The actor with a golden touch

territory by appearing as a ramp

the experience was unique, adding

that she accepted the offer only

upon the insistence of her long-

time friend Shahrukh Amin. Sayir

that it was with Shahrukh that she

stepped into showbiz, Joya adds

ion designer and makeup artiste

Farzana Shakil.

model at a fashion show in

Joya Ahsan in uncharted territory

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Joya Ahsan certainly has a golden

touch, making a success in every

actor on the small and silver

field she enters, be it as a model or

screen, where she has earned raves

However, the modest actor leaves it

Recently, Joya entered uncharted

for her performance in "Guerilla".

to the audience to measure her

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WHAT'S ON



Play: Debotar Grash Troupe: Manipuri Theatre













The Japanese three-stringed musical instrument

shamisen has a glorious history. Originating from the

Chinese instrument sanxian, shamisen was introduce

men and women play shamisen with a plectrum called

strings and rhythm on the body part of the instrumen

What would be the experience if this Japanese

string instrument played along with the traditional

subcontinental string instrument sarod and percus

sion such as tabla? A demonstration of such a feel

Music and Dance Centre auditorium of Bangladesh

was articulated at a concert held at the National

Titled "Shamisen meets South Asia", the

Embassy of Japan and Bangladesh Shilpakala

Academy jointly arranged the musical evening

Abhisek Lahiri and Parimal Chakrabarty [who

formed a band called Ionah] performed at the

Tsuji started the evening with a brief introductory

speech on his native instrument. He described the

instrument's history and his personal interest and

inspiration in becoming a shamisen player. "I person-

ally practice the style which came from the northern

part of Japan and is initiated by the street musicians,

couple of small pieces on the instrument.

said Tsuji. During his speech, Tsuji also demonstrated a

nearly one -and -a half- hour long concert.

Japanese artiste Hideaki Tsuji and Indian artistes

Shilpakala Academy, on December 28.

in the sixteenth century in Japan. Shamisen can be

played solo or in ensembles. Traditionally Japanese

bachi that is together used for creating melody on



to a titan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Yesterday marked the 97th birth anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin (1914-1976). The Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka and several cultural organisations have arranged programmes to celebrate the birth anniversary of the maestro.

On the occasion, a three-day long festival is now on at the Charukala (Faculty of Fine Arts, DU) premises. The festival features a 'mela', musical soiree, discussion and an award giving event. AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University was present as chief guest at the opening ceremony of the festival on December 29. Begum Jahanara Abedin (widow of Zainul Abedin) inaugurated the festival. Professor Emdadul Haque Mohammad Matlub Ali, Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts, Harun-ur Rashid, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University; Professor Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Treasurer of Dhaka University, among others, were present at the festival. The festival ends tomorrow.

This year, the organisers honoured two leading contemporary artistsQayyum Chowdhury and Murtaja Baseer with the 'Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Shammanan for their immense contribution to Bangladeshi art. AAMS Arefin Siddique handed over the awards to the recipient

Born in Mymensingh, Zainul grew up in a serene landscape by the river Brahmaputra - the river being a source of inspiration to the artist from an early childhood. He gained admission in Calcutta Government Art School in 1933. After his graduation he became a teacher at the art school. A series of water colours that Zainul did as his tribut to the Brahmaputra River earned him the Governor's Gold Medal in an all-India exhi-

Later he invited his subcontinental band mates and

Multi-skilled Tsuji also played the nylon-string guitar

mood. However, the trio created a mesmerising piece

joyful piece created sound and resonance of woods as

whom they had met prior to the concert. However, the

bold invitation proved to be a not so wise decision, as

Bangladeshi artistes and the trio during their perfor-

mance. Together they performed a Japanese number

The programme wrapped up with Tsuji's strokes on

"Sakura" and a Bangladeshi traditional piece before

the shamisen that created the notes of our National

couple of more shows-- one held at the Alliance

Francaise de Dhaka and the other at the Japanese

anniversary of Establishment of Bangladesh-Japan

Embassy. The trio visited Bangladesh to mark the 40th

Shiro Sadoshima, Ambassador of Japan in Bangla-

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desh and Liaquat Ali Lucky, director general of Ban-

gladesh Shilpakala Academy, among others, enjoyed

Anthem, while the rest of the musicians accompanied

Before the Shilpakala concert, the trio performed at a

lack of understanding was apparent among

Later the trio invited a quartet of Bangladeshi artistes

the trio went for an hour-long jamming session.

during the jamming. As there was a sarod, some

pieces articulated the reflection of a melancholic

that they termed akin to "the flight of a bird". The

well as singing of birds.

going over the last piece.

Diplomatic Relations.

The guest trio invited Bangladeshi artistes whom they had met prior to the concert and performed together.

"Shamisen" meets South Asia

Zainul Abedin's 97th birth anniversary observed

Murtaja Baseer (3-R) receives the award from AAMS Arefin Siddique.

Dissatisfied with the stereotypes of Oriental style, Zainul moved on towards Realism and created his own style. He made a versatile use of lines in his interpretation of the everyday people. His "Famine Sketches," a series of paintings Zainul made in 1943, addressed the dearth of food created by the Raj. Bengal was affected the most by the famine. That series earned Zainul international acclaim. Drawn in Chinese ink and brush on cheap packing paper, the series is a compilation of haunting images of intolerable cruelty and the utter helplessness of the masses dying slowly of hunger. His lines are very evocative and sen-

sual. He is also famous for his landscapes,

which mainly delve into scenic and pan-

oramic beauty of rural Bengal. The works

were mainly watercolours. A well-known figure for his leadership qualities in organising artists and art movements, Zainul took the initiative to found the Government Institute of Arts and Crafts (now the Faculty of Fine Arts) in 1948 on Dhaka University campus, of which he was the

founding principal. In 1975, Zainul Abedin set up a folk museum at Sonargaon, and a permanent gallery in Mymensingh (Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala) to display some of his works. He became actively involved in a movement to preserve the cultural heritage

Zainul died in 1976 in Dhaka.

A three-day children's theatre festival and competition, organ-

ised by Bangladesh Shishu Academy, ended on December 28. The

festival was held at the Shishu Academy auditorium. Minister for

Cultural Affairs Abul Kalam Azad inaugurated the festival, while

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Pramod Mankin attended the

closing ceremony as chief guest. Several troupes from different

Tobu Matha Noabar Noy

premiered

A TSC based recitation organisation "Baakshilpangon" recently pre-

President of International Theatre Institute (ITI Worldwide) Ramendu

Azharul Haque Azad and Md. Nasiruddin respectively, the production

included spirited poems by Shailesh Dey, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Shamsur

Majumdar inaugurated the programme. Compiled and directed by

miered its first production "Tobu Matha Noabar Noy" at Shawkat

Osman Memorial auditorium of Central Public Library, Shahbagh

Rahaman, Sikandar Abu Zafar, Sukanta Bhattacharya, Rudra

Muhammad Shahidullah, Mahabub Alam Chowdhury and others.

the anti-British movement, Language Movement of 1952, mass

the post -Liberation period.

upsurge of 1969, Liberation War of 1971 and the social backdrop of

Jharna Sarkar, Sonali, Rana, Pulak, Jewel, Taki, Kabir, Imu, Niru, Dina, Deboshree and others participated in the production that captured

districts staged plays throughout the fest. The festival ended

through an award giving ceremony.

Two-day theatre festival

with husband Subrato and daughter Dighi, who has now earned popularity as

Born on September 25, 1966 in Bikrampur, Doel has played a variety of

Actress Doel

Film actress Doel died of cancer at a city

The once popular actress breathed her

last at Dipham Hospital, finally giving in to

a two-and-a-half-year struggle with cancer.

2009, she was admitted to Square Hospital

'Chandranath'. 'Kabuliwala' was her last film

Dalia, suffered a brain haemorrhage in

in the capital. Her health condition kept

Doel made her film debut in 1982

through acting opposite Razzak in

deteriorating since then.

a child model and actress.

roles in nearly 100 films.

After Doel, whose real name is Ifte Ara

hospital on December 29. She was 45.

A CORRESPONDENT

dies of cancer

A two-day theatre Festival against corruption ended at Barisal Aswani Kumar Hall on Tuesday night.

"Through this festival we expressed solidarity with the movement for preventing

director MAP. Theatre teams of MAP staged "Shob Harader Deshey"; Pancha Shiri Group Theatre staged "Bichar Chai"; Barisal Theatre staged "Shironamhin" and "Fera"; Natyam staged "Swapna Chor" and Barisal Natak staged "Tobuo" at the festival.

Among others, AL lawmaker, Talukdar Md. Yunus; divisional chief UNICEF' A H Toufiq Ahmed; Professor Shah Sajeda; Jiban Krishna Dey; Dr. Syed Habibur Rahman; Mukul Das; Rahima Sultana Kajal; Kajal Ghosh; Professor Nazmul Hossain Akash and human rights activists Basudev Ghosh addressed the inaugural

Mobilisation for Alternative Programme (MAP) organised the event titled

'Durniti Birodhi Natya Utsab' with six plays staged by five troupes. corruption. We also called upon people to be conscious and active in realising the dreams of a corruption-free country", said Shubhangkar Chakraborty, executive

and closing ceremonies of the festival. A keynote paper on "Durniti Protirodhey Natak O' Natya Kormider Bhumika" (

against corruption ends OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

role of theatre and theatre activists in preventing corruption)' was also presented by Shaymol Sen at the festival.

Of Men Music and Movies

It happened on the night of December, the third. "The god of happiness", Dev Anand, who had given joy to millions in his packed sixty seven years of film life left for eternity. In the world of Hindi films, the inevitability of his death did not diminish its emotional impact.

Despite what we know about life, we just think some people will never die. Dev Anand's death was thus incongruous. For fans who knew him only onscreen, it was hard to reconcile the indestructible and quintessential 1946-2011 movie star to make a final bow to nature. For those who knew him off-screen as the writer, it was

only expected that the ever highly energetic, easygoing friend for all seasons would emerge as an emblem for many to follow. To his friends, he was just Dev, the man who had the guts to go to Bombay in 1945 for a career in films, with only Rs30 along with his most prized possession, an album of stamps, new and old, collected over the years. He initially stayed with the renowned journalist Khwaja Ahmad Abbas for a while. But he knew staying too long at the hospitality of friends could lead to mutual dislike and contempt arising out of familiarity. So, one fine morning he left, lying to his well wisher that he was off to his friend's house whom he had recently met. He took a bus that took him as far as the last few 'annas' in his pocket allowed. He got off the bus to face the sweltering Bombay heat. He badly needed a drink and he sold his stamp album for Rs30. Unbelievable stories, for an honour's English graduate of Lahore Government College. But his strong belief, 'that special ray of sunshine', would finally be on him,

His breakthrough as a leading man came in 1946, with Hum Ek Hain. His idol Ashok Kumar then starred him in 'Ziddi' which gave him a status. But it was in 1951 when he secured his reputation as an actor with a performance in Baazi. From then onwards, his charismatic appeal and inimitable charm took over most of his acting cre-

banner Navketan Films, from 1949. Over the years, his production house discovered or sensed talents of various hues. Directors (Guru Dutt, Vijay Anand), cameramen (V. Ratra, Fali Mistry), composers (SD and RD Burman), lyricists (Sahir Ludhianvi, Shailendra), actors (Waheeda Rahman, Zeenat Aman, Tabu), -- a phenomenal set of creative persons to emerge from the portals of Navketan. This makes him different from his contemporaries.

a new kind of urban male look that came into vogue in the early '50s. During his long innings in which he starred in 100 plus films, it is true he did not prove he was a great actor but he was always a big star; that

sion and, at the same time, cemented his trademark film persona,

essentially that of the romantic man. Fair and handsome, he stood for goodness, decency, sobriety and sound sense. A film had to be very bad indeed to undermine his appeal at the box office. From the 1950s to the 1970s, he was the star of the biggest hits of his career catapulting him to a position where no nearly every film he played in. Producers loved to team him with anyone from Khurshid, Suraiya, Kamini Kaushal, Nargis, Madhubala to Geeta Bali, Kalpana Kartik, Usha Kiran, Meena Kumari, Nalini Jaywant, Nutan, Vyjanthimala, Waheeda Rahman, Mala Sinha, Asha

Parekh, Sadhana to Hema Malini, Mumtaz, Rakhi, Sharmila Tagore, Zeenat Aman and even Suchitra Sen and Sandhya Roy. Not that Dev always played the prince of virtue. In Baazi (1951), he



was a scoundrel, a tramp, a have not, on the wrong side of the law but with a heart of gold; a roadside Romeo in House No: 44 (1954), a black marketeer in Kalabazar (1960). In Bombai Ka Babu (1960), he leering and finally sardonic cheat and earlier a respectable stab in Hum Dono (1962) with a double role. He also played a number of scoffed at his acting capability he would come out once in a while with Paying Guest (1957), a journalist in Solva Saal (1958), an architect in Tere Gharke Samne (1963), a salesman in Teen Deviyan (1965).

Guide was his greatest triumph both as a producer and an actor. It was the best too for Waheeda Rahman, the other lead actor, Vijay

was his driving force.

As a performer he drew on his startlingly good looks. He embodied

famous swagger in his gait, style of talking, jaunty smile to nonchalantly size up the leading ladies beat all in the game. When critics roles which made others envious, as in Kalapani, Kalabazar, Manzil, Bombai Ka Babu, Tere Ghar Ka Samne, Baat Ek Raat Ki, Hum Dono, Guide, Jewel Thief, Tere Mere Sapne. These raised him to his profes-

Dev had vision. He wanted to produce his own movies and so the

appeared as an impersonator; in Guide (1965) he was the loving, then sunnier roles in light comedy, such as the incompetent advocate in

THE WRITER IS A MUSIC CONNOISSEUR AND ASSOCIATED WITH RESEARCH IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

Asked on how her acting experience dovetails with that of being a ramp model, Joya answers it was an Gulshan's Pink City. Joya Ahsan says unforgettable experience in the TV

play "Cherry Phul", where she portrayed the role of a catwalk model. However, the actress adds that only time can tell whether there will be any future ramp modeling gigs for that her catwalk experience was set

As for her new year's resolution, off by an exquisite dress by the fash-Joya plans to continue working in good productions and maintain consistency in her performances. She will also travel to Kolkata next February to work in her first ever Indian film "Aborto". Joya's performance in the 2011 film "Guerrilla" has already earned acclaim in the country, and was judged as the best Asian film at the recent Kolkata festival. Traveling to cinema halls around the country for the launch of 'Guerrilla' was a unique experience, Joya adds.

> Her portrayal of Alta in "Choita Pagol" is also a first for the actress as it is a long running serial. Joya Ahsan termed Mahfuz Ahmed as one of her favorite co-workers, saying it was at his request that she agreed to do the extensive serial. Although scorching heat and torrential rain made the shooting process hard, the love that the audience bestowed on the cast and crew made the efforts worthwhile, adds Other works by Joya Ahsan in the

past year include the successful

serial, "Miththa Tumi Dosh Pipra" and many one-hour-TV plays and telefilms including "Bhalobashi Tai Bhalobeshe Jai", "Jol Torongo" and Meanwhile, the talented actress has also begun shooting for a Redwan Rony film titled

is enjoying working on the project.

Anand the director, SD Burman the composer, Fali Mistry, the camera-

heights and to become a bench mark in Hindi films. It was followed by

When his heydays were over, he gave the impression of being under

moral stress. He tried hard at portraying his conscience at work. But a

work. He moved on until the last day. He never cared whether the film

ridiculed so long his thought and message were released for people to

Certain elements in his character stand out. In his early days as an

actor, he was madly in love with Suraiya. She was his 'nosey'. He, her

"Steve'. But religion was the barrier to their unison. Fifty years later, at

Suraiya's death, his feelings were visible -- moist eyes, choked voice in

his first break as a Director in Baazi. He courted Kalpana Kartik and on

Waheeda Rahman was unknown in CID, but he was so impressed by

the presence of many. He kept his promise to Guru Dutt, giving him

the sets of Taxi Driver (1954), during a brief break between shots, he

her performance that he insisted that she receive equal billing. SD

from his terrace, the 'fallen from grace' Indian Defence Minister

Krishna Menon alighting from a ramshackle car, he rushed down to

Burman had a heart attack during the making of Guide and wanted to

quit; he waited until Dada's recovery that took months. When he saw

greet him and offer company. And he always picked up the phone, not

He had a style which few could match. When the undersigned met

him for the first time in his office, he gave the impression he was long-

He was known for his close connection with Pearl S. Buck, Shirley

ing to meet the man. Moving slowly to a corner, he took a book from

the shelf and read out a passage on Bangladesh. "I would never part

with this book," he said leaning against a wall that had a Van Gogh

Maclaine, the Chogyal of Sikkim, the King of Nepal. He shared his

Guinness and Frank Capra. He loved his country and even floated a

political party to give a new direction to Indian politics. A man whose

Adieu, my friend, the dinner that our buddy Ayesha was to arrange on

January 05 in Mumbai was destined not to be. You are now on your final

always be with us, the unforgettable star of mainstream Indian cinema!

journey; but 'Musafir, Jayega Kahan' -- we cannot let you go, you will

experiences with men like Charlie Chaplin, Vittorio De Sica, Alec

thinking was international.

That was Dev Anand.

was a flop or a hit, whether it was accepted or rejected, condemned,

movie is like the combined notes of all instruments that play melodi-

ously in harmony. If a note of any instrument goes out of tune, it

breaks the flow creating displeasure. Unfortunately, most movies

directed by Dev had this problem. But that did not stop him from

see, hear and react to. He was indefatigable.

cut across the street to register marriage with her.

another, the great thriller, Jewel Thief, which went into record as one

man and Shailendra, the lyricist. The film vaulted him to dizzying

hero had been before.

"Chorabali'" where she will star opposite Indian actor Indranil. In the movie, Joya Ahsan plays the role of a crime reporter. The actress has high hopes for the film and says she

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