



Bengal Shrachi stages the 6th year of “Greenwood Spirit Theatre Festival”

~ treat of new plays by Bengal Shrachi for theatre buffs~

Kolkata, 5th June, 2007: Bengal Shrachi Housing Development Ltd (BSHDL) announced its annual event, Greenwood Spirit Theatre Festival (GSTF), the sixth staging of a festival of quality plays. GSTF is a platform for the theatre fraternity of Bengal to showcase their talent and uphold the present socio-political environment. The festival will be held over 6 days, from 8th - 11th June & 17th & 18th June, 2007. This theatrical extravaganza will stage 9 plays in Bengali & Hindi enacted by theatre troupes from all over Bengal. **Mr. Ansu Sur**, former director, Nandan & former Director of Kolkata Film Festival, **Mr. Goutam Ghose**, renowned film director, **Mr. Partho Raha**, Conveyor of Theatre Festival, eminent poet and film critic, **Mr. Rahul Todi**, Managing Director, Bengal Shrachi Housing Development Limited, actor, **Ms. Satabdi Roy** and theatre personalities **Ms. Seema Mukherjee** and **Mr. Pranab Dasgupta** announced the commencement of the fiesta at a press conference at the Palladian Lounge today.

The theatre festival has been on wheels since 2002. During the festival performances by Little Thespian, Mukhomukhi, Compass and Ritwik will be staged amongst many others. The fiesta will culminate in an award ceremony to felicitate the achievers for their contribution towards the genre of Bengali theatre. Veteran theatre personality, **Ms. Shobha Sen** will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award - ‘**Utpal Dutta Smarak Samman**’ while theatre group **Rangroop** has bagged the ‘**Tripti Mitra Smriti Puraskar**’ for the best production for their much acclaimed play “**Mukhos Nritya**”. Besides, six groups from the districts will be competing for the **Bijon Bhattacharya Smriti Samman** award.

“In its 6th year, Greenwood Spirit Theatre Festival is an attempt on our behalf to uphold the rich theatrical tradition of Bengal. Through this theatrical extravaganza we are attempting to make a pan - Bengal presence. This year troupes from Birbhum,

Behrampore, Cooch Behar, Howrah and Asansol will be participating unlike last year,” says **Mr. Rahul Todi, Managing Director, Bengal Shrachi Housing Development Limited.**

Commencing on 8th June, 2007, the festival will be held in two phases. The first phase will have groups from six districts performing over 4 days between 8th and 11th June in city theatres. The jury comprises of actor Roopa Ganguly, actor Satabdi Roy and Mr. Ansu Sur while renowned film director Goutam Ghose is the Chairman of the jury. Eminent theatre personality, Mr. Shiv Sharma will be the judge to adjudicate the winner for the Bijon Bhattacharya Smriti Puraskar. **Antaranga Theatre** (Birbhum), **Shilpayan** (North 24 Paraganas), **Theatre Workers** (Howrah), **Ritwik** (Berhampore), **Compass** (Cooch Behar) and **Shotirtha** (Asansol) will be competing for this coveted award.

The second phase of the festival will be held at G D Birla Sabhagar, on 17th & 18th June. A stage performance of ‘Noshto Oshim’ by Mukhomukhi is slated for 17th June. The following day will feature the award ceremony.

About Bengal Shrachi Housing Development Ltd.

Bengal Shrachi Housing Development Limited (BSHDL) formed in 1997 is a joint venture between the West Bengal Housing Board and Shrachi Group. It is a classic example of one of the first and most successful marriages between a public and a private enterprise. A trusted name in the real estate sector BSHDL has successfully completed various esteemed projects - Greenwood Park, Greenwood Nook & Greenwood Park Extension. Several ambitious projects like BlockByBlock, a first of its kind complete home solutions mall coming up at New Town, Synthesis Business Park- the second green building of the city, Neo - City, a 257 acre satellite township in Burdwan will be completed by mid-2009. The group has recently launched Junction Durgapur, a 360 degree entertainment hub, besides Junction, Bhubaneswar and Greenwood Elements are in the pipeline. Under the aegis of Mr. Rahul Todi, Managing Director, Bengal Shrachi has recently tied up with Rosedale Developers Pvt. Ltd, an US-based Development Company, to construct a city in New Town for the NRIs called Rosedale Gardens. The project pegged at Rs 1,000 million US dollars, aims to match international standards for advanced scientific research.