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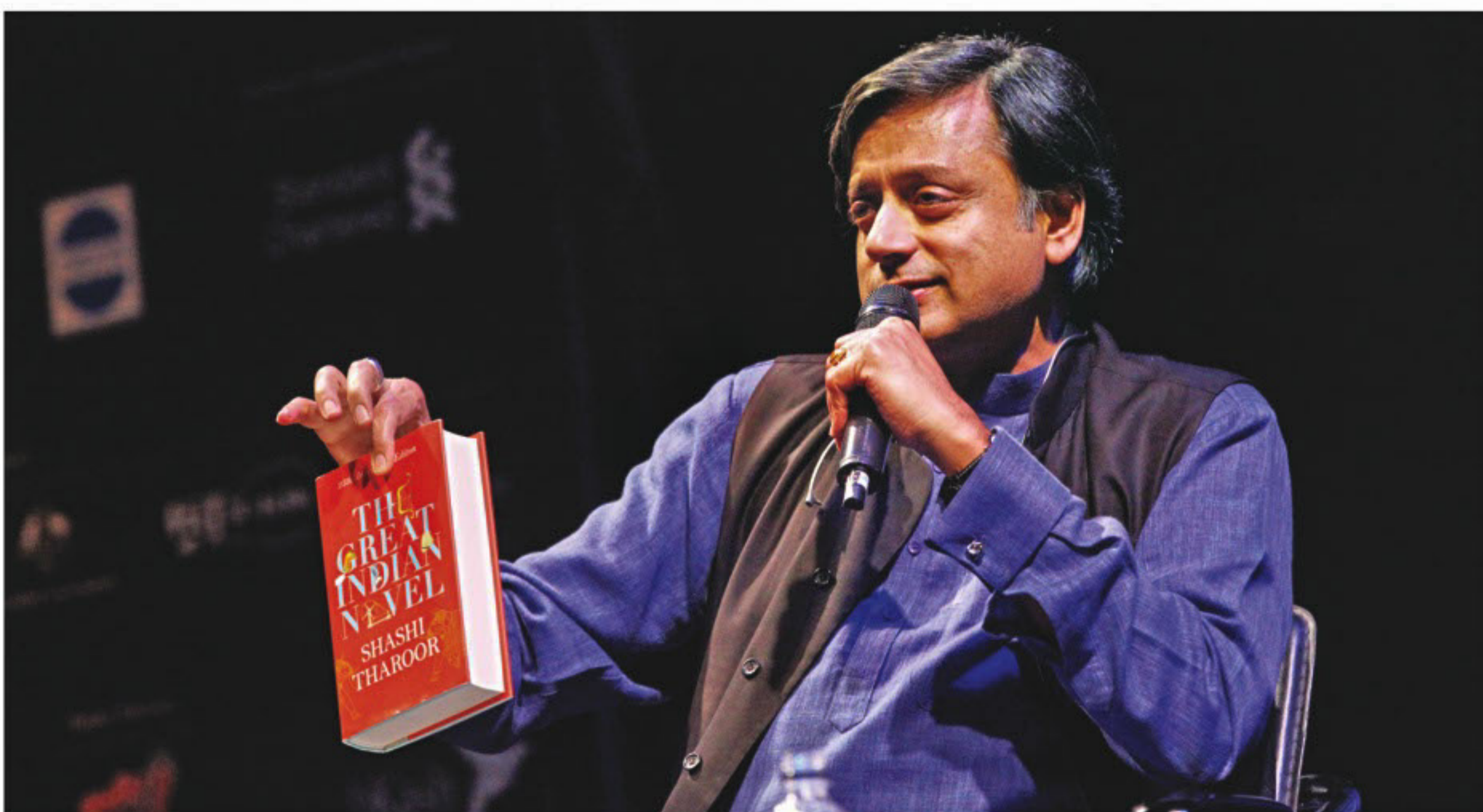
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Shashi Tharoor, Indian novelist and politician, showing his book *The Great Indian Novel* at the Hay Festival on Bangla Academy premises yesterday.

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**The Daily Star**

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**HAY FESTIVAL DHAKA 2014**

**Carnival of souls comes to an end**

STAR REPORT

Experimentation with new forms and subjects in the arts, and promotion of freedom of choice and expression were summarised through the presentation of a Bangla poetry rap in the closing event of the three-day long Hay Festival Dhaka 2014 yesterday.

The highlight of the day was the session on the silver jubilee edition of the Indian politician and writer Shashi Tharoor's novel *The Great Indian Novel* at the main stage in the afternoon.

The celebrated Indian writer discussed his perspectives on politics, economics, history and literature with Bangladeshi writer Kazi Anis Ahmed before a jam-packed audience.

Reflecting on his satirical work which employs characters

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**Challenged girl killed after rape**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mentally challenged girl was raped before she was strangled to death in Chawkbazar area of Old Dhaka on Friday night.

Ten-year-old Moni Akter lay cold on a road near her tin-shed house at Islambagh around 11:00pm.

Locals took her to Mitford Hospital where doctors declared her dead, said Azizul Haque, officer-in-charge of Chawkbazar Police Station.

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**PRAYER TIMING November 23**

	Azan	Jamaat
Fazr	5-05	5-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-15	5-20
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

greetings for

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**TUN DR. MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMAD**

It gives great pleasure to congratulate the **Green Delta Insurance** on the successful launch of its new health insurance product, the GD Health, and the establishment of its new subsidiary, GD Assist Limited to provide services to the people of Bangladesh who seek treatment in Malaysia.

The launch of GD Health is indeed very timely as Malaysia is now quite ready to provide end-to-end healthcare services for healthcare travellers in their quest for quality treatment in our country.

My own personal health treatment in Malaysia has convinced me that Malaysian doctors are competent in the treatment and management of diseases, equipped as they are with state-of-the-art medical equipment and technology as well as the "halal" requirements obtainable in this country. I also believe that the principal thrust for healthcare travel is also dependent on the strong backing and support of this industry from the Government of Malaysia.

I trust that Malaysia will be the preferred destination to those who seek treatment under the new GD Health plan which will lead the people of Bangladesh towards better health. On this note, I welcome you to Malaysia for a healthful journey.

**Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad**



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