

WHAT'S ON

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Tribute to Great Master Salfudin Ahmed
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-42, R-16(New), Dharmamohi
Date: June 5-16

Poetry Recitation
Title: Shalokbar Kalia
Excoordinator: Syed Shamul Haq
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, Gulshan-1
Date: June 16

Musical Soiree
Artist: Farida Parveen
Venue: Indra Gandhi Cultural Centre, H-35, R-24, Gulshan 1
Date: June 15
Time: 6:00pm

Group Art Exhibition
Featuring over 60 Bangladeshi Artists
Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts, Cha-72/1/0, Uttara Badda
Date: June 9-July 9

Book Launch
Title: Tareque Masud: Life & Dreams
Venue: British Council Auditorium, Fuller Road, Dhaka
Date: June 16
Time: 6pm

Theatre
Play: Kanjoh
Troupe: Loko Natyadal
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: June 13

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Beautiful Bangladesh
Artist: Shohag Parvez
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-28, R-16 Sector-4, Uttara
Date: June 15-27
Time: 11pm-3pm

Solo Photo Exhibition
Title: Heritage & Panoramic Beauty of Bangladesh
Artist: Abdur Robul Djalil
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Date: June 1-14; Time: 3pm-5pm

The right direction

Face to face with Zahid Hasan

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Leading actor Zahid Hasan has been hugely successful in TV plays. He has won the most Meril Prothom Alo awards for his performances in TV drama. He received a National Film Award for his stellar performance on the silver screen as well. Not just that, Zahid Hasan is now a regular in TV play direction -- currently working on a serial called "Toto Company"



The thespian turned director recently spoke to The Daily Star.

Are you currently busy with shooting?
Zahid Hasan: Yes, I'm shooting in Sirajganj. This is my hometown; I was born and brought up here. I'm directing a new serial called "Toto Company", written by Ashrafal Chanchal.

What is the story about?
Zahid Hasan: It's about life in a small town -- the reason why I chose my own district town to shoot the drama. I hope the audience will enjoy the serial, as well as receive its message.

Are you acting in the serial?
Zahid Hasan: Yes, I play the role of a journalist.

Is it difficult to direct and act at the same time?
Zahid Hasan: I am known as an actor. I'm more comfortable when I'm acting. You could say that a kind of yearning to accomplish more brought me to direction. My intention is to create something good, and I'm working to meet that end. I have no trouble in doing both at the same time.

What is the biggest challenge while directing?
Zahid Hasan: The selling price of TV dramas has not gone up, but every other production cost has increased. Actor's remuneration, rent for shooting houses, cameraman's wages -- everything is on the rise, except for the selling price of TV plays. This is the biggest problem right now.

Which play brought you recognition as a director?
Zahid Hasan: Definitely "Lal Neel Beguni". I've directed many other dramas since then that have become popular, but the success of "Lal Neel Beguni" remains unmatched.

The audience is turning away from lengthy serials because of their stale stories. What is your opinion on this?
Zahid Hasan: I believe that one has to outline the entire

Litterateurs from India and Bangladesh converge

Birth anniversaries of Tagore and Nazrul

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinaipur

Poets, authors and researchers of Bangladesh and India converged at a remote village, under Chirribandar upazila, of Dinaipur district to celebrate the birth anniversaries of Tagore and Nazrul. The two-day programme at Ranirbandar village concluded on Sunday evening. The Literature and Cultural Department of Nazrul Pathagar (library) and Club held the event at its premises.

Advocate Mostafizur Rahman Fizar, State Minister for Land, inaugurated the programme as chief guest. The programme featured a discussion, reunion, awarding crests to litterateurs and poets and prize distribution among the winners of the cultural competition.

The programme started with a discussion, presided over by an advocate of Nilphamari court and president of Nazrul Library and Club, Tushar Kanti Roy. Dr. Shushil Bhattacharya, a President Award winning teacher from West Bengal and researcher on Nazrul, was the key discussant.

As many as 200 poets and writers of the neighbouring countries gathered at the programme celebrating the two birds.

Eminent literary persons of India including Dr. Md. Motiur Rahman; Dr. Firoza Begum; Dr. Md. Shamim

Firdous and Shanchita Das were present. Also present were Salem Suleri, a poet and journalist and a member of New York Press Club's executive committee; Dr. Abdus Sobhan, Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University; Mukul Roy, Deputy Commissioner (Tax), Dhaka region; Md. Azizul Imam Chowdhury, Administrator of Dinaipur Zila Parishad; Nasrin Nihar, editor of Arunima; Nur Hossain Talukdar, director general of National Library; Mannan Sarker, Head of Islamic History of Dinaipur Govt College and Ahsanul Haque Chowdhury, Deputy Director of Dinaipur Social Welfare Department.

The speakers said that India and Bangladesh were fortunate to have towering literary personalities like Nazrul Islam and Rabindranath Tagore. "They were the fountainhead of wisdom. Although it is difficult to fathom the depth of Rabindranath Tagore and Nazrul's prophetic visions, they are still relevant to our times," added Dr. Shushil.

In his speech, the minister, said that through their magnificent literature, Nazrul and Tagore created a bond between the two countries.

On Sunday evening, the reunion programme concluded with a vibrant cultural programme.

Nazrul Pathagar O Club, established in 1954 at Ranirbandar village of Dinaipur, has been organising the programme over the last five years, added Md.

Nazrul birth anniversary celebrated in Kishoreganj

TAFSILUL AZIZ, Kishoreganj

In observance of Rebel Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's 113th birth anniversary, a special programme was held at Kishoreganj Shilpakala Academy amidst festivity. Kishoreganj Bangali Oitijhya Moncho organised the daylong programme last Saturday. The event included a discussion, poetry recitation, music and a contest for children. The function was chaired by

convener of the organisation, Debashish Bhoumik. The speakers were Abu Khaled Pathan, president of Zila Sangskritik Jote; Advocate Nasir Uddin Faruki; secretary of district Public Library, Mir Rejaul Karim; and Aslamul Haq Aslam, member secretary of Bangali Oitijhya Moncho.

The high points of the function were poetry recitation, Nazrul songs in chorus, solos and duets by artists.

Faruk to go to Bangkok for treatment

A CORRESPONDENT

Veteran film star Faruk is critically ill. He is all set to go to Bangkok, Thailand on June 14 for medical treatment. Faruk's wife Farhana Pathan has confirmed the news. He will undergo treatment at the Bumrungrad Hospital in Bangkok.

Faruk is now being treated at Apollo Hospital in Dhaka. He is under Dr. Krishna Mohan Sahu and Dr. Shams Monwar's supervision. The actor is suffering from lungs and kidney ailments. Faruk was provided dialysis on the day before yesterday. Actors, directors and producers are frequently visiting the veteran thespian almost everyday. Faruk suddenly started having breathing problems on May 7. He was admitted to the hospital when his condition deteriorated.

"I went to the hospital to see him. Faruk bhai is a very good person and a great actor. I have acted with Faruk bhai in many films. I want him to get better, so that we can work together again," said noted actress Babita.

"I acted with Faruk in several films. We are good friends. I pray to the Almighty Allah for his well-being," said veteran actor Razzak.

"I was very upset hearing about Faruk bhai's sudden illness. I am praying for his safe return," said Rozina.

Faruk acted in a number of popular films including "Alor Michhil", "Noyon Momi", "Lathial", "Abar Tora Manush Haw", "Kotha Dilam", "Golapi Ekhon Train-e" and "Sareng Bori". Faruk is an unmatched in rural roles. The seasoned actor also bagged several National Film Awards.



London 2012

How Shakespeare's "Tempest" shapes the ceremonies

Danny Boyle has revealed that Shakespeare will go to the Olympic Games -- with ceremonies heavily inspired by the playwright's work "The Tempest". Opening ceremonies artistic director Boyle came up with the theme "Isles of Wonder" after gaining inspiration from Caliban's speech in "The Tempest" which opens with the line: "Be not afeard; the isle is full of noises."

Boyle told the BBC that the speech will be inscribed on a 27-tonne bell which will be rung in the Olympic Stadium to reflect the start of the Games.

"The speech is about the wondrous beauty of the island and his deep, deep affection and devotion to it. And that's what we felt in preparing the show," he said. Kim Gavin, artistic director for the Paralympic closing ceremony was also inspired by the quote.

So what is so significant about the play and more importantly the speech? The play is set on a remote island where an exiled Duke, Prospero, plots to restore his daughter the Princess Miranda to her rightful place in Milan.

The Tempest -- a storm -- brings to the island Prospero's usurping brother Antonio and the complicit Alonso. There is a series of revelations and the play tells the tale of Prospero's quest to re-establish justice. But it is a speech by Prospero's slave Caliban which really forms the central theme of the London 2012 ceremonies.

performed at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-Upon-Avon from March until May, and again from July to October. There will also be a stint at The Roundhouse, London in June and July.

It was put on in Bangla in early May as part of the Globe to Globe section of the World Shakespeare Festival at the Globe Theatre in London.

SOURCE: BBC



Helen Mirren in the film version of "The Tempest" in 2010.

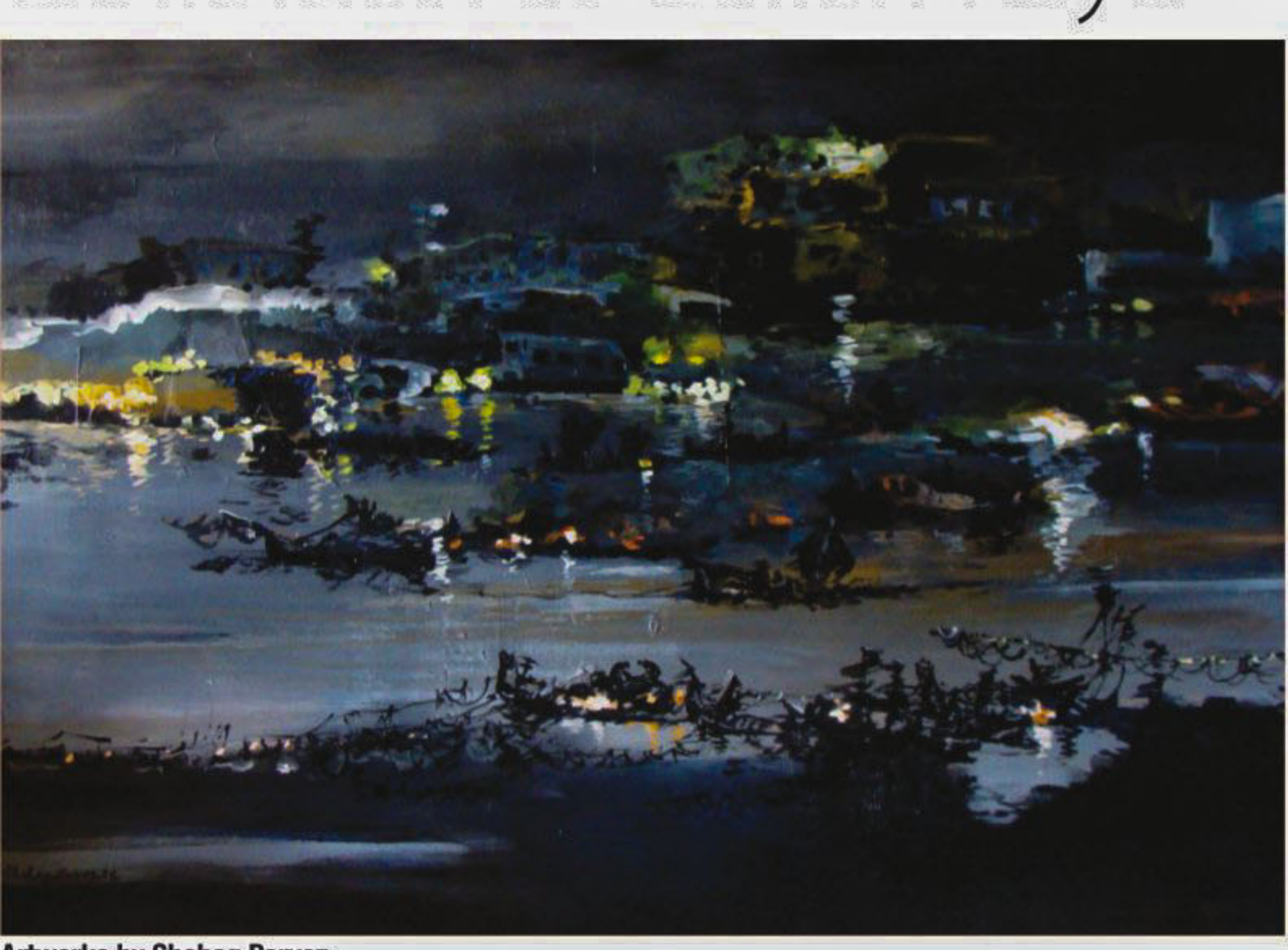
He explained why it is such a significant speech for him.

"It's a stunning speech about the beauty of an island's voice. The brilliance is that it's delivered by the outsider Caliban who seems to have a better understanding of the island's beauty than the man who rules it. What matters is that the speech shows the greatest sensitivity to the island, its music and voices."

Boyle said he hoped the bell made by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry would remain at the Olympic Park for future generations.

"The Tempest" will be

Shohag Parvez's solo exhibition at Galleri Kaya



Artworks by Shohag Parvez.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Galleri Kaya in Uttara, Dhaka will host a solo art exhibition, titled "Beautiful Bangladesh", featuring the works of painter Shohag Parvez. The exhibition will be inaugurated on June 15, and will continue till June 26.

Rupali Chowdhury, managing director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd, will inaugurate the exhibition. Veteran artist Samarjit Roy Chowdhury and architect Rabiul Hussain will grace the inaugural programme.

When he began, Shohag's paintings highlighted his interest in nature -- representing the affluent abundance of colours, views, light, shade and serenity. The USP of these paintings is the flowing quality achieved through watercolours, in non-abstract form. His presentation is smooth, natural and dynamic. As subjects, he prefers seasonal changes, the hilly landscape of Chittagong, traditional lifestyle of indigenous communities, vivid representations of the powers of storm, mustard and green paddy fields in autumn etc.

Lipi's installation auctioned at Christie's

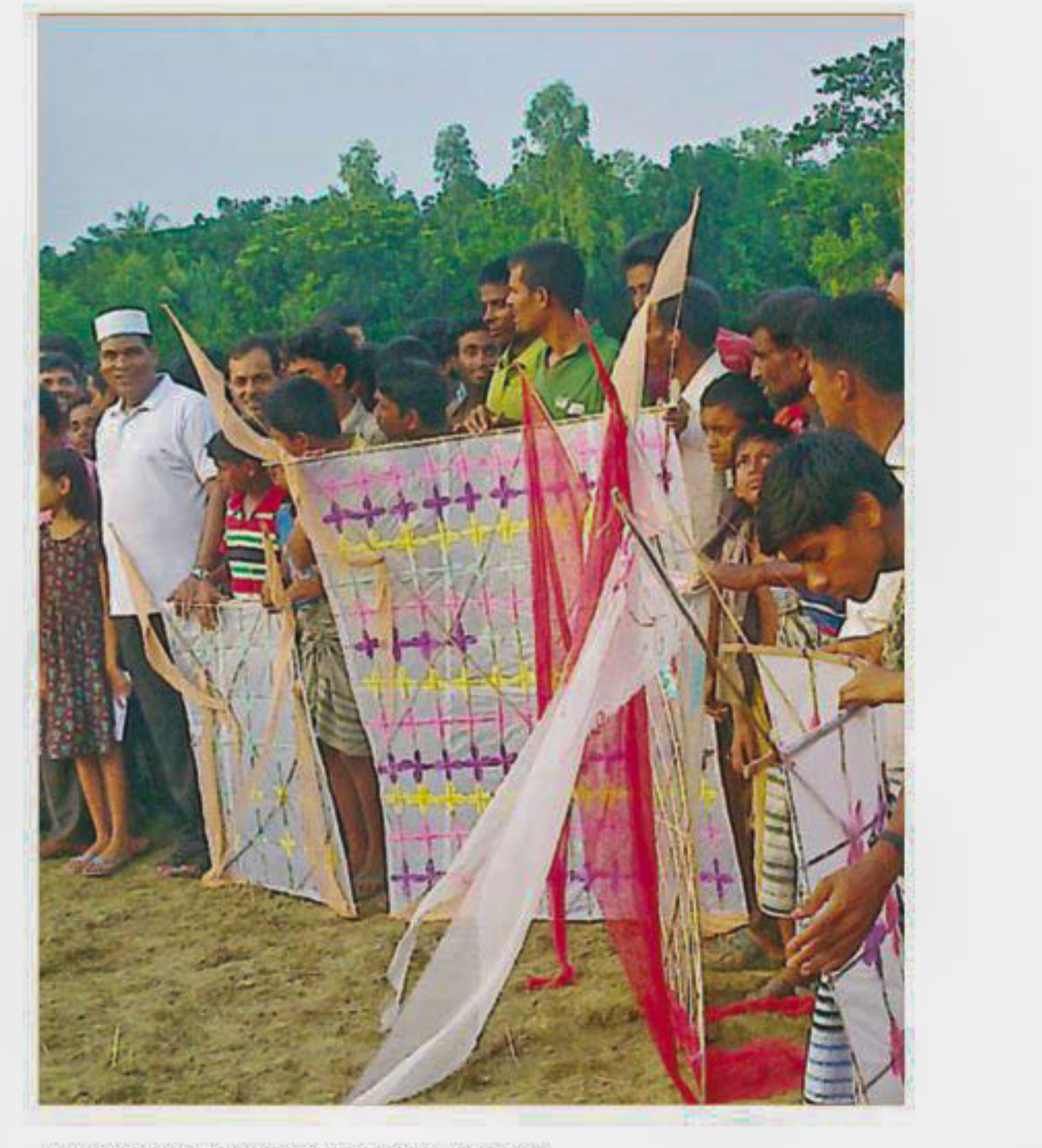
A CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi artist Tayeba Begum Lipi's installation "Bizarre and Beautiful II" was auctioned on June 11 at Christie's, in London. Her work was auctioned for US\$ 10,615. The highlight of the auction, however, was Indian master Tyeb Mehta's artwork (acrylic on canvas) -- sold for US\$ 2,154,064, according to Samdani Art Foundation sources.



Flying high

Kite festival in Pabna



AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

A two-day traditional kite festival concluded in Pabna on Sunday. The festival, organised by villagers, was held at Golahat field of Varara union in Pabna Sadar upazila.

Chairman of Varara Union Parishad, Abu Sayeed Khan, inaugurated the festival as the chief guest. The inaugural of the festival also featured a discussion. Among others, former UP chairman Md. Monir Hossain, social worker Sagor Uddin; UP member Halimuzzaman Lenin and Md. Boshir Uddin focused on the heritage of the kite festival in their speeches.

The kite festival is a typical rural event for Bengalis, said the speakers adding that the tradition of kite flying is fast losing its appeal due to the influence of perceived urbanism.

Over 100 participants from different areas of the district participated in the event.

Nazrul Islam of Arwargabad village won the first prize at the festival while Manik Hossain of Bokshipur and Shahadat Hossain of Bakdipara, of Pabna, came in second and third respectively.

People from different areas of the district made a beeline to the festival.

Making a name for himself

Lalon devotee and Pala Gaan artiste Nazrul Boyati

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenaidah

Forty-four year old Lalon devotee and Pala Gaan artiste Nazrul Islam Boyati has made a name for himself in Jhenaidah and neighboring districts by dint of his commitment.

Born in Armutkhi village, under Kaliganj upazila of the district, he was inspired to learn Pala Gaan and Lalon songs from his elder brother Aruj Ali. Boyati was in class seven at that time and trained under his brother from 1979 to 1981. Later, he learnt to play the harmonium from Shukur Ali of Balarampur village, dotara from another Pala Gaan artiste Akbar Saijee of Dudrajpur village, violin on his own, and sharinda from his elder brother Aruj Ali.

He took lessons in Pala Gaan and Lalon songs under the famed and reputed Pala Gaan artiste Abdul Halim Boyati in Dhaka. He learnt at least 1,200 songs of Lalon, Halim Boyati, Razzak Dewan and Rashid Sarkar.

At present, Nazrul Islam Boyati has four disciples in Pala Gaan and Lalon songs: Sohrab Hossain of Manikganj, Shekher Ali Bhitshwar, Aminul Islam Manikganj and Kajali of Dudrajpur village.

He has performed with veteran artistes such as Aruj Ali, Abdur Rashid Sarkar, Paresh Dewan, Kajal Dewan, Abul Sarkar and Maya Rani. He was a regular artiste on



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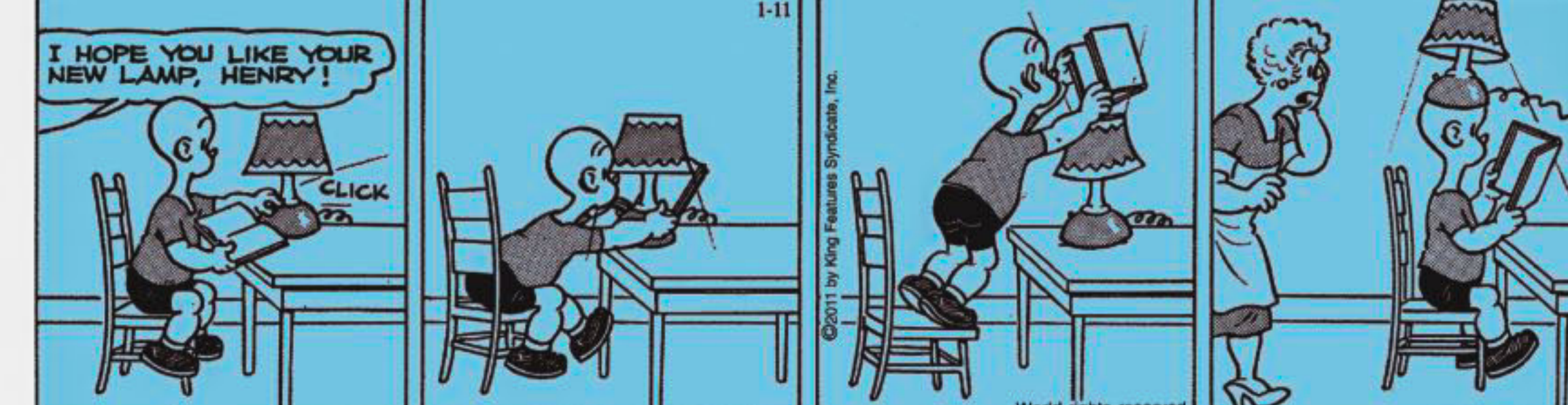
Boyati has come a long way since his early days. He has performed at least 5000 Pala Gaan in Bangladesh and India so far.

Boyati now resides in Kaliganj upazila town.

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ATN BANGLA		Adda	
01:25	Band View	09:00	Maaranga Television
05:10	Dekha Odehka Cox's Bazar	09:30	Euro 2012: Highlights
08:00	Destination Unlimited	09:30	Amazing Animals
08:40	Drama Serial: Chand Phul Omahobshy	10:00	Euro Protidin
			Euro 2012: Portugal Vs Denmark (Live)
10:55	Bibeker Kache Proshno	12:45	Euro 2012: Germany Vs Netherlands (Live)
CHANNEL I		CHANNEL 24	
11:05	Sports Time	01:05	Travel Show
12:30	Tamka Kothon	03:05	Drama Serial: Jadur Shabar
01:05	Ebhong Cinemar Gaan	08:10	Made in Bangladesh
03:05	Tele-film	11:45	Sports 24
07:50	Spelling Bee	12:00	Talk Show
nTV	Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	11:30	GTV
06:10	Shubho Shondhya	01:05	Bangla Feature Film Chikayachhobir Gaan
08:15	Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe	03:15	Chikayachhobir Gaan
09:00	Gaan	06:45	Je Shar Prane Momo
		09:00	Alker Onanya
11:30	Drama Serial: Terminal	11:00	Aganir Bhabna

RADIO	
abc Radio FM 89.2	10:00 Morning Express
06:00	Bhorer Jani Jay
09:00	Mukhonto Jiboney
12:00	Daman Duprey
03:00	Dewan Bakiy
05:00	Shoobha Tara
07:00	Shaj'er Maya
09:00	Raaf'er Akashy
11:00	Gajep Shesh Nes
Radio Foorti	12:00 Today's Adda
07:30	Hello Dhaka
	04:00 DhaKa Calling
	09:00 Front Riders
	RADIO TODAY FM 89.5
	06:00 Green FM
	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
	12:00 Today's Adda
	04:00 U Tum
	07:00 Today's Hit
	10:00 Raaf' Bhor Gaan

Spelling Bee
On CHANNEL I at 07:50pm
Education Based Programme
Host: Munna & Intiaz Nawsher

Robin Hood
On HBO at 11:50pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett

Radio Chocolate
On Radio TV at 08:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Mosharraf Karim, Sumaiya Shimu

ETV		Fox Movies	
11:30	Ekushey-er Business	03:05	The Replacement Killers
06:30	Baala Ontor	04:35	Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid
7:00	Tadi		Sam's Trip
07:50	Drama Serial: Kamini	07:00	Species II
09:30	Drama Serial: Kamini	08:30	Species III
10:10	Trinamool Sanglap	10:20	Once Upon A Time
		11:10	Limitless
Boishakhi TV		HBO	
11:15	The Business Show	10:40	No Strings Attached
04:15	Shazochoni Doctor	02:55	Blade
08:35	Boro Bhalebachi Gaan	05:20	American History X
09:20	Drama Serial: Dgnipath	07:45	Jonah Hex
11:00	Reporters Dairy	09:30	2 Fast 2 Furious
		11:50	Robin Hood
BANGLAVISION		Star World	
01:05	Bangla Feature Film	03:30	Two and a Half Men
05:20	Bichitra	04:30	Desperate Housewives
09:05	Nacho Bangladesh	08:30	The Big Bang Theory
	Nacho	09:30	Jc Master Chef
	Music Club	10:30	Castle
Desh TV		National Geographic Channel	
05:00	Durpath	11:30	Mission Arctic
06:00	Kalpoteker Golpokotha	03:30	Monkey Thieves
06:30	Durer Janala		
07:45	Drama Serial: Saakshon		
09:45	Bangladesh-er Shathe		

DRAMA SERIAL	
ATN BANGLA	08:15pm Bokupure Jari
09:20pm	Poush Phaguner Pala Rtv
CHANNEL I	
09:30pm	Bhictor Bahir
nTV	
09:45pm	Dakhhazopon-er Din
08:00pm	Pashon-er Kamna
BANGLAVISION	
08:15pm	Bokupure Jari
08:15pm	Parsho Pratikra
08:15pm	Radio Chocolate
08:30pm	Radio Chocolate
08:30pm	Khorakaly
08:00pm	Bachelor the Family

NEWS BULLETIN	
BTV	News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm, News (English) at 10am, 4pm, 10pm.
ATN BANGLA	News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm, News (English) at 9am, 6pm
CHANNEL I	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm.
nTV	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
ETV	News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
Boishakhi TV	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm, News (English) at 9am, 5pm.
BANGLAVISION	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.
Desh TV	News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm.
Star World	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
Massaranga Television	News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am.

TALK SHOW	
ATN BANGLA	12:05am Ekushey-er
06:50pm	Kichimona Raaf
12:30am	Lead News
CHANNEL I	
12:05pm	Titto Marai Apni
11:30pm	Aloy Bhudhon Bhora
BANGLAVISION	
12:05pm	Zero Hour
06:25pm	Front Line
nTV	
12:30am	B Shomoy
09:40pm	Tandlap
ETV	
12:05am	Our Democracy