

Around the city

Baishakhhi celebrations 1413



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PAHELA Baishakh is a momentous occasion. To every Bangalee, irrespective of age, social strata and education, it is a time for joyous celebration. As in previous years, the colourful festival was celebrated in Dhaka with fervor through fairs, cultural programmes and concerts.

Here's a run down of the major events in the city to mark *Pahela Baishakh*:

Ramna Park

The 'Botomul' at Ramna Park is a popular venue for the celebration of Bangla New Year. Every year, Chhayanaout holds a cultural func-

tion here. This year too, the dawn of the first day of the Bangla New Year was ushered in with young students of Chhayanaout rendering the Tagore song that has become the "anthem of Pahela Baishakh" -- *Esho hey Baishakh esho esho*. Choral renditions of other songs followed. Men and women of all ages were clad in bright coloured attire, many were getting their faces painted with enthusiasm and singing along.

Dhaka University campus
Students of Dhaka University (DU) celebrated *Pahela Baishakh*, 1413 in style with a massive turnout. Students of the Institute of Fine Arts (IFA) brought out their rally

from the IFA premises. The highlight of the rally was huge replicas of birds, horses, masks and more. Numerous other organisations went around Ramna Park and the DU area in a rally, holding banners and festoons. Programmes also included Baul songs, merry-go-round, puppet show and jatra among others. To mark the first day of the Bangla New Year Channel 1 organised a concert titled *Borsho Boron Concert* with leading bands, Souls, Feedback, Jonmohumi, Miles and popular artiste Habib at DU gymnasium.

BUET campus

The students of Bangladesh University and Engineering Technology

(BUET) celebrated *Pahela Baishakh* with zeal. The campus roads were intricately designed with *Alpana*. Groups of students, teachers and other people gathered at the BUET campus and brought out a rally. People had a feast of delicacies for breakfast and lunch free of cost that ranged from *Panta Bhaat* (rice soaked overnight in water), fried Hilsa fish, *singara*, *bakorkhani* and sugarcane juice. The food was provided by the students of the Department of Architecture. The cultural programme went on till the wee hours.

Dhaka Sheraton Hotel

To welcome the Bangla New Year

Rupkotha Production organised a Baishakhhi Fair at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. The fair kicked off at Sheraton in the morning. The programme featured daylong performances of traditional *Baul* songs and puppet show.

Wonderland, Gulshan

Wonderland, a well-known amusement park celebrated the day with gaiety. To commemorate this day, a special concert titled *Virgin-Arshree Baishakhhi Matom Dola* was held. The musical show included performances by Bappa Mazumder, Fahmida Nabi and musical bands, Face-to-Face, Obscure, Parthibo and Prohor.



Exhibition

Masks come into vogue

KAVITA CHARANJI

Mask making is an ancient art. This art form has played a role in social and religious functions, funerary and commercial uses, therapeutic, festive uses, in theatre and interior decoration. Today masks in Bangladesh are used largely for decoration and festive occasions. Right now is an opportune time to pick up some masks: courtesy a mask exhibition at the Cubic School of Fine Art, which concludes on April 19.

Explaining the raison d'être of the display Nafisa Mehboob, co-ordinator Cubic School of Fine Art, says, "Mask making helps to develop creative and practical skills so that the artists can get a better world view of the arts and appreciate diverse arts and crafts."

Demand for masks has picked up, says Nafisa, with the *Pahela Baishakh* season here. "Such exhibitions can go a long way in promoting the art," she says. The 33 masks are predominantly made by the students of the Institute of Fine Arts and are fashioned out of wood, metal and cloth. One of the artists is Jagadish

Chandra Roy who has crafted a metal mask of a human face. Then there is IFA Professor Faruk Ahamad's wooden mask of a woman. This work stands apart from others because it has no frame and the structures are intricate. Then there is an appliqué mask of a tiger, which has a spectrum of colours: orange, red, black, cloth, wool with beads on the whiskers.

One upstart student of IFA is Asaduzzaman Sohel who has created a metal mask of a demon. In his words, "People are beginning to understand and appreciate mask making and it is an integral part of our heritage also."

According to Sohel, mask making is rooted in folk traditions such as *pata* (scroll) painting, *Lokkhi Shora* (decorated clay lid of a pot) and *Shital Pati* (a kind of mat made from natural fibres).

The Cubic School of Fine Art now has plans to promote other handicrafts such as folk toys. In the meanwhile, masks seem set for a welcome resurgence. The exhibition's sponsor is Alien Properties.



Expressive masks on display



Clock-wise from left: A colourful procession that began from the Central Shaheed Minar, students celebrate *Pahela Baishakh* at BUET, savoring *panta-llish* at Sheraton, an enthusiastic crowd joins the procession of Institute of Fine Arts



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Impress Audio Vision Limited launched

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Impress Audio Vision Limited (IAVL) has embarked on its voyage to bring a new momentum to music and drama. On this occasion a launching ceremony was recently held at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

IAVL will begin with productions of CDs, VCDs and DVDs. IAVL released a Nazrul Sangeet album of Ferdous Ara and Rabindra Sangeet album by Rezwana Chowdhury Banya. *Matir Taney Bhatir Taney* by Ayub Bachchu, *Kalpotaal* by Tun Tun Baul and DJ Rahat and *Don't Forget Me* by Mehryn were also launched at the event.

Eminent film director Amjad Hossain, singers Sabina Yasmin, Rezwana Choudhury Banya and Ferdous Ara attended the programme.

In his speech Faridur Reza Shagor, managing director of Impress Telefilm Ltd, said, "The projects of IAVL will feature innovative arrangements along with promotion of fresh talent in all arenas of music and entertainment."

Talking about his experience with the album *Matir Taney Bhatir Taney*, Ayub Bachchu said, "It was a challenging and interesting experience. I had to undertake extensive research on over 300 songs of

Abdul Alim. I was enchanted by Abdul Alim's simple and unique style. I tried my level best to keep the original lyrics and tunes intact."



Noted artistes seen with Faridur Reza Shagor (4-L) at the event

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) 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.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm.
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

BBC WORLD
Every hour on the hour

CHANNEL 1

09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Tritiyo Matra
11:05 Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell
Tarokakothon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbadpotrey
Bangladesh
02:40 Selected plays of Humayun Ahmed
04:05 Bashundhara Amader Gaan
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
06:00 Gaurober Shomachar
07:50 Talk Show: Aloe
09:35 Jibon Jekhaney Jamon
10:00 Drama Serial: Bela Obelar Golpo
10:30 Onyodrishti
11:35 Gandharaj Samsung Cine Aha
12:15 Adibashi Jonopod
12:50 Smritir Monikothae
01:30 Shornali Shadokha
02:30 Drama Serial: Nirob Koshto
03:10 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhu Nai
03:45 Shapla Shaluk
04:20 Music Box
04:45 Ishpani Pure Snax Quiz Time
05:10 ATN Music
05:45 Islami Sawal O Jobab
06:25 Three Stooges
08:00 Drama Serial: Jol Porey Pata Norey
08:30 Drama Serial: The New Shabuj Opera
09:00 Drama Serial: Nirey Taar Neel Dheu
09:30 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Swapno

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08:35 Aajker Shokal
09:05 Documentary: Animal Kingdom
10:05 Natoker Gaan
11:00 Baul songs: Mon Amar Shondhan Kori
11:30 Talk Show: Ki Kotha Tahar Shathey
12:05 Documentary: World Of Arts
12:30 Hoi Hullor
01:05 Mukhtangan
02:35 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush Alochon
04:25 Apnar Jigyasha
05:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:20 Apon Aloe
08:20 Drama Serial: Romizer Aaina
09:10 Lux Glamour World
09:50 Drama Serial: Shadarater Manush Dindarpan
11:25

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
10:00 Cartoon
10:30 Bangla Film
01:30 Bagan Bilash
03:00 Smallville
04:00 Drama Serial: Dui Dugoney Paanch
04:30 Concert
05:00 Chokh Meley Dekhi
06:00 Ae Diney Shei Khoney
07:00 Padmoraag
08:30 Drama Serial: Society
09:00 Drama Serial: Tebhaga
11:25

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08:30 Shubho Shokal
09:00 Cartoon
10:00 Desher Pothey

PICK OF THE DAY



Jol Porey Pata Norey
On ATN Bangla at 08:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Azizul Hakim, Sweety, Deepa Khondokar

Lethal Weapon
On HBO at 08:30pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Mel Gibson, Danny Glover

10:30 Drama Serial: Toboo Bhalobashi
12:00 Drama Serial: Garchhara
02:30 Drama Serial: Krishnopokkho
04:00 Shat Shotter
05:00 Cine Beat
05:30 Ashay Pashey
06:40 Diner Sheshey
08:05 Drama Serial: Album Ki Jadu Bangla
08:40
09:15 Drama Serial: Shohorer Shesh Bari Apnar Agami
10:30 Who's Your Daddy?
12:30 The People Under The Stairs

02:30 Beethoven's 2nd
04:15 Undefeated
04:45 Dead Calm
06:00 New On the Big Screen In April
08:00 Lethal Weapon 3
11:00 Credit 2 the grave
01:00 The Buried Secret of M. Night Shyamalan
02:30 Body Count
10:45 Living Daylights The Object Of My Affection
01:00 Runaway Jury
02:50 Ladder 49
07:00 Five Children And It
09:30 Bicentennial Man
10:45 Hoodlum
01:00 Very Cool Christmas

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11:00 Mano Ya Na Mano
11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri
12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:30 Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Dhoom
01:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
01:30 Mirch Masala
02:00 V First Day First Show- Starplus
02:05 Shanno Ki Shaadi
03:00 Pardey Ke Peechey
03:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
04:00 Loc- Life Out Of Control
05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
05:25 V First Day First Show- Starplus

05:30 Lilo & Stitch
06:00 The Little Mermaid
06:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
06:30 Raju Chacha
09:30 Saibaba
10:30 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
11:00 Shanno Ki Shaadi
11:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu Todii Naz
12:00 V First Day First Show- Starplus
12:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:05
08:00 Dr Ramesh Richard
08:30 Billboard Us Countdown
09:30 Hogan's Heroes
10:00 Get Smart
10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
12:30 Desperate Housewives

01:30 Lost
02:30 The O.C.
03:30 The Apprentice
04:30 Grey's Anatomy
05:30 Dr Ramesh Richard
06:00 Travel Asia
06:30 Baywatch Hawaii
07:30 Malcolm In The Middle
08:00 Parkinson
09:00 Winfrey Show
10:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal
10:30 Desperate Housewives
11:30 Lost

DISCOVERY

08:30 Wild Discovery
09:00 Wild Discovery
09:30 Discovery India
10:00 Discovery India
10:30 Feast India
11:00 Yatra-Indian Travels
11:30 Adventure Crazy
12:00 Great Cars
12:30 Ten Years Younger
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Crime Stories
03:30 Seven Wonders Of The Industrial World
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:00 Wild Discovery
05:30 Discovery Wings
06:30 Deadliest Season In The World
7:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
10:30 Bird Month Special
11:30 Mummy Autopsy

11:30 Backyard Science
12:00 Serious: Jungle
12:30 Wildlife Diary
01:30 Amazing Moments
02:30 Dangerous Encounters
03:30 Hunter Hunted
04:30 Going To More Extremes
05:30 Great Indian Railway Pt.1
06:30 Supergerms
07:30 The Living Edens
08:30 Strange Days On Planet Earth
10:30 Amazing Moments
11:30 Wild Sex

ESPN

08:00 Major League Baseball San Francisco Giants Vs Los Angeles Dodgers (L)
11:00 Football Extra Malaysia Airlines Football Extra (S)
12:00 Sportscenter Week In Review (R)
12:30 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa Castle Lager/Mtn Test Series 2006 Centurion South Africa Vs New Zealand 1st Test Day 1 Highlights (R)
01:58 Wild Discovery
04:00 Cricket Classics India Down Under Brisbane Australia India Vs New Zealand World Series Cup (2nd M Atch) (R)
04:30 New Zealand Tour Of South Africa Castle Lager/Mtn Test Series 2006 Centurion South Africa Vs New Zealand 1st Test Day 2 1st Session (L)

09:00 Session (L)
09:00 Sportscenter Weekend
09:05 Super Spells With Wasim Akram (R)
09:30 Cricket Classics Caribbean Kings England Vs West Indies (T)
11:30 Uefa Champions League Magazine Shows

STAR SPORTS

09:15 Hitz (T)
09:45 Australia Tour Of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Vs Australia 2nd Test Day 1 1st Session
12:00 Icc Cricket World (T)
05:00 English Premier Football League 2005/06 (Jip) Birmingham England Aston Villa Vs Birmingham City (L)
07:00 Super Sunday (L)
07:25 English Premier Football League 2005/06 Blackburn England Blackburn Rovers Vs Liverpool (L)
09:30 Final Score (T)
10:00 Australia Tour Of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Vs Australia 2nd Test Day 1 Highlights

TEN SPORTS

09:30 WWE: Experience
02:00 Trans World Sports
03:00 Golf H/Ls
05:30 Volvo Race
09:30 Portuguese League: Boavista v Benfica
06:30 WWE:Heat
07:30 Legends
10:30 WWE:Specials: WrestleMania 22