Int'l Day for World's Indigenous Peoples

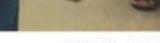
Call for empowerment











(Clockwise from top-left) Indigenous women in colourful traditional attire (Mymensingh). The Garo, Koach and Barmon people, cheerful in the colours of their tradition (Tangail).

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Hundreds of indigenous people from different parts of Mymensingh region joined the day-long celebrations for International Day of the World's Indigenous People on

Thursday in Mymensingh town. Marking the celebrations, indigenous people from different areas of Mymensingh region gathered in Mymensingh town and joined the day's programmes in

colourful traditional indigenous attire. Greater Mymensingh Adivasi Development Committee, Bangladesh Garo Chhatra Sangathan, Garo Students Union, Bangladesh Garo Chhatra Sangathan, Joyenshahi

Adibasi Parishad, Garo Women Association and Adibasi Sangskritik Goshthi jointly organised the programme. A cultural function was held at Mymensingh Zila Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the afternoon. Indigenous Garo artistes joined the cultural event and performed traditional songs and dances, enthralling the

huge audience. Through the songs and dance sequences, the artistes depicted the traditional lifestyle of the indig-

Mahua Hajong and Mithu Hajong led the dance sequences. Sumi Marak led the rendition of songs. The team was assisted by Sohagh Chiran on tabla.

Suranjon Raksam, joint-secretary of the celebration committee; Lupa Mrong and Lipa Dibra presented the cultural programme.

Earlier, a colourful rally was brought out from Mymensingh Gymnasium. Traditionally attired indige-

nous people of all ages joined the rally. Suvash Gengsum, an indigenous writer and researcher, inaugurated the rally.

As part of the celebrations, a discussion titled "Indigenous Media: Empowering Indigenous Voices" was held at Zila Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the afternoon.

Mayor of Mymensingh Municipality Md. Nazrul Islam was the chief guest. President of Hindu-Buddhist-

Christian Oikya Parishad advocate Bikash Roy, advocate Emdadul Haque Millat, Regional Director of CARITAS, Mymensingh Theofil Nokrek, secretary general of Tribal Welfare Association central unit Swarnakanta Hajong, divisional director of World Vision, Mymensingh Pintu Areng, president of Bangladesh Mohila Parishad Ferdous Ara Mahmuda Helen and president of Lawyers and Journalists Forum advocate Probir Kumar Majumder were the special guests.

Tribal Welfare Association Sadarupazila unit president Hillol Nokrek chaired the discussion.

The speakers said that many indigenous people took

part and laid down their lives in the country's War of Liberation in 1971. Therefore they have every right to get their constitutional rights.

The indigenous leaders noted that some 25 lakh 'plainland' indigenous people live in the country and to give them a better deal the government should establish

The leaders also demanded a 5 percent quota in government services for indigenous people. They also urged the government to celebrate the day with due respect.

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

The Garo, Koach and Barmon people of Madhupur Gar region observed International Day for World's Indigenous Peoples on August 9 on the theme of "Indigenous media, Empowering Indigenous Voices".

Various programmes, including a cultural function, colourful rally and a discussion were organised here to

The Garo, Koach and Barmon people of Madhupur and adjacent areas brought out a colourful procession in Madhupur upazila headquarters with their traditional musical instruments and traditional weapons.

An eye catching cultural function was held at the pre-

mises of a local high school at Jalchhatra where Garo girls wearing colourful dresses performed their traditional songs and dances.

The cultural function was inaugurated with 'Dhoop Aroti' as part of the old tradition of the Garo people. It was presided over by 'Khamal' (priest) Dosin Nokrake of

A group of Garo veterans performed music with their traditional instruments, while girls performed inaugural songs on the same stage.

Earlier, a discussion was held.

Madhupur Upazila Parishad Chairman Abdul Gafur Montu and Vice-chairman Jostina Nokrake addressed the discussion as chief guest and special guest respectively.

Speakers at the discussion demanded constitutional recognition of the indigenous people as 'Adivasia' and the resolution of land issues through the formation of a separate land commission. They also urged the government to preserve their

nous Peoples in the future. Several stalls were set up by the Garo people at the same venue, with various traditional items, including handicrafts, cloths and food items on display.

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Eid for Shakila Zafar

Versatile singer Shakila Zafar has not lost an iota of her excitement for Eid even as she recovers from a bout of viral fever, which has slowed her down somewhat. Though she is not recording for any special TV show or albums at the moment, she spoke to The Daily Star about her Eid plans:

How do you plan to spend Eid day? Will you be celebrating outside Dhaka?

Shakila Zafar: No. It is my priority to share this special day with my parents. We love to celebrate Eid in a traditional manner. My father goes with his grandchildren to offer special prayers early in the morning, while my mother prepares special dishes for lunch that our entire family enjoys.

my cooking, saying "Tomar hathe jadoo achhey" (There is magic in your cooking!), which is why I

new recipes.

Do you cook as well?

What about gifts? Shakila Zafar: Receiving and giving gifts during the festival are equally exciting for me. I like to buy the

entertain guests at dinner on Eid day. I love to try out

Shakila Zafar: Yes. People often compliment me on

trendy deshi items such as sari, panjabi, fotua as gifts. What about the disadvantaged? Do they figure in

only during festivals but the year round. I distribute seasonal fruits to underprivileged children and it gives me immense pleasure to do so. They are a part of our

your Eid celebrations? Shakila Zafar: Yes, I believe in giving gifts to them not society and should be given love and care.

SHUTTLECOCK BOYS

Easy viewing

KAVITA, New Delhi

A film titled "Shuttlecock Boys" is all about badminton, right? Wrong because the sport is incidental to the intriguingly titled film. Here we have four friends, from a lower middle class background who frustrated with their present jobs put their heads together to break loose. And of course badminton forms a backdrop to

So the protagonists Gauray, Manay, Pankaj and Loveleen set off on a journey with its fair share of frustration, challenge and sometimes a glimmer of success. Giving up their present occupations as call centre employee, credit card salesman, chef and aspiring chartered accountant, the foursome hit upon the idea of setting up a catering business.

The journey to success is rocky--no kitchen to cook in, no clients and steadily diminishing savings. As they overcome the obstacles in their path, comes another shocker. Nevertheless, the film ends on a note of optimism and hope.

Director Hemant Gaba says the film has parallels with his own life. As he says, "I looked back into my life and combined two bits. First when I was 16-17 years old was used to play badminton with friends in our neighbourhood just like the protagonists. Second, I worked in a software company from the age of 21 to 28. This was the time when we were used to discuss the monotony of our jobs and just wanted to break free from and do something on our own... and our lead characters also decide to do something on their own."

However, Gaba seemed to have bitten off more than he could chew. Shooting in over 18 locations in just 20 days with over 40 speaking characters was a daunting task. The first day, when they were shooting in a park the entire police station came and asked the crew and cast to leave. "We shot all the exteriors in guerrilla style. We used to station one car in each direction approximately 500 metres away from the shooting



It is to the credit of Gaba that his debut film holds is entertaining, even if simplistic. The music by

Henry

Avinash Baghel is easy on the ear and the overall pro-

The compliments have poured in. An enthusiastic viewer tweeted after the press show "Even after the film finished, people still stayed in their seats'"

"May be they wanted something more to happen," says Gaba laughingly.

Jackson websites shut down for violating copyright

Katherine and his three children.

REUTERS, Los Angeles

A Canadian memorabilia dealer who worked with Michael Jackson's mother on a tribute book, and whose websites used the singer's image and music, violated copyrights held by Jackson's estate, a judge

A federal judge in Los Angeles granted an injunction blocking entrepreneur Howard Mann from using the websites "michaeljacksonsecretvault.com" and "MJgives.com" and other similar domain names, saying he had infringed the dead singer's intellectual property

"There is undisputed evidence that (Mann) intended in bad faith to profit from use of Jackson's name, by registering multiple domain names containing his name or the initials 'MJ' to sell Jacksonrelated products," U.S. District Judge Dean Pregerson wrote in his ruling.

The executors of Jackson's estate filed the case against Mann in January 2011, 18 months after the "Thriller" singer's sudden death in Los Angeles from an overdose of the surgical anesthetic propofol. The estate holds the copyright to Jackson's image and music for the benefit of the singer's mother

Judge Pregerson sided with executors, who claimed that the websites run by Mann used copyright protected clips of Jackson's song "Destiny", a logo featuring the self-styled "King of Pop" and art from the posthumous concert movie "This Is It".

Mann has worked with Katherine Jackson on several projects since 2009, including a 2010 "Never Can Say Goodbye" coffee table book featuring recollections of her son, as well as a DVD and calendar featuring what were described as never before seen photos and video.

Rally and memorial meeting for **Humayun Ahmed**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ihenidah

On Friday morning at the initiative of Jagoroni Shahitya Parishad and Banolata Natya Shangsad of Moheshpur, a solemn rally was brought out and a memorial meeting held for illustrious author Humayun Ahmed. The meeting was held at Moheshpur Secondary Teachers' Association

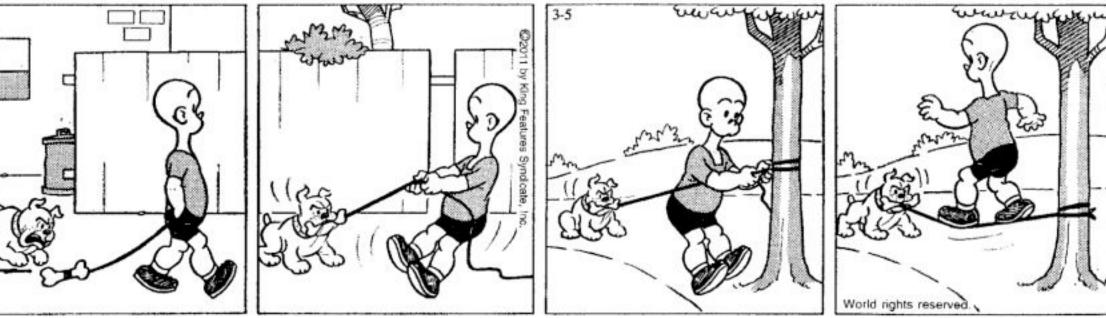
auditorium. Kobi Shyamsundar Kundo director of JagoroniSahitya chaired the meeting. Adv. Shafikul Azam Khan, lawmaker of Jhenidah-3 was present as chief guest while Adv. Amirul Islam poura mayor of Moheshpur, retired headmaster ATM Khairul Islam of Moheshpur Secondary School, poet Mitul Sayef, Shahidul Islam Nirbahi director of Banolata Natyashangsad, M.K Tutul founder of Matribhasha Public library and children's film producer Tanjim Tajwar Gourab were present as special guest at the meeting.

The discussants said that at Humayun is our guide and we should follow his path.

area. So if we saw any trouble we would get to know and push off," says Gaba duction professional. attention despite the fact that the protagonists, Aakar Kaushik, Manish Nawani, Alok Kumar and Vijay Prateek are raw to filmdom. The entirely credible plot

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X-Men: The Last Stand

07:00 Lara Croft Tomb Raider: Captain America Star World

Master Chef Australia Two and a Half Men Drama Serial: Chorkab Discovery Channel Dhrupodi Kahini 11:30 Man Woman Wild

02:30 Man vs. Wild

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