

WHAT'S ON

Book Fair 92nd birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Venue: Bangladesh Shiksha Academy Date: March 15-26

Francophonie 2012 Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka (AFD) Venue: AFD, Gulshan and Uttara Date: March 15-24

Group Art Exhibition Title: Vision -5 Venue: Gallery Cosmos-2, New DOHS, Mohakhali Date: March 10-29 Time: 11am-8pm

Dance Drama Gaudya Nritya-Sakal Raser Dhara Organiser: ICC, Dhaka Venue: Main Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum Date: March 23

Musical Soiree Organiser: Grestudha Venue: Chakrapost Auditorium, H-72, Rd-15/A, Dharmoadi Date: March 24 Time: 7pm

Solo Art Exhibition Title: Anarchy and the Blue Artist: Shreyasmantra Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, Gulshan-1 Date: March 16-25 Time: 12pm-8pm

Theatre Play: The Distant Near Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, Shikhalata Academy Date: March 7pm

LIBERATION WAR IN SCULPTURE

Aparajevo Bangla at Dhaka University

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Syed Abdullah Khalid is regarded as one of the most brilliant sculptors of our country. A multitalented artist, Khalid has not only excelled in sculpture but also made an impression with his paintings.

Khalid's "Aparajevo Bangla" on Dhaka University campus has become an evocative icon. The sculpture is a reflection of the Bengali consciousness and indomitable yearning for freedom. The project was launched in 1973 when this artist was a young teacher at the Department of Fine Arts, Chittagong University.

Nevertheless Khalid -- high on patriotism -- was determined to finish the work of art. xHasina Ahmed, Syed Hamid Moksood and Badrul Alam Benu, who are very close to Khalid, modelled for "Aparajevo Bangla". The artist closely observed the models' personalities and his close association with them enabled him to do justice with his portrayal.

The project remained incomplete till the end of 1978. Some fundamentalist groups tried to demolish the sculpture in 1977. However, the brave students of Dhaka University fiercely guarded the work. After a long hiatus, the work began once more at the beginning of 1979 -- with a new vision. At last the project was finished on December 16, 1979. The sculpture was inaugurated by freedom willed fighters.

"There are monuments recognised and commissioned by the government, and then there are those made by the people. 'Aparajevo Bangla' falls in the latter category. I wanted to do something for my country and fellow citizens. After the Liberation War, I contemplated a plan to create a



symbol which would inspire generations of Bangladeshis," asserted Khalid.

Losing himself in nature, Khalid takes themes from this infinite source and plays with colours on the canvas. He likes to experiment with different forms and adores breaking and constructing them in many ways. In many of Khalid's works, one finds a great interchange between abstract and realistic forms. Works of Mustafa Monwar,

Rashid Choudhury, Quamrul Hasan and Zainul Abedin inspire Khalid.

Today Khalid has become the model of an ideal artist. Unfortunately he has received no assistance from the government or any organisation. However, the artist has no complaint. Imagination, love for nature and motherland continue to drive his artistic endeavours.

Art for changemakers

Painting competition for children

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A painting competition for children was held here at Jatiyo Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU) campus in Trishal upazila recently marking the 92nd birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

JKKNIU authority organised the competition, which saw the participation by students of different educational institutions in Trishal. Some 40 students from class one to eight participated in three groups.

The judges of the competition were Tapon Kumar Sarker, Safin Omar and Emdadur Rashid, all teachers of Fine Arts Faculty of JKKNIU.

Vice-chancellor of JKKNIU Professor Syed Giasuddin Ahmed inaugurated the competition as chief guest.

The winners of the painting competition were Nayma Nahiyun Nijhum, Nayem and Mashrafi-bin-Mahbub in 'Ka' group; Enam, Rahil Al Samiu and Sirajul Salehin Sahak in 'Kha' group while Fahmida Rahman Arpita, Nurun Nahar Liya and Mahfuza Khatun won in 'Ga' group.

A discussion was also held marking the occasion. President of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Teachers Association Professor Abdur Rahman Sarker was the chief guest. Vice-chancellor of JKKNIU Professor. Syed Giasuddin Ahmed presided over the discussion.

Treasurer of JKKNIU Professor Md. Abdul Bashar, Dean of Social Science Faculty Dr. Habibur Rahman, chairman of Accounting and Communication Systems Department Professor Subrata Kumar Dey, Professor Md. Nazrul Islam and chairman of Bengali Language and Literature Department Dr. Md. Mahbub Hossain, among others addressed the discussion.

The speakers said that the children will learn more about their country and its history through such competitions. They also demanded the speedy trial of war criminals that were a blot on the nation.

Later, prizes were distributed among the winners.



Mamunur Rashid honoured in his home district

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Prominent dramatist and actor Mamunur Rashid was given a warm reception at his ancestral home in Ghatail upazila, under Tangail district on Wednesday. The event celebrated Rashid's Ekushey Padak win.

The reception was held at the Upazila Parishad Auditorium, under the banner of 'Amra Ghatail-bashi' (people of Ghatail).

Mamunur Rashid, in his speech, said that Bangladeshi theatre will have to make a mark on the global stage and theatre activists have been working towards that goal.

He emphasised on the need for more theatre venues in every upazila of the country to generate public interest in and wider practice of the art form.



Mamunur Rashid

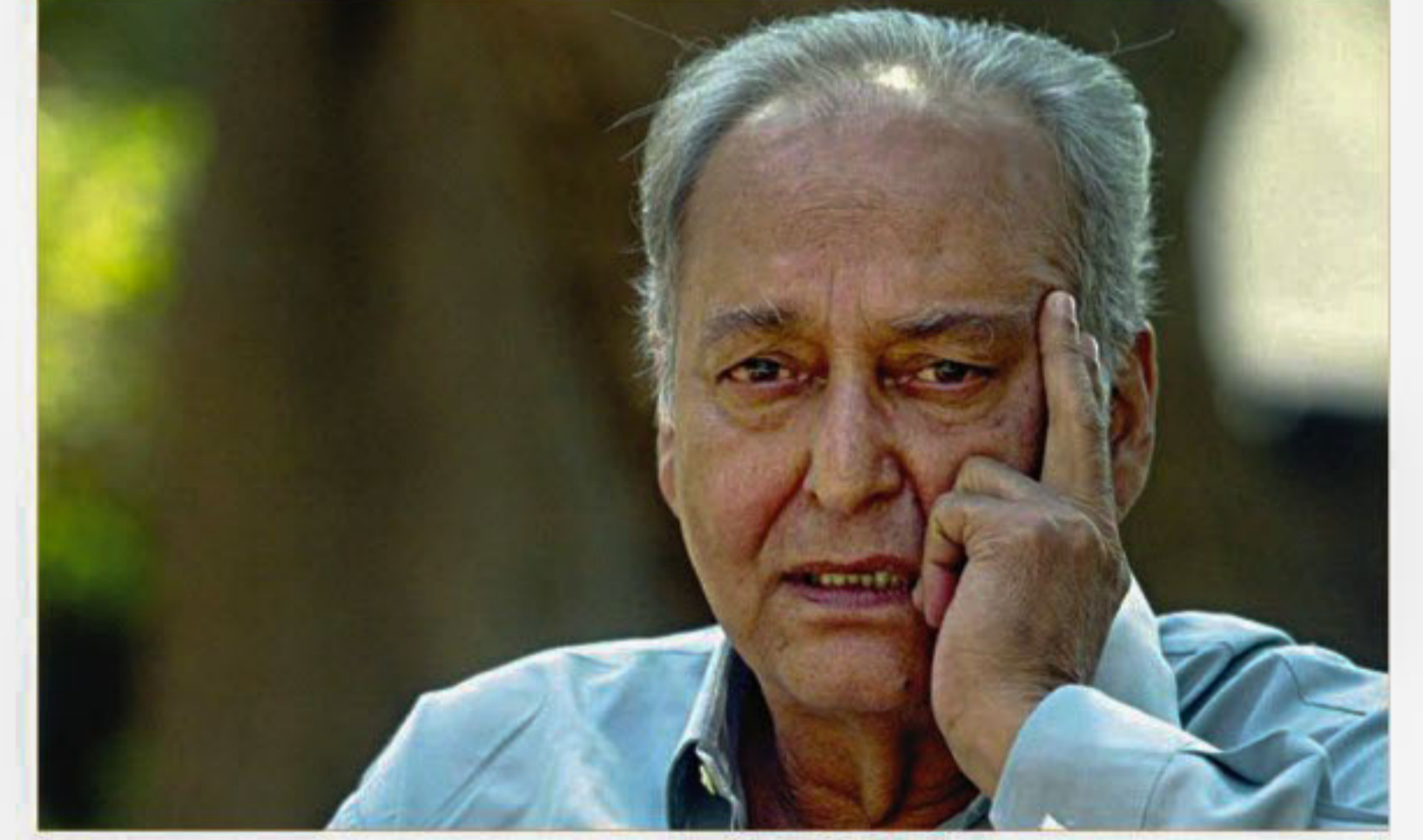
Ghatail Upazila Parishad Chairman Nazrul Islam Khan presided over the function.

Among others, secretary, central unit of Peshajibi Samonny Parishad, Dr. Kamrul Hasan Khan; Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Ghatail, Aleya Begum and Jamuria Islam Parishad chairman Shahidul Islam Khan addressed the function. Students of Mukul Academy, a local secondary school, gave a guard of honour to Mamunur Rashid.

Mamunur Rashid was born in Bhabandatta village, Ghatail upazila, Tangail district on February 29, 1948. He started writing plays in the 1960s and is still very active in the contemporary theatre scene.

He received Ekushey Padak 2012 for his immense contribution to the country's cultural arena.

Soumitra Chatterjee to receive Dada Saheb Phalke Award



PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Veteran Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee, known for his memorable performances in several of Satyajit Ray's films will receive the Dada Saheb Phalke award -- India's highest cinematic recognition -- for his lifetime contribution to the world of films.

The award jury has finalised 77-year-old Chatterjee's name and an announcement in this regard would soon be made.

Chatterjee, often called Ray's favourite hero, said the highest honour in Indian cinema was "a recognition of his lifelong work laced with the love of the people."

One of the finest actors India has produced, Chatterjee is known for his long association with master director Ray, starting in 14 of his films.

Having made his debut in Ray's 1959 film "Apar Sansar" opposite Sharmila Tagore; Chatterjee went on to act in several other of his masterpieces like "Devi", "Charulata", "Ghare Baire", "Ashani Sanket" [opposite Babita of Bangladesh], "Aranyer Din Ratri", "Ganashatru", "Sakha Proskaha" and "Mahaganag". Some of his most popular performances came in the role of detective Prodhosh Mitter aka Feluda in Ray's "Sonar Kella" and "Jai Baba Felunath" as also a school teacher fighting against a despot king in "Hirok Rajar Deshe".

Besides Ray, Chatterjee also worked with renowned Bengali directors like Tapan Sinha ("Kshudrito

Pashan"), Mrinal Sen ("Akash Kusum" and "Mahapritihibi" and Tarun Majumdar ("Gonodabata"). He also acted in many Bengali commercial movies like "Jhinder Bidi", "Bakshabadal", "Basanto Bilap", "Datta" [opposite screen legend Suchitra Sen], "Teen Bhubaner Parye", "Koni", "Saat Paake Bandha", "Baghini" and "Monihaar". Chatterjee has also worked with matinee idol Uttam Kumar in films like "Debdas", "Aparichito" and "Stree".

Chatterjee, who was honoured with the Padma Bhushan in 2004, won the national award for best actor in 2008 for his role in Suman Ghosh-directed "Padakkhep". He continues to add on to his huge body of work with new films, mostly commercial.

The actor has also featured in films directed by Gautam Ghosh, Aparna Sen and Rituparno Ghosh. Reacting to the honour accorded to him, Chatterjee said, "People's love, which is my capital, largely contributed to this honour which is a recognition of my lifelong work." "It gives me a feeling that my work has not gone unnoticed," he added. Soumitra also turned nostalgic at the news of the honour, saying, "I greatly remember my seniors in the film world...actors Chhabi Biswas and Tulsī Chakraborty. I miss my mentor Satyajit Ray, my teacher Tapan Sinha who are no more."

Besides films, Soumitra Chatterjee has since long been associated with the stage and elocution.

Pantomime Movement to perform at Indian National Mime Festival

Pantomime Movement of Chittagong has been invited to the National Mime Festival of India -- scheduled to be held from March 24 to 30, 2012 -- at Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Salt Lake, Kolkata, says a press release. Indian Mime Theatre Institution will organise the festival.

Pantomime Movement will present two mimo-dramas -- "Freedom" and "Banchar Sangram" on March 26 and

27 respectively. Rezwana Rajan directs these mimo-dramas.

A total of 25 groups would present their productions at the festival. Pantomime Movement is the only mime theatre group, from outside India, which has been invited to the festival.

A workshop on mimo-drama is scheduled to be held during the festival.

Richard Mayfield named British photographer of the year



Mayfield's work, Lisa, won him the prestigious award.

Richard Mayfield has been named photographer of the year by the British Institute of Professional Photography (BIPP), it has been announced.

Mayfield has been taking pictures professionally for 14 years and is currently the creative director of studio franchise Venture Photography.

His picture, entitled Lisa, won him the prestigious award. "I'm passionate about what I do and it's wonderful to be recognised in this way," he said.

Mayfield added: "It was a real pleasure to be joined by so many talented photographers that I admire and respect."

"I'm thrilled to have been named photographer of the year and that my work has been so well received by the BIPP and its members."

Mayfield's image was selected from a group of seven pictures. He also picked up nine further awards across three different categories.

The annual awards ceremony celebrates the best work from the UK and abroad.

BIPP President Roy Meiklejohn said: "The Professional Photography Awards acknowledge the achievements, sheer skill and dedication of professional photographers."

Source: BBC



Poet Al Mahmud (2-R) with the guests at the programme.

Citycell celebrates World Poetry Day with Kabitapatra Parishad

Citycell celebrated World Poetry Day with Kabitapatra Parishad. Kabitapatra Parishad organised a discussion on 'Future of Bangla Poetry' on World Poetry Day, March 21. Reputed poets recited their self-composed poems in the programme, says a press release.

Citycell has played a significant role in developing various cultural aspects of the nation. In line with developing various cultural aspects of the nation Citycell joined hands with Kabitapatra Parishad in promoting Bangladeshi poetry.

Reputed poet Al Mahmud was the chief guest of the programme. Kamal Uddin Sobuj, President of National Press Club; Suman Bhattacharjee, Human Resources Director; Taslim Ahmed, Head of Corporate Communications and Public Relations of Citycell. Ershad Majumder, President of Monthly Kabitapatra, reputed poets Fazal Shahabuddin; Belal Chowdhury and; Asad Chowdhury; Muhammad Nurul Huda with others attended the event.

The programme was sponsored by Citycell.

আকর্ষণীয় মুনাফা জাতীয় সঞ্চয় প্রকল্পসমূহ. ০১। পরিবার সঞ্চয়পত্র (৫-বছর মেয়াদী): মুনাফার হারঃ ১০.৪৫%। এক লক্ষ টাকায় প্রতি মাসে নীট মুনাফা ১,০৭০ (এক হাজার সত্তর) টাকা।

Tribute to Tareque Masud British Council special screening of "Runway" and "Ontorjatra"

From March 23-25, a special screening session of Tareque Masud's last film "Runway" will be held at the British Council Auditorium. An earlier film by Tareque and Catherine Masud, "Ontorjatra" will also be screened as part of the session, which is being jointly organised by the British Council and the recently-formed Tareque Masud Memorial Trusts says a press release. "Runway" will be screened at 3pm and 7pm on March 23and 24, and 3pm on March 25. "Ontorjatra" will have two screenings, at 5pm on March 23 and March 24. Along with the two main films, the Liberation War -based short film "Naroshundor (The Barbershop)" will also be screened. Entry passes, priced

minimally at Taka 30 each, will be available from 10am at the British Council gate on the day of the screening.

All proceeds from the shows will go to the non-profit Tareque Masud Memorial Trust, which is dedicated to the task of preserving and completing Masud's works.

"Runway" was released February 10 in Dhaka. Since then the film has been screened at various venues around the city and the country. It was also recently screened on March 14 as the inaugural film of the International Social Communication and Cinema Conference organised by the West Bengal Government in Kolkata.



A scene from "Ontorjatra".

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