Basanto Utsav

## Of marigolds, dahlias and abundance of life

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

OMEN in basanti (a shade of mustard) attires, abundance of flowers such as marigolds, dahlias, polash and shimul, a soothing breeze -- the eternal elements of Basanta (Spring) are all here. Fairs and celebrations by cultural groups are in full swing. In the rural areas, mustard fields shimmer under the rays of the sun.

Basanto, the king of all seasons is considered to be a time for love, colour and the abundance of life. It is a symbol of rejuvenation, romanticism and pristine life

On Pahela Falgun nature takes a festive look. The young girls wear yellow saris with marigolds in their hair. Different cultural organisations chalk out elaborate programmes to celebrate the day with music, dance, recitation and more. The Bauls, clad in bright orange, dreadlocks, the dotara in their hands, enthrall the crowd with their entrancing voices and the thumping beat of drums. With time the celebrations have spread to different parts of the city and the mofassils (suburbs) as well.



Young girls decked in Marigolds

Shammilito Shangskritik Jote will hold a cultural programme at the

Bakultala premises of the Institute of Fine Arts, which begins early morn-

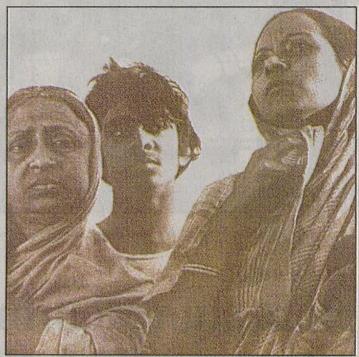
ing today. The programme will be

## Golden jubilee celebration of Bangladeshi filmdom

Four movies screened on the first day

The TSC compound of Dhaka University campus is now in a festive mood, complete with banners and festoons. Besides Ekushey Book Fair and cultural programmes arranged by Shammilito Sanskritik Jote, Dhaka University Chalachitra Sangsad has arranged the golden jubilee celebration of Bangladeshi filmdom. Students in large numbers turned up to watch the box office hits of Ban-

The celebration was titled Shustha Chalachitra Shustha Darshak. It began with the screening of Masiuddin Shakir's major cinematic work, Surja Dighal Bari on February 11 at the TSC Auditorium. Three other films, Durtta, Kittonkhola and Jibon Theke Neya were screened on the opening day, which was inaugurated by Professor SMA Faiz, the vice chancellor of Dhaka University. The special guests at the inauguration of the



(L-R)Rowshan Jamil, co-artiste and Dolly Anwar in a scene from the film Surjo Dighal Bari

nine-day film festival were Amzad Hossain, Chashi Nazrul

Islam and Masjuddin Shakir, The president of Dhaka University Teacher's Union who is also the moderator of Dhaka University Chalachitra Sangsad, Professor AAMS Arifin Siddiqui delivered the welcome speech in the discussion session.

Supported by the Information Ministry, the film society is screening 36 most popular movies in 36 mm format in the TSC Auditorium. Besides screening movies, a round table of two seminars 'History of 50 years in Bangladeshi cinema' and 'Current scenario of Bangladeshi cinema'are included in the golden jubilee celebration.

Hafizur Rahman Tito, the president of Dhaka University Chalachitra Sangsad said, "The history of Bangladeshi cinema began when Abdul Jabbar Khan made his ground breaking movie Mukh O Mukhosh in 1956. We are celebrating the golden jubilee in February, as the month has a great historical significance for

#### **CULTURAL FEAST**

#### Photography Exhibition

Title: Satyajit Ray Script to Screen Organisers: National gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi, Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the High Commission of India in

Date: February 8- 14 Venue: Bengal Shiipalaya

#### **Group Exhibition**

Title: Appointment- 2006 Venue: Shilpangan, Road 5 House 25 Date: February 11- March 3

#### Discover Japan Exhibition2006

OrganiserDhaka Japanese Language Institute Alumni Association Programme: Photography Exhibition,

Date: February 13- 14

#### Musical Soiree

Title: Bhalobashar Gaar Organiser, Rabiraag Venue: WVA Auditorium, House# 20. Road # 16 Dhanmondi

Date: February 14 at 6:30 pm

#### Wrishiz honours eminent personalities



Artistes perform on the 29th anniversary of Wrishiz Shilpi Goshti

#### KHALID-BIN-HABIB

On its 29th anniversary on February 11, Wrishiz Shilpi Gosthi (WSG) declared the Wrishiz Awards for literature, culture, film and journalism. On the occasion, a programme was held at the Bangla- social worker Dr Sitara Parveen. sh Shishu Academy auditorium

Poet Mahbub-Ul-Alam Chowdhury, eminent journalist Rahat Khan, popular actress Kabori Sarwar, poet and journalist Tofazzal Hossain were given a warm reception and awards for their remarkable contribution to the respective fields.

The programme began on a solemn note: homage for the recently departed cultural, social and political personalities. One-

minute silence was observed to pay honour to eminent music director Subal Das, Babul Akhter, football player Monem Munna, journalist Shahadat Choudhury, drama personality Zia Ansari, guitarist Azad Pallab, educationist and

Presided over by the chairpers of the WSG and Gono Sangeet artiste Fakir Alamgir, the programme was attended by renowned Language Movement veteran, Abdul Matin as the chief guest and Shamsuzzaman Khan as the special guest.

The programme ended with a cultural show. Wrishiz, Uddichi, Kranti, Biborton and other cultural activists participated in the func-

## Miles celebrates silver jubilee New Album Protiddhoni released

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

One of the leading bands, Miles is celebrating its 25 years in our music arena this year. A part of the celebration is the launch of their new album, titled Protiddhoni.

On February 11 the album, sponsored by Sangeeta, was launched at a restaurant in Dhaka. This is Miles' fifth album in Bangla. The band's tradition of christening their albums with titles that start with "pro' (Protisruti, Prottasha, Prottoy and Proyash) has been maintained this time as well.

On the occasion Hamin Ahmed said, "Mclody has always been an unmistakable feature in Miles' songs. The songs of this album are no different. However, we realise that over the years the trend and popular taste in music has somewhat changed and we are in touch with our fans and music enthusiasts. Hence, we've experimented with our sound in

Iqbal Asif Jewel said, "About our 'new sound', to be precise we've experimented with vocal effects and drums. It's more of a 'new Rock sound'. We've tried to demonstrate our versatility and skills in the songs. The songs have been mixed at Miles' personal

Shafin Ahmed said, "Between our last Bangla album and this latest one, there has a been a gap



Turjo, Jewel and Shafin Ahmed at the album launch

answer is: we never want to compromise with quality. Achieving a certain level of quality is an extensive and time-consuming process. During the last few years we've worked on 17 songs and usually 12 songs are included in an album. Protiddhoni features 13 songs. The 'extra' track is a gift to our fans: a way to say 'thanks' to everyone who eagerly waited for our new album.

Shafin added, "Miles has been

of a few years. We've faced the around in the Bangladeshi music question why we were taking so scene for 25 years. It's a colossal long to cut out an album. Our achievement for any band. Not many bands in this sub-continent have been able to achieve this feat. I hope our fans will like our new sound.

Songs featured in the album are: Protikkha, Jaye din jaye, Jatiyo shongeeter dwitiyo line, Mon chai, Bishonno jochhna, Ashohaye, Roopkothar rajotwo, Shaat diner tumi, Dupur belar, Pathik, Jalrong, Kenpey uthey mon and

#### Aishwarya, Abhishek to tie the knot



AFP, New Delhi

Bollywood stars Aishwarya Rai and Abhishek Bachchan, son of the legendary actor Amitabh Bachchan, are planning to wed and astrologers say they are a perfect match, media reports said yesterday.

A member of the Bachchan household had sent the horoscopes

of the two stars to a leading astrologer, who advised that the couple should marry at the earliest.

Both the families have\_\_ mained tight-lipped about the reports, including claims the stars began dating three months ago during the shooting of their upcoming film Umrao Jaan

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10:02 Gillette World Sports

Sportscenter Update

Special Gillette World

Grand Prix Sprint Race

Sports 2006 (R)

A1 Grand Prix A1



Music lovers are in for a treat on Valentine's Day. Arshee will present a duet album by Bappa Majumder and Fahmida Nabi, titled Ekmutho gaan. With music composed by Bappa, the album contains 11 romantic numbers

### TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

#### All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

#### News Bulletin

#### News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55

11:30 pm.

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Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 7:00 am.10:00am. 2:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am,7:00pm

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## **BBC WORLD**

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#### Selected Programme Dhakar Cinema Muktangon Drama Serial: Ramizer Aaina Lux Glamour World Drama Serial: Godhulir Alov Bhinnya Swader Khobor Apnar Jiggyasha

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Shubho Shondhya

## Drama: Ek Jonome

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# India vs Pakistan cricket match

On BTV at 12 pm 3rd one day match of the ongoing India's tour of Pakistan Musical Programme

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Drama Serial: Dhaka

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STAR MOVIES

09:45

Kiss the girls

On HBO at 9:30 pm Genre: Suspense/Thriller Cast: Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd

Nature Unleashed

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Classic Boxing Alexis Arguello Vs Olivares 09:30 Sportscenter India 10:30 11:00 Sportscenter Asia STAR SPORTS Icc Cricket World (R) Adventure Adventure Triathlon 2005 (T) Five / Six Nations

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