

**CULTURAL FEAS**

Exhibition

**Shankranti Celebrations**

Date: April 13 at 6:30 pm  
Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation arranges special programme at Mahila Samity Stage and Padatik Nalpa Sangsad arrange special programme at Rabindra Sarobar (near Dhanmondi Lake)

**Exhibition**

Title: Revelation of Myriad Selves  
Artist: Kingshuk Das Chowdhury  
Venue: Alliance Francaise, Chittagong  
Date: April 8-13

Title: Oitijher Potochitra  
Artist: Dukhu Shyam, Rabbani and Rahim  
Venue: DOTS, 191/A, Haque Tower, Tejgaon-Gulshan Link Road  
Date: April 6-21 from 11 am to 8 pm

Title: Envoy of Peace from China  
Organiser: Embassy of the People's Republic of China  
Venue: National Museum, Shahbhagh  
Date: April 3-15

Title: Kishorer Chokhey Muktijuddho  
Artist: Rasha  
Venue: Arka Art Gallery, 1st floor, Banani City Corporation Market  
Date: March 31-April 14, 2006  
Time: 10am to 8 pm

Title: Pata Chitra  
Artist: Shambhu Acharya  
Venue: Gallery Kaya, H#20, R#16, Sector 4, Uttara  
Date: April 7-16 from 11 am to 8 pm

Title: 'Empreintes--Traditional techniques revived through contemporary art'  
Organiser: Alliance Francaise  
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: March 30-April 12

**Solo exhibition on Potteries (Shora)**

Artist: Shukumar Paul  
Venue: Art and Soul Gallery House 16, Road 36, Gulshan 2  
Date: April 7-16  
Time: 11am to 8pm

**Print Exhibition**

Artist: A Rahman  
Venue: Gallery Chittrak House# 21, Road-4, Dhanmondi R/A  
Date: April 7-16  
Time: 10am-8pm

**Film Screening**

Title: Film shows to commemorate Satyajit Ray's death anniversary  
Organiser: High Commission of India  
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House No 25, Road No 96, Gulshan-2  
Date: April 23-25

Movie: Pather Panchali (April 23)  
Kanchan Jangha (April 24)  
Parash Pathar (April 25)  
Complimentary passes available at the Indian High Commission and the Indian Cultural Centre

# Pata-chitra: Pride of Bengal



Artworks on display at the exhibition

**KARIM WAHEED**

**A**MONG the indigenous Bangalee art forms, *pata-chitra* or scroll paintings stand apart in their choice of subjects, vibrant colours, unique lines and style of presentation. Painters of this form are called *patuas*.

An exhibition of traditional *pata-chitra* by three *patuas*, Dukhshyam (Osman) Chitrakar, Rabbani Chitrakar and Rahim Chitrakar, is being held at DOTS Contemporary Arts Centre on Tejgaon-Gulshan Link Road.

The exhibition was inaugurated by noted theatre personality Nasiruddin Youssuf on April 6. Among others, actor Shimul Youssuf, artists Nisar Hossain and Tarun Ghosh attended the event.

According to artist Nisar Hossain, "The term *Pata* is derived from the Sanskrit word *Patto*, meaning cloth. In ancient times,

before paper was introduced, artists used to paint on thick cotton fabric. Usually mythical or religious stories were the themes. However, in time contemporary issues, animals and more found their place on these painting.

"*Pata-chitra* is perhaps the oldest art form in the Indian sub-continent and the tradition continues to this date. In fact, the art form can be traced all the way back to sixth BCE."

Besides being visual delights, the scroll paintings are also used in *pat gaan* or *patua gaan*. Through the medium of scroll painting, a choir narrates a story.

Most of the paintings in the exhibition illustrate myths, episodes from the *Purana*, *Ramayana*; some feature animals and imaginary monsters. The paintings have several sections so as to maintain a sequence. In the first segment the main characters,

usually Gods and Goddesses, are portrayed boldly.

A painting featuring *Raashleela* of Radha-Krishna is stunning. Snake-like creatures with three heads on another one are interesting. Another painting shows three gruesome *rakkhoshis* (females monsters) in their "full glory" -- teeth shaped like carrots sticking out, talons sharper than an eagle's -- staring back at the viewer as if to warn them to keep a safe distance.

Goddess Durga is the subject of several scrolls. One of the paintings show the Goddess smiting the beast Mahishashur. Vibrant colours -- yellow, indigo, bottle green, khaki, crimson and dark brown -- create a dazzling effect.

Four Gods and Goddesses -- Ganesh, Kartik, Lakshmi and Saraswati -- ornate the corners of the painting.

The story of Goddess Kali stamping on God Shiva is the subject on a

scroll. The Goddess is bare, as she is portrayed traditionally and painted in deep purple. In episodes from the *Ramayana*, Rama and Sita are seen getting married in the first segment. Other scenes featured are Lakshman cutting the nose of the monster, Suparnekha and Sita abducted and imprisoned by Ravana.

An interesting scroll shows fish carrying other fish in *paalkis*. The illustration stands out for its odd theme.

The exhibition highlighting the authentic Bangalee art form is commendable, as nowadays *pata-chitra* does not have a wide audience as in the past. The display can be informative to youngsters, who should know more about our heritage.

The exhibition is open till April 21.

# Soaring to poetic heights Recitation festival at JU

**EMRAN HOSSAIN EMON**

Poets from indigenous communities and representatives of various countries joined hands recently at the 6th Recitation Festival '06 held at Jahangirnagar University (JU). The event was organised by Dhwani, a recitation organisation of JU.

"Poets and poetry have an intense impact on the society. Personal freedom can be achieved through the freedom of poetry," said eminent poet and Associate Professor, Mohammad Rafique of JU's English Department in his speech as the chief guest.

Poet Belal Chowdhury presided over the concluding session, while Associate Professor Ahmed Reza conducted the session titled 'Poets and poetry of Bangladesh and overseas' held at the seminar room of proposed Zahir Raihan auditorium. Noted poets, including Samudra Gupta, Bulbul Mahalanobish, Aslam Sunny, Salem Soleri, Sayed Ahmed Ali, Tapon Bagchi, Ang Jang Ku (Korea), Sandarva Giri and Capt. Uddim Bahadur Rao (Nepal) as well as representatives from hill tracts of Bangladesh participated in the ses-

sion among others with their poems. Inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman, the festival began on April 2. A colourful rally was also brought out following the session.

Dhwani presented its production titled *Nathhboby Anathbothi*, the following day at Muktamancha (Amphitheatre), where enthusiasts joined in flocks. Coordinated and directed by Zakia Nur Mitu, the entire presentation of the session dealt with a topic from the widely known *Mahabharata* representing the discrimination against women in bygone days as well as contemporary times. A message was delivered through the monologue of Draupadi, a suppressed female character of the epic, to portray the attitude of discrimination of women. Mohammed Akam Ullah presented a solo performance the same day, braving inclement weather.

Due to incessant rain accompanied by hailstorm, the organisers were forced to shift the program from Muktamancha to the proposed Zahir Raihan auditorium the following day where Swarokopon staged their production titled *Boundule*. Robi Shankar Moity and Golam Sarwar

presented solo recitations the same day.

Dhwani staged their production titled *Tebhagar Adhkhana Chand* the next day. Then followed Baikuntha Abriti Academy's production titled *Shantir Jonyo Byakulota*, composed and directed by Saiduzzaman Rana. Composed and directed by Selina Parvin, the production of Dhwani recalls the bloodshed of Tebhaga, a movement by different indigenous communities and farmers to uphold their rights during the 40's that led to the victory over the then Zamindars. The set design and lighting were impressive while the performance of the artists was not at par. Juthhikka Bishwas and Mahidul Islam received plaudits for their solo presentation at the session.

With the slogan *Shhaito Poday Dhwanito Hok Durbar Protirodh* the festival also hosted receptions to eminent educationist Professor Nirajan Adhikari and poet Abul Hossain for their contribution in respective arenas.



A colourful rally paraded the JU premises on the opening day of the festival



Muhammad Zafar Iqbal speaks at the launching ceremony of *Samay*. Also seen are (R-L) Hashem Khan, Muntasir Mamun and Rabeya Khatun. *Samay* aims to promote literature and art of the country.

## An evening of folk music

With *Bangla Naba Barsha* round the corner, the cultural scene is abuzz in Dhaka. In the midst of the festivities was a recent solo musical evening by renowned folk singer Kanan Bala Sarkar. The function was organised by *Sargam*, a regular monthly on music, of the country, at its auditorium, says a press release.



Kanan Bala Sarkar (C) performs at the event

Participating in a brief discussion session was Nazrul researcher Asadul Haq, while *Sargam* editor Quazi Ronnaq Hossain presided over the session.

On the heels of the discussion, Kanan Bala Sarkar began the musical soiree with a popular song of Guru Kanailal Shil titled *Amay ato rate kaney dak dili*. Then followed her rendering of Lalon (*Kabe sadhur charan dhuli*, Hason (*Baula ke banailo re*), Radha Ramon and other popular folk songs. Kanan's one- and -a - half our presentation enthralled the audience. The singer was accompanied by Goutum (tabla), Hridoy Ranjan Bishi (*mandira*), Jahidul Kabir Liton (*dotara*), Habibur Rahman (harmonium) and Abul Hossain (percussion)

## Bangladeshi exhibition in Maldives

President of Maldives Maumoon Abdul Gayoom and his wife visited the ongoing Bangladeshi painting exhibition at the National Art Gallery in the Maldives capital recently.

The exhibition titled *Sreejoni: Paintings from Bangladesh* has been organised on the occasion of the 35th Independence Day of

Bangladesh. The event has been jointly organised by the National Art Gallery of Maldives and the Bangladesh High Commission, Male, says a press release.

On display are works by renowned painters of Bangladesh, namely Murtaza Baseer, Mohammad Kibria, Monirul Islam,

Shahbuddin, Kalidas Karmakar among others. Bangladesh High Commissioner, Mijaral Quyes presented a set of publications on the works of major Bangladeshi artists and a folder of art works by Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin to President Gayoom.



President of Maldives, Mamoun Abdul Gayoom (C) seen with Bangladesh High Commissioner Mijaral Quyes(R) and guests at the exhibition

## TV GUIDE

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

**News Bulletin**

**BTV**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.  
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.  
Late Night News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**CHANNEL-i**  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.  
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  
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**CHANNEL-i**  
09:45 Public Relation  
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09:50 Tele Prescription  
Hridoye Mati O Manush  
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01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
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01:05 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush  
01:30 Jibon Jekhaney Jamon

**BTV**  
09:05 Musical Programme  
09:25 Shashwato Jibon  
09:35 Open University  
10:00 Satellite Broadcast  
12:30 Shastho Tathya  
01:00 Karate Do  
01:30 Prottyashar Alo  
02:15 Online  
02:40 Engreji Shekhar Ashor  
03:05 Banshori  
03:05 Tommy Miah's Kitchen  
04:00 Gaan-er Bhela  
04:30 Amar Desh  
05:05 Live telecast of AFC Challenge Cup Bangladesh-2006 (quarter final)  
07:00 Mati O Manush  
08:45 Drama Serial: Rangdhanu  
09:25 Drama Serial: Swapno Sonargaon  
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03:45 Shapla Shaluk  
04:20 Music Box  
04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time  
05:10 ATN Music  
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab  
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08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Porey Pata Norey  
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera  
09:00 Drama Serial: Nirey Taar Neel Dheu  
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10:40 Business This Week  
**ntv**  
08:35 Aajker Shokal  
10:05 Documentary: Animal Kingdom  
10:30 Natoker Gaan  
11:00 Baul songs: Mon Amar Shondhan Kari Talk Show: Ki Koltha Tahar Shathey  
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**PICK OF THE DAY**  
Bangladesh Vs Australia Test cricket Match Day 1 Live from Fatullah Cricket Stadium On Star Sports at 09:45 am  
The River Wild On HBO at 08:30 pm Genre: Thriller Cast: Meryl Streep, Kevin Bacon  
**05:20** Apnar Jigyasha  
06:20 Shubho Shondhya  
06:50 Agrojo  
08:20 Drama Serial: Romizer Aaina  
09:10 Lux Glamour World  
09:50 Drama Serial: Shadaraater Manush Dindarpan  
**05:30** Bangla Cartoon: Rookatu  
06:30 Rtv Exclusive  
06:35 Amar Desh  
08:00 Drama Serial: Agantuk  
08:30 Drama Serial: Bndhashram  
10:50 Shoto Show: Prithibir Pathay Pathay  
**04:30** Dugoney Paanch Concert  
05:00 Chokh Meley Dekhi  
06:00 Ae Diney Shei Khoney  
07:00 Padmoraag  
08:30 Drama: Society  
09:00 Drama: Tebhaga  
**05:30** Ashey Pashey Diner Sheshey  
06:40 Drama Serial: Album  
08:40 Ki Jadu Bangla Ganey  
09:15 Drama Serial: Shohor Shesh Bari  
09:50 Apnar Agami  
**08:30** Shuvo Shokal  
09:00 Cartoon  
10:00 Desher Pothey  
10:30 Drama Serial: Toboo Bhalobashi  
12:00 Drama Serial: Gharchhara  
02:30 Drama Serial: Krishnopokkho  
04:00 Shat Sholero  
05:00 Cine Beat

Richard Nixon  
11:05 Pit Fighter  
11:30 Lies My Mother Told Me  
**STAR PLUS**  
12:30 Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Dhoom  
01:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron  
01:30 Mirch Masala  
02:30 Shanno Ki Shaadi  
03:00 Pardey Ke Peechey  
03:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai  
04:00 Loc-Life Out Of Control  
05:30 Lilo & Stitch  
06:00 Gool Troop  
06:30 Joru Ka Ghulam  
09:30 Saibaba  
10:30 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby  
11:00 Shanno Ki Shaadi  
11:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu Todi Naz  
**STAR WORLD**  
10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
12:30 Desperate Housewives  
02:30 The O.C.  
03:30 The Apprentice  
04:30 Medical Investigations  
05:30 Hollywood Shootouts  
06:00 Travel Asia  
06:30 Baywatch Hawaii  
07:30 Malcolm In The Middle  
08:00 Parkinson  
08:30 Oprah Winfrey Show  
09:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal  
10:30 Desperate Housewives

11:30 Lost  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
10:30 Backyard Science  
10:45 Doc Eureka  
11:00 Serious: Jungle  
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12:00 Serious: Jungle  
12:30 Wildlife Diary  
01:30 Amazing Moments  
03:30 Hunter Hunted  
04:30 Unlocking Da Vinci's Code: The Full Story  
06:30 Microkillers  
07:30 The Living Edens  
08:30 Secret Bible  
10:30 Amazing Moments  
**ESPN**  
11:00 Icc Cricket World (R)  
11:30 Cricket Classics  
Caribbean Kings  
England Vs West Indies  
Sportscenter Week In Review  
01:55 Uefa Champions League Magazine Show  
02:25 Motogp World Championship 2006  
Qatar Qatar Grand Prix Of Qatar  
04:25 Sportscenter Weekend (T)  
04:55 English Premier Football League  
2005/06 Chelsea Vs West Ham United (L)  
07:30 English Premier Football League  
2005/06 Liverpool Vs Bolton Wanderers (L)  
09:00 English Premier Football League  
2005/06 Manchester United Vs Arsenal (L)  
11:00 Final Score

(L)  
**STAR SPORTS**  
09:30 Tna Xplosion (R)  
09:45 Australia Tour Of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Vs Australia 1st Test Day 1 1st Session (L)  
12:00 Hitz (T)  
12:30 Australia Tour Of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Vs Australia 1st Test Day 2 2nd & 3rd Session  
05:00 English Premier Football League  
2005/06 (Jip) Birmingham England Aston Villa Vs West Bromwich Albion (L)  
07:00 Augusta Masters The Masters 2006 Day Three Highlights (T)  
11:30 Augusta Masters The Masters 2006 Day Three Highlights (R)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
09:00 WWE: Experience  
09:30 Winning Post  
11:30 Sri Lanka v Pakistan: 2nd Test Day 5 Highlights  
12:30 Trans World Sports  
01:30 Barca TV  
04:30 EPGA Highlights: Algarve Open De Portugal  
05:00 World Hockey Magazine  
05:30 FIA WTCC: Monza, Italy  
06:30 WWE: Heat  
08:30 Sri Lanka v Pakistan: 2nd Test Day 5 Highlights  
10:30 Moto GP : GRAND PRIX OF QATAR H/Ls  
11:00 Rally World