Play: Shey Raat-e Purnima Troupe: Arshinagar Venue: Experimental Theatre Date: Mar 17; Time: 7pm

International Women's Film Festival Organiser: Women's Film Society Date: March 14-17 Time: 11am, 2pm, 5pm



STARS LIGHT UP TDS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS







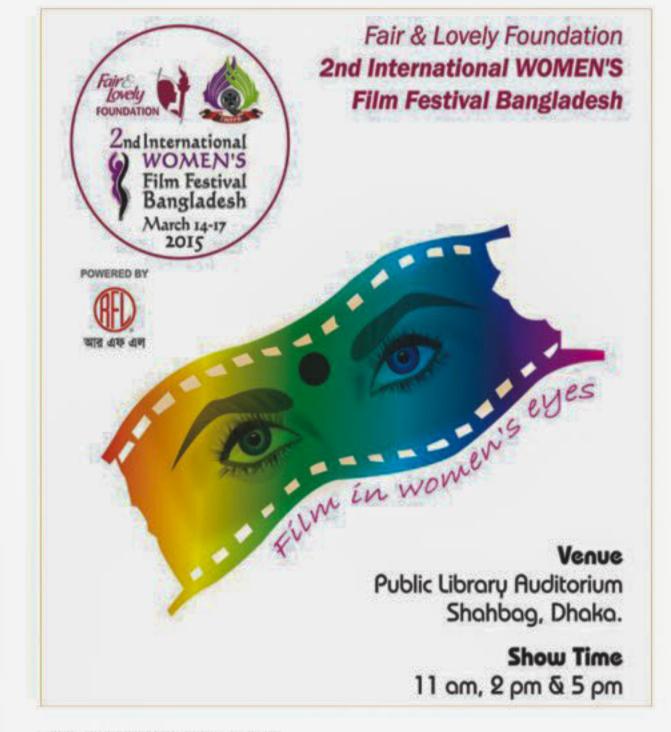




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The Daily Star's 24th anniversary glittered at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre on Friday night, as stars of various fields of arts and generations graced the event. (Clockwise from top left): Actors Farah Ruma, Bhabna, Mita Chowdhury, Saberi Alam and Tawsif; Sweety and Shampa Reza; singers Sabbir, Liza and Konal; the versatile couple of Tahsan and Mithila and men of the big screen Mostofa Sarwar Farooki and Arifin Shuvo, among others, were seen socialising and having a good time.

Second edition of IWFF begins in Dhaka



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The 2nd International Women's Film Festival Bangladesh (IWFFB) began in the capital on March 14 with the theme "Film in women's eyes". The festival opened with Samia Zaman's film "Akash Koto Durey".

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu inaugurated the festival as chief guest at the Shawkat Osman auditorium of Central Public Library. Prominent actress Sarah Begum Kobori and women leader Rezwana Khan attended the inauguration ceremony as special guests.

The four-day festival, March 14-17, features 70 films --

filmmakers from different countries, including five by Bangladesh filmmakers. Moreover, the festival has free workshops and seminars for women. The aim of the event is to inspire Bangladeshi women to take filmmaking as a profession through introducing them

feature, shorts, documentary and animation -- by women

with the cultures, heritages and perspective of other countries of the world. The festival is dedicated to Begum Rokeya Sakhawat

Hossain, the pioneer of women's awakening in Bangladesh. The festival is open for women, which is being sponsored by Fair & Lovely Foundation.



Musical homage to Waheedul

Desh Ghar-er Gaan at Chhayanaut

> Pala and artistes of Chittagong Hill Tracts offered Bon Paharer Nrityageet at the

> event. Waheedul Haque believed that it would not be possible to form a complete impression of our culture, without familiarity with our folk music rooted in our tradition. Upholding the ideal, Chhayanaut has been arranging this programme for the last eight years, highlighting various forms of folk songs practiced in different parts of the country.

Port city enjoys "Nawkar Shaytan Malik Hoyran"

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Chittagong

Fame, one of the leading theatre troupes in the city, staged the play "Nawkar Shaytan Malik Hoyran", an adaptation from the famous comedy "Servant of Two Masters" by renowned Italian playwright Carlo Goldoni, at Theatre Institute Chittagong (TIC), enthralling the theatre enthusi-

asts of the port city on Friday. In guise of her brother, Rasponi with her servant Truffaldino comes to Venice in search of her beloved. But without informing Rasponi, the servant Truffaldino takes up a job under another master, giving rise to bizarre incidents.

The two-hour play also depicted confrontation between old and new in a humourous take.

Teacher at Chittagong university dramatics department, Ashim Das, who is also the Chief of Fame, translated and directed the play. He also designed music, lights and set for it.

The audience was thoroughly entertained in the two shows, one held on 4pm and another on

Jishu Das, Rumel Barua, Mubidur Sujat, Pali Chowdhury Boby, Kamal Barua, Nishigondha Dasgupta, Khadijatul Risika, Shahidul Sabit and Bappi Shikder enacted the important roles in the



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...... As a tribute to eminent cultural activist and Tagore exponent Waheedul Haq, the driving force behind the nationalist cultural movement for decades, Chhayanaut arranged a musical programme titled "Desh Ghar-er Gaan 1421". Featuring the rich heritage of Bengali folk music, the programme was held at the main auditorium of Chhayanaut Shangskriti Bhaban. Noted folk researcher Shamsuzzaman Khan

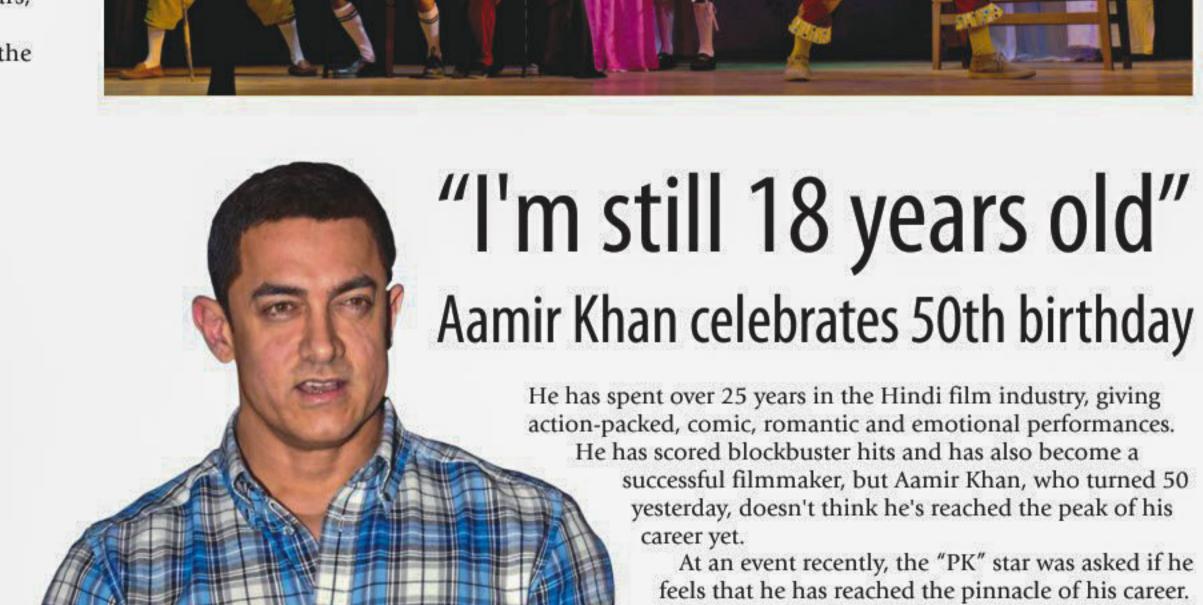
inaugurated the programme on March 13. Vice-president of Chhayanaut Dr. Sarwar Ali delivered welcome address while President of the organisation Dr. Sanjida Khatun thanked all at the event.

The event included solo folk song performances by Erfan Hossen, Abul Kalam Azad, Nadira Begum and Chandana Majumdar. Besides, Susen Chandra Saha Roy and his troupe from Netrakona presented ghatu gaan, Deenbondhu Sarkar and his troupe from Narail performed Behula-Lakkhindar-er



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Department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangirnagar University staged their play "Kobi" at the Studio Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on Friday evening. Written and directed by Dr. Yusuf Hassan Arko, "Kobi" casts Monami Islam Konok, Sunny Ghosh, Chetona Rahman Vasha and others. Meanwhile at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Agontuk staged "Ondhokarey Methane" as part of the 2nd Dhaka International Theatre Fest. Written and directed by Panth Shahriar, the play casts Tropa Majumdar, Jahangir Alam and Pantha Shahriar in the lead roles.



At an event recently, the "PK" star was asked if he feels that he has reached the pinnacle of his career. He said, "I'm still 18 years old. I don't feel that I have reached at the peak of my career. According to me, 'peak' means you are

about to go downwards, so I hope I am not there. Aamir has regaled his fans with films

such as "Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak", "Hum Hain Rahi Pyar Ke", "Sarfarosh", "Lagaan", "Rang De Basanti", "Fanaa", "Ghajini", "3 Idiots", "Talaash" and most recently - the record-shattering "PK" during his acting career.

"Taare Zameen Par", which saw him in the role of a teacher and which marked his debut as a director, was also highly appreciated.

The actor, who's often known as a 'perfectionist', is now prepping up for his role in "Dangal". He has gone out of his way to gain weight in which he plays the role of wrestler Mahavir Phogat.

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