



The Baily Star

Musical soiree

A soulful performance of Maijbhandari songs



Abul Sarkar (L) and Dilruba Khan deliver moving performances

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ITH acoustics of indigenous instruments, dance and tune, the mystic Maijbhandari singers captivated the audience at the Plaza of National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on April 22.

Though Maijbhandari songs are based traditionally on praise of Allah, the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Muslim *pir* (saints), they also focus on love for humanity, morality, secularism and divine love. The Sufis assemble at Maijbhandari Sharif at Chittagong to

practice mystic rites and render spiritual songs.

Maijbhandari songs originated in Chittagong about a century ago under the aegis of Syed Ahmadullah Maij-bhandari (1826-1906). Renowned bard Romesh Sheel composed over 300 Maijbhandari songs, thereby popularising the genre all over country. Nowadays, followers of Chishtia Tariquah (the Sufis who believe in reuniting of the soul with the Almighty and the Prophet through dance and music) at the different dargah (shrines), rural

bards and even urban solo sing-

ers who are not followers of the

cult, render Maijbhandai songs. Representatives from all of these communities rendered Maijbhandari songs such Iskul khuilase re Mowlah, Doyal baba kebla kaba aynar karigar, Maijbhandarir mormo bujhe rashik o shujan and others on the last day of the five-day-long regional musical soiree arranged by the Production Department of BSA

The attraction of the evening was the presentation of Maijbhandari Moromi Goshthi, a representative of the cult of Maijbhandar Sharif, Chittagong.

The troupe rendered three songs-- Dom-e dom-e jopo re mon, Ke dilo je and Tarey bhokti bhorey. Moreover, followers of the cult living at different corners of the country such as Abul Sarkar and his troupe, Jamal Dewan and his troupe, Matal Abdul Hai and his troupe, Kala Chan Dewan and his troupe, Bijoy Kumar Das and his troupe, Jahanara Bikrampuri and her troupe and others performed.

Abul Sarkar's stentorian voice modulation during the rendition of the song Rasul eshechhey was highly appreciated by the audience. In response to the call

for an encore. Abul Sarkar and his troupe presented another song Belayater maslah, though the performers barring Maijbhandari Marami Goshthi were supposed to render one song each.

11 solo artistes from Dhaka and other districts also performed. Dilruba Khan, Shahin Khan, Bulbuli Akhtar, Saleha Nasrin Swapna and Rahima Khatun were impressive. However, the inclusion of mediocre solo singers such as Popy Sarwar, JB Jharna and others was an anomaly.

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The prize-giving ceremony of Bishwa Shahitya Kendra, Chittagong was held recently at Chittagong Municipal Model High School, according to a press release

About 1500 youngsters from 51 schools in Chittagong city were awarded at the event early in the morning. The programme started with the resonating beats of dhol. A raffle draw was held and four of the parents received books as prizes.

Addressing the crowd, educationist Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed said, "An enlightened mind is like a luminous flame. By reading books, one is not only benefitted but he/she can educate several others. Enlightened individuals can guide a nation to greater heights."

Chairperson of Chittagong Board of Education, professor AJM Shahidullah: chief education officer of Chittagong City Corporation, Rowshan Akhter Hanif and others also spoke at the occasion.



Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed (2-R) handing over a prize to a youngster at the occasion



On April 23, at The Ibsen Festival in Lahore, Pakistan, Centre for Asian Theatre staged its latest production Resurrection. Playwright-director Kamaluddin Nilu's play features lbsen's life, philosophy and his perspective on art. Theatre troupes from China, India, Iran, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Mauritius will stage plays in the festival arranged by **Rafi Peer Theatre** Workshop.



Sandeep Acharya is 'Indian Idol 2'

Sandeep Acharya has been crowned Indian Idol in the second season of Sony Entertainment Television's popular talent hunt show. The 22-year-old from Bikaner, Rajasthan beat the 19-year-old Karunya to win the title.

Although, the support for Sandeep in the audience was overwhelming, until a few days ago, Karunya had been tipped as the hot favourite for the title.

Judge Farah Khan acknowledged that Karunva was a better singer technically, but added, "Indian Idol is not just about singing. Sandeep has an immensely likeable personality.



The pre-final rounds of the talent hunt, Bengal Bikash, by Bengal Foundation began from April 22. The venue was Bengal Silpalaya. The first day of the pre-finals was on Tagore songs. The judges, Rezwana Chowdhury Banya, Iffat Ara Dewan, Mohiuddin Chowdhury and Laisa Ahmad Lisa are seen in the photograph. No contest was held on April 23 due to hartal. The pre-finals will continue till April 29 and contestants will take part in Nazrul songs, 'Songs of the three poets' (DL Roy, Atul Prasad and Rajnikant Sen), folk songs round and in the adunik songs round.

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Anu Malik concurred with his co-judge and said 'Karunya has an edge over Sandeep if we are to merely talk about singing. But Sandeep has shown a remarkably endearing personality throughout. It was difficult to choose one over the other, and finally, God's finger fell on Sandeep.'

Sonu Nigam said, "Sandeep connected with the Indian audience in a big way, and made a place in their hearts. Also, Karunya may not have won the title, but we all know how incredibly talented both these singers are. They have a very promising future.'

'Almost-there' Karunya put up a brave show and congratulated Sandeep, "In a way, I am not surprised. The support he had from the public was mindblowing." His mother, being more vocal, blamed the system of multiple voting. "A lot of multiple voting takes place, because of which my son did not make it

Sandeep Acharva

But I am sure that the ones who matter will agree that Karunya is the actual Indian Idol," she said.

Undoubtedly, the night belonged to Sandeep. And no one seemed happier than his mother, who had tears of joy in her eyes. "I knew it from day one that my son will make it."

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News Bulletin

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55
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News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English)
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