

## WHAT'S ON



**Syed Shamsul Haq**  
Matya Utsab  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA  
Date: Apr 19-27  
Time: 6pm



**An Evening of Rock Music**  
Band LRB (Live Rock Band) led by Ayub Bachchu  
Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, W 34, Rd 2, Dhanmondi  
Date: April 22, Time: 6:30pm



**Mask Exhibition**  
Title: Masks of Bangladesh  
Venue: Gallery Jhongs, Niketan  
Date: Apr 12-25  
Time: 10am-8pm



**Solo Drawing Exhibition**  
Artist: Syed Jahangir  
Venue: Shilpakanya Gallery, Dhanmondi  
Date: May 1-7  
Time: 12pm-8pm



**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
Artist: Rafiqun Nabi  
Venue: Dhaka Art Center, H-60, Rd-7/A, Dhanmondi  
Date: April 12-30  
Time: 3pm-8pm



**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Bangla Shekore Swapano  
Artist: Raghunath Chakraborty  
Venue: Gallery Cosmos, 2, B-4, H-115, New DOHS, Mohakhali  
Date: April 19-28  
Time: 11am-7pm



**Group Art Exhibition & Inauguration of the Gallery**  
Gallery 21  
Venue: Satsmaji Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: April 5-30

## SYED SHAMSUL HAQ THEATRE FESTIVAL

# Palakar stages “Banglar Mati Banglar Jol”



Shamim Sagor plays a young Rabindranath Tagore in the production.

PHOTO: SAURAV DEY

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Moving further in line with the theme, “Jaago Bahe Kontthey Shobai”, theatre troupe Prangone Mor’s theatre festival “Syed Shamsul Haq Natiyotshob 2013” is now underway in full swing. As part of the festival, theatre troupe Palakar staged “Banglar Mati Banglar Jol” at the National Thera Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakakala Academy on Monday evening.

The play has been scripted by noted author-playwright Syed Shamsul Haq, based on Rabindranath Tagore’s “Chhinnopoto”. Veteran theatre personality Ataur Rahman has directed it. Unlike Tagore’s other adaptations, he himself emerged as the central character in this play, which aptly sketches Tagore’s stay at Shilaidah in Bangladesh to look after his family estates. The play is also a description of the scenic beauty of the countryside through Tagore’s perception, and articulates how the poet was moved by the openness of the rural people and the mystic

songs of Lalon.

In the play, the bard-landlord’s fascination for this land has been narrated through recitation, song, soliloquy, and sometimes through general conversations. It also highlights a number of Tagore’s noted literary works, which he wrote after coming across the villagers during his stay in East Bengal.

A brilliant stage design, combined with an ingenious light set-up, served the purpose of creating a realistic atmosphere of a riverside village, while Lalon’s song and recitation of Tagore’s poem brought forth the mystic nature of life.

In the play, Shamim Sagor aptly played the role of Tagore, while Shahana Bappi appeared as Indira Devi. The cast also include Aminur Rahman Mukul, Shahrier Khan, Nahida Sharmin, Mahmud Nuri Shah and many others.

Today’s schedule of the festival will feature a seminar, a programme where noted artistes will act parts of Syed Shamsul Haq’s famous characters, and recitation by noted elocutionists.

## College Students stage Muktir Sangram

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Students of four educational institutions of Pabna staged the play “Muktir Sangram” at the Shahid M Monsur Ali College auditorium on Monday. The programme was organised by Shilpakala Academy, Pabna.

Author-director of the play Bhaskar Chowdhury gave a realistic portrayal of a revolution by the landless for a piece of land, based on the Ghughudah Bil movement of the district. Students of Shahid M Monsur Ali College, Textile Engineering College, Government Edward College and Shahid Shadhan Music College performed in the play.

The play recreated a vision of freedom in establishing the rights of the marginalised.

It begins with the abduction of landless youth Kolimuddin, as he initiates a movement for establishing rights on the ‘Khaas land’ of Ghughudah Bil. The play progresses with the dialogues of Kuddus Mollah, father of the victim.

“Although the play is based on a real movement, it blends with the spirit of the Liberation War and the present political situation of the country” Bhaskar Chowdhury said.

“It was the first performance for many students, but they are now keenly interested in theatre,” he added, asserting that the play will be staged in other educational institutions of the district.

## Nrityajog's International Dance Day celebrations

Nrityajog, the Bangladesh chapter of the World Dance Alliance-Asia Pacific, has chalked out elaborate programmes -- including a dance competition and performances -- to mark International Dance Day 2013, says a press release.

The competition, titled “Bikoshito Hok Nobin Chhondo”, will be held on April 26 and 27 (from 9am to 5pm) at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the capital. It’ll have four categories: Folk (ages 5-11); Creative (ages 12-16); Classical -- Manipuri, Kathak, Bharatanatyam (ages 17-25); and Group (under-25).

The winners of the competition will have the chance to perform at a programme on May 1 at the Shilpakala Academy. President of Nrityajog, Sharmila Banerjee; general secretary Lubna Marium; executive members Shoma Mumtaz and Umama Nowroze Itela will present papers at the programme, while a number of awards will also be handed out to various individuals and organisations for their contribution to dance in Bangladesh.



## Shamshad Begum passes away

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

The voice behind hit songs like “Kajra Mohabbat Wala” and “Lekhe Pehla Pehla Pyar” has fallen silent.

Legendary singer Shamshad Begum, one of the first playback singers in the Hindi film industry and voice behind hit songs like “Mere Piya Gaye Rangoon” and “Kabhi Aar Kabhi Paar” passed away at her residence in Mumbai. She was 94.

“She was not well for the past few months and was admitted to the hospital. She passed away Tuesday night. The funeral was a solemn affair with a few friends present,” Begum’s daughter Usha said.

Born on April 14, 1919 in Amritsar, in the Indian state of Punjab, Shamshad Begum made her debut on Peshawar Radio in Lahore on December 16, 1947, winning over the hearts of her listeners with her enchanting voice.

The singer has been living with her daughter Usha Ratna and son-in-law in Mumbai, ever since her husband Ganpat Lal Batto died in 1955.

Her other hit songs include “Kahin Pe Nigahen Kahin Pe Nishana”, “Boojh Mera Kya Naam Re”, “Saiyan Dil Mein Aana Re”, “Lekhe Pehla Pehla Pyar” and “Chhod Babul Ka Ghar”.

## “Observation of Nature and Study” Group art exhibition at Drik Gallery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Department of Fine Arts, University of Development Alternative (UODA) is organising a group art exhibition, titled “Observation of Nature & Study”, set to inaugurate today at Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi. Some 28 artists are taking part in the exhibition, themed on nature and its varied aspects.

The exhibit is the outcome of a recent workshop, where the participating artists who had visited several sites in the country for inspiration, came together to exchange views.

Artists taking part in the exhibition include are Alauddin Ahammed, Sagar Sen Gupta, Tania Tripti, Hasan Al Faridi, Mritika Saha, Fatema Akter, Alam Sabrina, Nasib Khan, Arifur Rahman Topu. At the exhibition, Sagar Sen Gupta has highlighted pastoral life, green horizon, riverine beauty and boats of Bangladesh. Flat-wash is the predominant technique in his work.

Tania Tripti’s work depicts some vessels in a shallow river. Subdued colours and insight into the subject

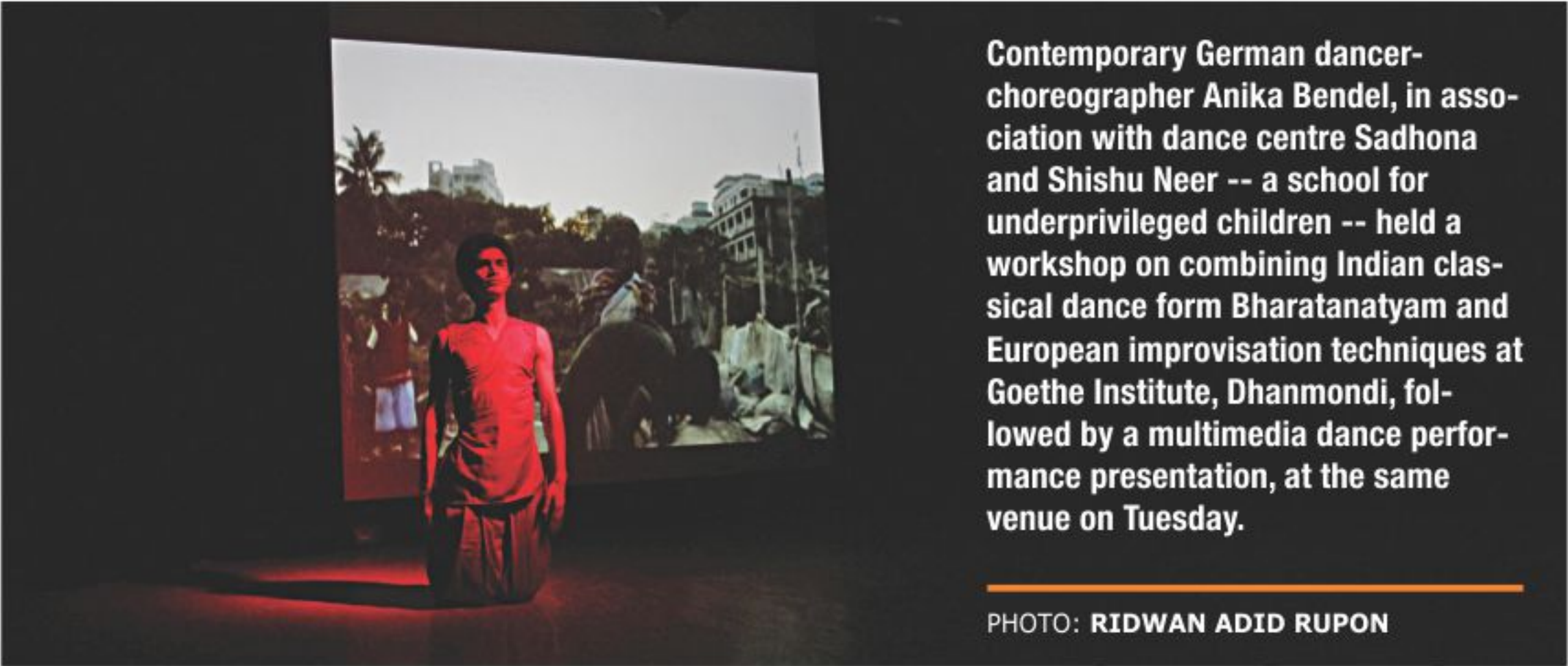


Participating artists at the workshop.

make the image outstanding. Rubayia Saom Dina’s watercolour highlights blossoming flowers. Yellow, emerald green have been used in the work.

Saha Alam’s work shows a muddy road where some trees lend an impressionistic appearance. Scribble lines are also visible in this mixed media painting. Villages and everyday chores

have been articulated in Arifur Rahman Topu’s work. His lines are lyrical and spontaneous. Alam Sabrina’s watercolour has diverse tonal effects, featuring the focus on the subject. Blue and yellow are noticeable colours in her work. Shahjahan Ahmed Bikas’s watercolour is engrossed with pure forms and compositions. The exhibition ends on April 27.



Contemporary German dancer-choreographer Anika Bondel, in association with dance centre Sadhona and Shishu Neer -- a school for underprivileged children -- held a workshop on combining Indian classical dance form Bharatanatyam and European improvisation techniques at Goethe Institute, Dhanmondi, followed by a multimedia dance performance presentation, at the same venue on Tuesday.

PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON

## Halle Berry sports new Storm look



PHOTO COURTESY: TWITTER/BRYANSINGER

In case there were any lingering questions about it, Halle Berry is most definitely returning to the “X-Men” series. Director Bryan Singer tweeted definitive proof this week, posting a photo from the “X-Men: Days of Future Past” set, of the gorgeous -- and pregnant -- Oscar-winning actress in her full Storm costume.

While the costume still unmistakably proclaims “Storm”, it has some notable differences from the uniform she wore in her previous outings -- where she had a leather outfit sporting the “X” insignia on both the belt and collar. This new costume is much more rugged and less flashy, with its harness-like vest and decidedly less impressive cape/wings.

Storm has never had the same hairstyle from one movie to the next, and “Days of Future Past” has her sporting her shortest hairdo yet. Her white locks were long and flowing in the first two films; by the third film, it was considerably shorter and sharper. Now, Storm looks positively punk rock and low-maintenance with her much less glamorous hairstyle -- cropped to a length she often wears in real life.

Fans will look forward to seeing how Storm fits into the multi-character ensemble that includes the “First Class” lineup of Michael Fassbender, James McAvoy, Nicholas Hoult, and Jennifer Lawrence, as well as original cast members Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Daniel Cudmore and Ellen Page. New recruits include Peter Dinklage, Omar Sy and Booboo Stewart.

“X-Men: Days of Future Past” is set to hit theaters on July 18, 2014.

Source: Yahoo! Movies

## Spelling Bee buzzes in Rangpur

SHAHNOOR RABBANI

Rangpur will play host to the Divisional Round of the Daily Star Spelling Bee tonight at 7:50pm on Channel i. The Rangpur Parjatan was the venue of choice for this Divisional Round and the hospitality from the people there was remarkable.

“They initially had the stage set up in the auditorium but as it turned out, there was not ample space for a proper TV shoot there. So the people at the Parjatan were glad to shift the stage to the more spacious restaurant and they made the shift working overnight,” said champs21.com Managing Director Schumonn Patwary.

“Such was the positive response and impact the Spelling Bee had in its first season, even though we did not visit the Division last year. The Rajshahi and Rangpur Divisional Round qualifiers had to come to Rajshahi last time around. But



An enthusiastic participant steps up to the spelling challenge.

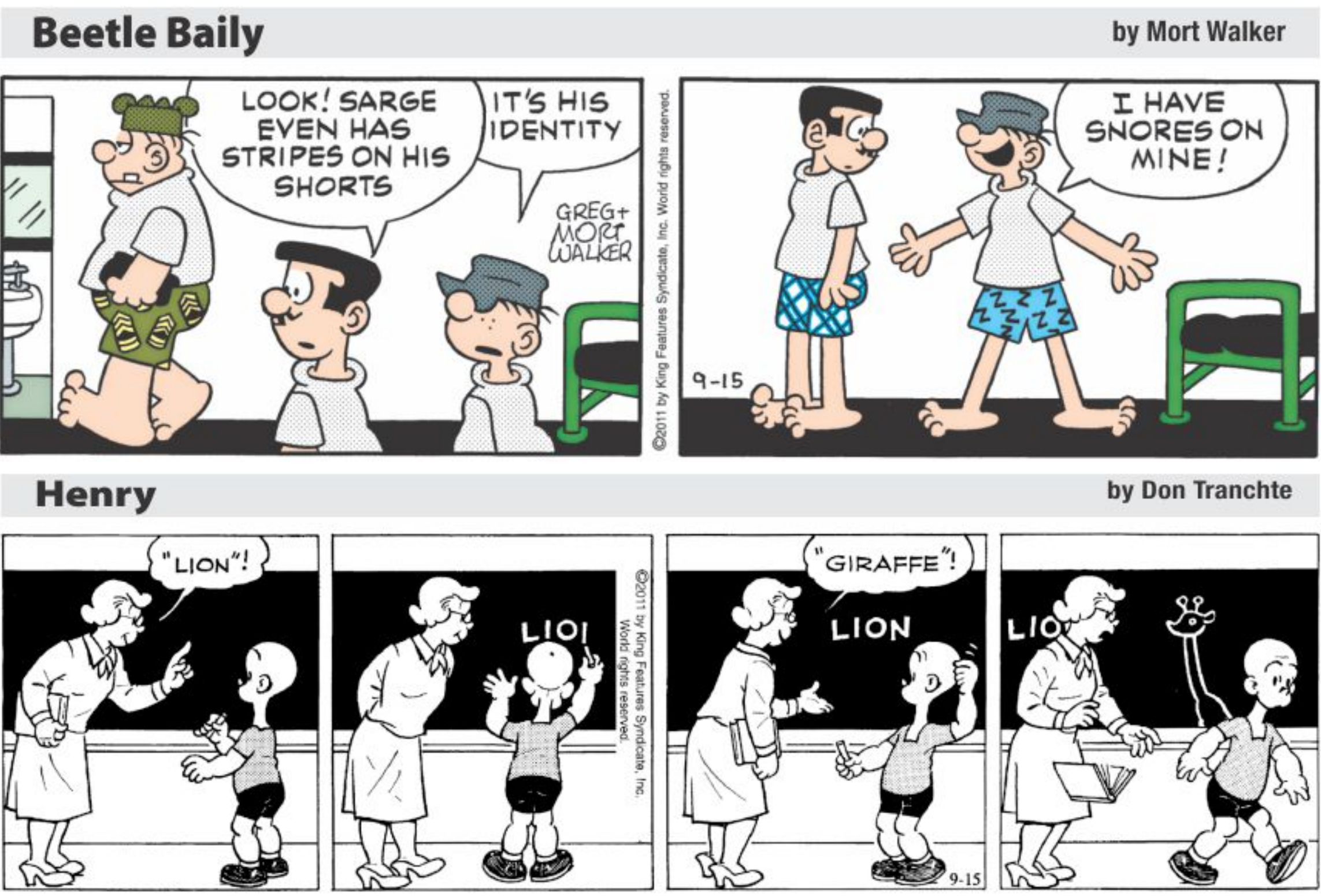
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because of increased participation, the divide had to be made this time,” he added.

“Rangpur was an unknown quantity so we did not prepare a very difficult word-set in mind but the participants really surprised us

with their quality,” said Faiyead Ahmedul Hye, one of the Spelling Bee judges from champs21.com.

Tune in to Channel i at 7:50pm tonight to see the highlights from the written and oral sections of the Divisional Round.



BTV	12:05	Lokgatha	12:05	Music Fest
02:00	TM: Bangladesh Vs Zimbabwe (Live)	11:30	Desh TV	
09:05	Drama	06:30	World Music	
10:30	Drama Serial: Kothao	10:30	Dur Durantey	
	Kau Nei	11:55	Desh-e Golpo	
ATN BANGLA	11:10	Permita	Drama	
11:10	Business & Finance	09:30	Maasranga Television	
03:05	Bangla Feature Film	10:02	Bangla Feature Film	
08:00	Drama Serial: Progga	02:00	TM: Bangladesh Vs Zimbabwe (Live)	
	04:25	09:30	Obadharan	
11:00	Drama	09:00	CHANNEL 9	
11:40	Shantr Pothey	09:00	Bangla Feature Film	
02:40	Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak	08:30	Bangla Feature Film	
03:30	Jobbarer Boli Khela	01:00	CHANNEL 24	
07:50	Spelling Bee	08:15	Beyond the Gallery	
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ntv		11:45	Drama Serial: Chhele Dhora Kol	
10:05	Tele-film			
06:15	Shubho Shondhya			
09:00	Amaro Gaite Ichchhe Holo			
11:30	Ha-show			
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RADIO

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Drama	11:50
Wall-E	
Ektushey-er Chokh	01:30
Brave	
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Three Inches	
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The Avengers	
X-Men: First Class	09:25
HBO	
Sucker Punch	03:20
The King's Speech	05:25
Source Code	07:40
Green Lantern	09:30
Star World	
Arrow	03:30
Packed to the Rafters	09:30
One Tree Hill	10:30
Mad Men	11:30
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Man vs. Wild	07:30

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BTV	News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm	Boishakhi TV	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm
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ETV	News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm	Maasranga Television	News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am

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