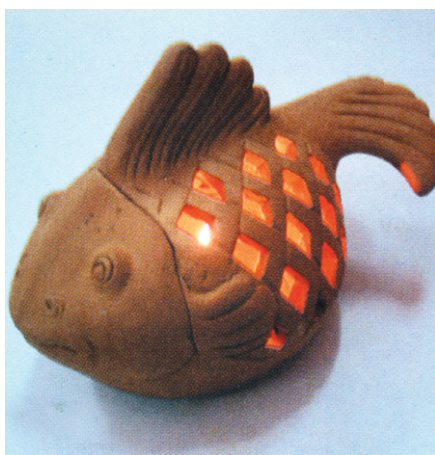


Eid gifts

A boost to rural artisans



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ENDURING gifts in the market today are a wide variety of apparel, handicrafts and household goods.

Eid is round the corner once more and it's time for looking into what's available in the market.

As Ripon, management trainee at Aarong, points out, "With Nakshi Kantha it is back to the roots for many Bangladeshis.

Meanwhile at Karupalli, a government-owned organisation, Eid sales are picking up.



Gift items available at different stores in the city

table cloths and cotton and jamdani saris.

"Quality is our forte," says Abu Yousuf, manager at Banglar Mela.

And the shopper not only picks up gifts for Eid but also promotes the art and craft of

Bangladesh. These retail outlets seek to uplift the socio-economic condition of financially straitened artisan families through training, design and marketing support.

dyes. Likewise Aarong outlets provide and create jobs to the poor and marginal income groups.

In an increasingly competitive market, shops such as these have resorted to advertising to promote their colourful and artistic wares.

A relatively new development in the market for traditional crafts and other gifts is the advent of online shopping.

So what's stopping the shopper? Here's a whole lot of products that make great presents.

The festive hue of henna

FAYZA HAQ

Henna had decked women in the royal courts of ancient Egypt and Assyria, and was accompanied by perfume and incense.

Today, in Bangladesh, women apply henna on their palms, finger nails, wrists and hands.



A young woman getting henna designs on her palm (top)

registration of the colour of henna, the greater are the expectations of happiness in the marriage.

At Bashundhara City, Panthopath, a five day-long Elite Ranga Eid Festival is being held.

Doel says that she has always looked forward to applying mehdi during Eid. The young women applying the henna are not educated at any art college.

Streisand's outburst at NYC concert

It was an evening that elicited tears, standing ovations, raucous laughter and shouts of joy from the audience -- and that was just in the first few minutes.

Barbra Streisand's return to touring after a 12-year absence was the extravaganza that it promised to be.

Streisand effortlessly crooned through a select repertoire of her four decades of hits.

There was Streisand, enduring a smattering of loud jeers as she and "George Bush" -- a celebrity impersonator muddled through a skit that portrayed the president as a bumbling idiot.

Though most of the crowd offered polite applause during the slightly humorous routine, it had gone on a bit too long, especially for those who just wanted to hear Streisand sing like she had been doing for the past hour.

"Come on, be polite!" the well-known liberal implored during the sketch as she and "Bush" exchanged zingers.

"Shut the (expletive) up!" Streisand bellowed, drawing wild applause. "Shut up if you can't take a joke!"

Once the outburst (which Streisand later apologised for) was over, Streisand noted that "the artist's role is to disturb," and delivered a message of tolerance before

launching into a serenely beautiful rendition of *Some-where*. That put the focus back on what the audience came for -- her voice, one of the greatest female instruments of her generation.

Source: Internet



Barbra Streisand performs in New York's Madison Square Garden on October 9

BSCIC's Sharat Mela ends today

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) began its five-day Sharat Mela

(autumn fair and handicrafts exhibition) at the BSCIC Bhaban in Motijheel from October 8.

BSCIC chairperson SR Osmani inaugurated the fair while chief

designer Kamaluddin Ahmed was present as special guest.

The chairman later distributed certificates among 121 trainees, who earlier attended 11 courses at the BSCIC design centre.

The courses included block and batik prints, leather work, bamboo work, pottery, carpentry, iron work, jute products, handlooms, screen printing, packaging and weaving.

As total of 71 stalls have been set up to display their products. The products are honey, various kinds of pickles, jam-jelly, wooden products, varieties of cane and bamboo handicrafts, embroidery products, attractive clothes, jamdani sarees and dolls.

The objective of the exhibition is to create a market for handicrafts, said the organisers.

With the forthcoming Eid festival, the fair attracted a huge crowd. Rashed, a customer seemed happy with his purchase of a Punjabi. He said, "I found what I was looking for - attractive attire at a reasonable price."

The biggest crowd was around the stalls of children's clothing. The stalls featured a huge variety of



designs.

Meanwhile, the organisers had reasons to be elated. "We've received a huge response from the public. However, it would have been better if the fair was extended for another day or two," said an organiser.

The exhibition ends today.



A fair-goer checking out the collection, a handmade doll (R)

CULTURAL FEAST
Exhibition
Title: Doors
Organiser: Alliance Française de Dacca
Venue: la Gallery, Alliance Française de Dacca
Date: October 12-25
Time: 9 am to 12 pm and 5 pm to 9 pm
Photography Exhibition
Title: A Portrait of South India
Organiser: North South University Photography Club
Venue: BTA 100, BTA Tower, North South University
Date: October 8-12
Time: 10 am to 6 pm
Art Fair
Venue: Shipangan Gallery, Road 3, House 13/A, Dhanmondi
Date: October 13-22
Time: 10 am to 1 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm
Printmaking Exhibition
Title: Knock...
Artist: Tariq Julfikar
Venue: Alliance Française de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: October 13-26
Time: 9 am to 12 pm and 5 pm to 9 pm

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.
News Bulletin
BTW
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, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.
Teletext of BTW news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm.
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
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Teletext of BTW News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.
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

BTW
09:15 Satellite Broadcast
11:15 Tommy Miahir Kinchen
12:05 Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke
12:30 Maa O Shisur Kottha
01:00 Shukhi Poribhar
02:15 Children's Drama
03:30 Matri Bhasha
04:30 Mahe Ramjan
06:10 Aparupa Bangladesh
07:30 Shomoyer Shonglap
08:35 Protidin Bangladesh
08:45 Weekly Drama
10:25 Teknaf Thekey Tetulia
10:30 Apar Shawsthyo (Live)
ATN BANGLA
09:15 Drama Serial: Tushar Rohoshyho
10:30 Anyodrishti
11:05 Bangla Feature Film
03:45 Islamic Programme
04:15 Mobarak Ho Mahe Ramjan
06:20 Prapok
08:00 Drama Serial: Hortona Bibi
08:30 Drama Serial: Ferari Siren
09:00 Drama Serial: Koto Chena Koto Achena
10:40 Char Deyaler Kabyo
CHANNEL i
09:30 Shangbad Potre Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Gramen Phone Tritiyomatra
12:30 Aaj Dupurey O Cottha
Tarokakothon
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 Tritiy Matray Apni
03:05 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak
04:05 Amader Gaan
04:25 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:44 Monohar Iftar
06:00 Sroshtar Shakhor
06:35 Amar Chhobi
07:50 RC Travel on Concert
09:35 Drama Serial: Binuhodo
Onuprobesh
10:00 Drama Serial: Ebong Shomachar
Grammenphone
Ajker Shangbadpotro
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08:35 Aijker Shokal
09:00 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
10:05 Chalochchitro
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
01:05 Mukttangan
02:35 Drama Serial:

PICK OF THE DAY
RC Travel On
On Channel i at 7:50pm
Travel Show
Host: Shahriar Shakil
Sons & Daughters
On Star World at 10:30pm
Genre: Sitcom
Cast: Fred Goss, Jerry Lambert
Labonyoprobha
Mega Serial: Ranger Manush
03:15 Smritir Janalay
04:25 Hridoye Ramjan
05:15 Dindarpan
05:20 Al Quran
05:45 Jibon Gorar Ashor
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Shishuder Shomoy
08:25 Drama Serial: Megh Bolechhe
Jabo Jabo
09:00 Glamour World
10:00 Drama Serial: Kuhak
11:25 Dindarpan
BANGLAVISIO
03:15 Drama Serial: Gaurochandrika
10:00 Drama Serial: Hasuli Begumer
10:30 Agamir Kantho
11:30 Desher Pathy
03:00 Amader Rannaghar
03:30 Ebong Classer
Bailey
04:00 Raat Bi Raatey
04:30 Icchey Ghuri
05:00 Ajaan
06:25 Diner Sheshey
06:40 Amader Rannaghar
08:10 Danakanta Shayeri
09:20 Article Thirty-Nine
02:00 Rishton Ki Dor
02:30 Drama Aisa Des Hai Mera
03:00 Matinee Movie - Masoom Movie
05:30 Contd. Movie
06:00 Current Bollywood Movie
06:30 Music Beats Music
07:00 Music Mantra Music
07:30 Chartbusters Music
08:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama
08:30 Kaajjal - Sabbki
09:00 Ankhon Mein Basi Drama
09:00 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama
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Ankhon Mein Basi Drama
11:30 Karmi Apna Apna
12:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:30 Resham Dankh
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Kesar
03:00 Saarrthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kahiin To Hoga
04:30 Karm Apna Apna
05:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
06:00 Mum Tum Aur Hum
06:30 Buzz on Maggie
07:00 Timon and Pumbaa
07:30 Hatim
08:30 Antariksh
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
09:30 Viraasat
10:00 Karm Apna Apna
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
12:00 Paraya Dhan
12:00 I Know What You Did Last Summer
12:00 Love Don't Cost a Thing
02:00 The Big Preview: World Trade Centre
02:30 Shadowlands
05:15 Cerberus
07:15 Assault on Precinct 13
09:30 The Mask of Zorro
12:15 Connie and Carla
02:15 To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday
STAR MOVIES
09:30 Avp: Alien Vs. Predator
11:15 Raging Bull
10:30 Mad Love
03:15 Big
05:05 Mighty Joe Young
07:00 Death To The Supermodels
08:30 Lot Like Love
STAR WORLD
09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
11:30 Boston Legal
12:30 J.A.G.
01:30 Knight Rider
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Monk
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Cheers
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 Hope & Faith
09:00 According To Jim
09:30 The Office
10:00 Two And A Half Men
10:30 Sons & Daughters
11:00 Growing Up Gotti
11:30 Seinfeld
12:00 Friends
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 Nat Geo Junior
10:00 Nat Geo Wild
10:30 Spider Power
11:30 Seconds From Disaster
01:00 Mummy Road Show
01:30 World Culture
02:00 Changing Time With Hutch
02:30 The Living Edens
03:00 Ecstasy
04:00 Unwind
04:30 Big Bang - S 7
05:00 Snakes
05:30 Nat Geo Junior
06:00 Wildlife Diary
06:30 Ecstasy
07:00 Unwind
07:30 Panda Nursery
08:30 MegaStructures
09:30 Frontline Of Construction
10:30 Unwind
11:30 Polar Bear Alcatraz
DISCOVERY CHANNEL
08:30 Wild Discovery
09:30 Deadliest Catch
10:30 Anatomy of A Formula One Team
11:30 Junkyard Wars
12:30 Yummy Mummy
01:00 Runway Moms
01:30 Shark Week