



## Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute

### Report of Activities

(From July 2022 - May, 2024)

### 37<sup>th</sup> ITI World Congress, 2024

#### Activities 2023

##### 01. World Congress

February 20 - 25, 2023

36<sup>th</sup> ITI World Congress in Fujairah, UAE.

A 06 member delegation of Bangladesh participated in the Congress. Rahul Das participated in a program titled 'Best Practice Exhibition' organized for young artists on February 22, 2024. Rahul performed short play titled 'Wind Talker'. It was a multi-media based performance using 17 indigenous wind instruments (Traditional and self-made) -- received much appreciation. Overall Bangladesh participation at the Congress was quite significant and fruitful as 6 participating members got elected in different ITI forums and committees.

##### 02. World Theatre Day Celebration

27 March, 2023 in Dhaka City, jointly organized by ITI Bangladesh Centre, Bangladesh Shilpakala (performing arts) Academy, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and Bangladesh Pathanatok Parishad (Street Theatre Forum). Participation of Theatre activists and Theatre lovers in the World Theatre Day rally with colorful costumes, masks, placard, festoons etc., and World Theatre Day Lecture programme, reading out international message of Samiha AYOUB, renowned Egyptian Actress. World Theatre Day Lecture was delivered by Masud Ali Khan, famed Bangladeshi actor. World Theatre Day honour was awarded to Mamunur Rashid, prominent Bangladeshi actor, director and playwright. World Theatre Day national message was delivered by Liaquat Ali Lucky, prominent actor, director and Director General Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. International Message distributed in the flyers with messages in national and English language, and information on ITI. Concluded with performance of theatre, dance and folk songs. Attendance: 750 (approx.) persons. World Theatre Day celebrated in the other major cities of the country too.

##### 03. International Dance Day Celebration

29 April, 2023 in Dhaka city. Participation of more than 400 (approx.) dancers and fans in the International Dance day rally with colorful costumes and properties. In celebration of the Day, seminar, reading out of international message of Chinese Dancer and Choreographer YANG Liping, and Dance Festival were included.



**04. Theatre Discourse on “Ways and Trends of Bangladesh Theatre Practice: A Contemporary Scanning”**

May 06, 2023 in Seminar Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka. Organized by ITI, Bangladesh Centre. Resource person: Dr. Eusuf Hasan Arko, notable actor, director and Professor, Department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka. Participants: Theatre performers, Theatre activists and Teachers, Students from Dramatics Departments of a number of Public/State Universities.

**05. Bulletin**

Publication of the June, 2023 edition of the ‘ITI Bulletin’, edited by Dr. Babul Biswas

**06. Workshop**

Workshop for the young playwrights. Held in Dhaka by ITI, Bangladesh Centre in cooperation with Desh Natok (Theatre Group), and conducted by Masum Reza, prominent playwright. Workshop comprised of 5 (Five) sessions--first session held between July 30 and August 02, 2023, and second between September 14 and 16, 2023 with a total of 10 participants.

**Activities 2024**

**01. Bulletin**

Publication of the December, 2023 edition of the ‘ITI Bulletin’ in January, 2024, edited by Dr. Babul Biswas.

**02. World Theatre Day Celebration**

World Theatre Day celebrated on 27 March, 2024 in Dhaka City, jointly by ITI Bangladesh Centre, Bangladesh Shilpakala (performing arts) Academy, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and Bangladesh Pathanatok Parishad (Street Theatre Forum). Theatre activists and theatre lovers participated the World Theatre Day Lecture event, which included reading of international message of Jon Fosse, 2023 Norwegian Nobel Laureate writer, translator and playwright. World Theatre Day Lecture was delivered by Ms. Lucky Enam, famed actress and director. World Theatre Day Honour was awarded to Aatur Rahman, renowned thespian, director and poet. World Theatre Day national message was delivered by Kazi Borhan Uddin, actor, director, and organizer. International Message distributed with the message in national language and information about ITI in the flyers. The event concluded with the presentation of a play and dance. Attendance: more than 650 (approx.) persons. World Theatre Day also celebrated in the other major cities of Bangladesh.



### **03. International Dance Day Celebration**

To celebrate International Dance Day a week long Festival between April, 23 and 29, 2024, was jointly organized in Dhaka by Bangladesh Nritya Shilpi Sangstha (Bangladesh Dancers Association) and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in cooperation with ITI, Bangladesh Centre. Dance performances, workshops, seminar were included in the event. Dance artists from different parts of the country attended the Festival. International Dance Day discussions, reading out of international message of Mariana Nunez, prominent Argentinian Dancer were also arranged on April 29, 2024. International Dance Day Honour was awarded to Ms. Shamim Ara Nipa, renowned dancer and choreographer. International Dance Day was also celebrated in the other major cities of the country.

### **04. Workshop**

Third session of the ongoing workshop for young playwrights was held from March 6-9, 2024. The next (fourth) session of the same workshop took place between April 25 and 27, 2024 at Sajag Centre, Kalampur, Upazilla-Dhamrai, a resort away from Dhaka, the capital city.

#### ***Upcoming events in 2024:***

- 01. Publication of Bulletin (Special Edition in English), August, 2024.*
- 02. Fifth and closing session of Workshop for young playwrights, August, 2024.*
- 03. Workshop for Young Actors and Directors, October, 2024.*
- 04. Theatre Discourse, October, 2024.*
- 05. International Theatre Festival titled ‘3rd Dhaka International Theatre Fest’ from November 22-29, 2024.*

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Note:

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy : Government Academy for Art and Culture

Bangladesh Pathanatok Parishad: Federative Body of Street Theatre Groups



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