Diney". The audience, drenched in the incessant monsoon outside, encouraged them with rounds of applause.

pronunciation and intonation of words are emphasised along with perfect expression. Several performers, however, failed to do so. The festival will wrap up today through an array of solo and group recitations by several organisations and artists.

Asaduzzaman Noor provides more update on "Ke Hote Chay Kotipoti"

At a press conference on June 30, noted media personality and host of the much-talked about "Ke Hote Chay Kotipoti", Asaduzzaman Noor, provided further information on the game show. He shared his personal views on the show as well. "This is a totally new and challenging experience for me," said Noor. "I am very happy and excited," he added.



with each question. After answering five questions correctly, one can be assured of the first safe place, by securing Tk 10,000. The second safe place will be secured by answering 10 questions correctly, and Tk 3,20,000 will be confirmed. Only when the contestant can answer a question correctly, can he/she go on to the next round.

There will be three lifelines for a contestant -- audience poll, phone a friend and 50-50. 'Phone a friend' allows a contestant to call a friend for help and '50-50' would eliminate two of the wrong answers from four options. A participant can use all three lifelines for a single question if he/she desires so.

Remembering Mohammad Kibria and MF Husain



Mohammad Kibria

Kolkata Art Trust organised a discussion, titled "In Memoriam: MF Husain and Mohammad Kibria", at the Max Mueller Bhawan at Ballygunge in Kolkata yesterday. Noted Indian artists Sunil Das, Rabin Mondal, Samik Bandyopadhyay, Ratnottama Sen Gupta, Swapan Mullick, Raju Raman, Dilip Mukhopadhyay and Amittabh Sen Gupta took part in the discussion. The speakers talked about the painters' lives, works and their contribution to sub-continental art.



Maqbool Fida Husain (1915) was born in Pandharpur, Maharashtra in India. He was widely regarded as the "Picasso of India". Husain was not just famous for his excellent paintings and depiction of human figures, but was also the centre of controversies for portraying Hindu gods and goddesses in the nude. The iconic artist died of heart attack in London on June 9. He had been unwell for several months. He was 95.

Literature Conference at Bangla Academy



Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith speaks at the opening session of the Literature Conference.

Bangla Academy recently organised a three-day (from June 26-28) conference on "South Asian Contemporary Literature" at its Seminar Room. This was the first conference of its kind to highlight literature of this region, and to encourage flourishing democratic spirit in literary works.

The welcome speech. Shamsuzzaman Khan said, "Bangla Academy first organised a national literary conference in 1974, which was inaugurated by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The 'Father of the Nation' had stressed the need for pro-people and progressive literature.

from an international perspective. Noted educationist Sirajul Islam Chowdhury; Winston Langley, Professor, Department of Political Science, Howard University, USA; Chief Information Commissioner Muhammad Zamir; American writer and singer John Thrope and Professor Shafi Ahmed, Department of English, Jahangirnagar University took part in the discussion. Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman presided over the discussion.

session. On the second day (June 27) Professor Fakhru Alam, English Department, Dhaka University and Indian Tagore exponent Samir Sen Gupta read out two essays on Rabindranath in 21st century. Noted novelist Hasnat Abdul Hai; Syed Manzoorul Islam, Professor of English at Dhaka University; Sonia Nishat Amin, Professor, Department of History, Dhaka University took part in the discussion. Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui presided over the discussion.

Jonathan Rhys Meyers hospitalised after possible suicide attempt



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"Bend It Like Beckham" star Jonathan Rhys Meyers was hospitalised in London Tuesday night after reportedly attempting to commit suicide by overdosing on pills in his mansion.

said on Thursday. The actor has in the past battled alcohol abuse and been arrested for being drunk in public. Los Angeles based website TMZ, citing an unnamed source close to the actor, said Meyers had been drinking heavily but was not trying to kill himself.

THE WEEKLY STRUM
Song: El Macho
Album: Sailing To Philadelphia (2000)
Lyric and tune by Mark Knopfler
Em .....C
Your date has gone home
Now you're left on your own sweet own
Em
Your tough-talkin' friend
Split on you in the bitter end
Em .....G.....Em
And you look like a fine thing Jerry
Em .....G.....Em
Yeah you look like a fine thing Jerry
Em .....C
They say you're a star
Em .....C.....B7....
That's what the boys all say you are
Em .....C.....B7....
I don't see much TV
So you don't mean shit to me
Em .....G.....Em
But you look like a fine thing Jerry
Em .....G.....Em
Yeah you look like a fine thing Jerry
Am .....D7.....G.....
But they've got a name for people like you

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Gari Choley Na
On ATN BANGLA at 08:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Zahid Hassan, Faruk Ahmed

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian
On ZStudio at 09:30pm
Genre: Action
Cast: Ben Barnes, Skandar Keynes

Oloshpur
On Rtv at 09:05pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Farhad Rahman Babu, Alvi

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