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MUSICIANS ROCK DHAKA at Joy Bangla Concert 2020

The Joy Bangla Concert 2020, held at Army Stadium on March 7, commemorated the spirit and courage relayed to our countrymen nearly five decades ago by the Father of the Nation, through his historic speech on March 7, 1971. The speech inspired our people to prepare for a war of independence amid widespread reports of armed mobilisation by West Pakistan.

Furthermore, March 17, 2020, marked the birth centenary of Bangabandhu. The energy of metal and rock bands, renditions of celebrated patriotic songs, and a holographic visual of Bangabandhu's 7th March speech, were some of the highlights of the concert, organised by Young Bangla, a youth platform under Centre for Research and

Information (CRI). The event started off with a soulful rendition of our National Anthem, followed by the song, *Joy Bangla*. This year, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana graced the event with their presence. Bangabandhu's grandson Radwan Mujib Siddiq, a trustee of CRI, and granddaughter Saima Wazed Hossain, were also present.

In between the performances, some anecdotes from Bangabandhu's life were shared. One such anecdote was that at 23, the age of many people in the audience, Bangabandhu stood as a beacon of hope for those who were starving in the 1943 Famine. The concert featured both emerging and prominent musicians, including F Minor, Minar, AvoidRafa, Shunno, Vikings, Fuad & Friends, Band



Fuad & Friends



Band Lalon

Lalon, Arbovirus, Chirkutt, Cryptic Fate, Nemesis, Arekta Rock Band, Adverb, and Sin. Among the notable performances of the concert were Band Lalon's rendition of *Pagol Chhara Duniya Chole Na* and Arbovirus' rendition of Tagore's *O Amar Desher Mati*.

On March 7, 1971, our countrymen and the international media had their eyes glued to the announcement that was to come from Bangabandhu's speech, which was later recognised by UNESCO as a 'Memory of the World'. At the concert, a holographic visual of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana, shed light on what exactly happened 49 years ago when their father set out for his historic speech that roared out against 24 years of injustice and repression in

Bangladesh by the regime of Pakistan. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recalled that her mother urged Bangabandhu to share the truth with the people, without fear. At the end, through the holographic visual, the Prime Minister recited a poem about her father.

Then, Bangabandhu appeared before the audience through a holographic visual. His unwavering voice that shook the repressive regime of Pakistan, the human sea bursting into a roar with the spirit of liberation from the oppressive regime of Pakistan in 1971, became real once more. For over 50,000 youths, it was the experience of a lifetime. Overall, the concert was hugely successful.

Source: CRI



GORBOMALA The alphabets of pride

For this International Mother Language Day, The Daily Star and Grameenphone came up with an initiative to revive the book of alphabets, with a touch of patriotism. This thought led to the birth of Gorbomala, a campaign by The Daily Star and Grameenphone. The name, 'gorbomala' is derived from the term, 'bornomala', which means 'a collection of letters'. 'Gorbomala' stands for 'a collection of pride'.

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Gorbomala is an interactive digital book that represents different aspects of Bangladesh, through the 52 Bangla letters. For example, 'shor-e-o' stands for 'Amor Ekushe' which represents 21st February, a historical event for Bangladesh, 'shor-e-aa' stands for 'Agortola Shorjontro Mamma', another event in the history of the independence of Bangladesh. All the alphabets stand for something that is associated with the history, culture, geography, notable persons, and many other aspects of our nation. Readers can also know about those aspects in detail from the book, by



turning the pages with clicks and learn about Bangladesh through the alphabets.

The campaign also allows engagement from user's end. The digital book is followed by a small quiz of five questions, taken from the book's content.

Gorbomala was promoted by a video, which starred famous singer and journalist Elita Karim and renowned director Ashfaq Nipun. In the video, they played a fun quiz with Bangla letters and talked about the campaign, which received a hugely positive response online.

To check out the campaign, visit campaign.thedailystar.net/gorbomala



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YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Bangladesh Prime Minister Fellowship Announcement 2020-21

The Prime Minister's Office is offering Master's and Ph.D. scholarships for Bangladeshi students around the world. Selected applicants will receive 60 lacs to 2 crores in grant money.



DEADLINE: April 5, 2020 | Scholarship

Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships 2020-21

The Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarship is available for Master's students from commonwealth countries. The scholarship will cover the tuition fees and any expenses incurred in the residential part of the program in the UK.

DEADLINE: April 13, 2020 | Scholarship

The Walt Disney Accelerator Program 2020 in the US

The Walt Disney Accelerator Program 2020 is a competition for growth-stage startups who wish to contribute to the future of the entertainment industry. Winners will get access to Disney's campus, resources, and mentorship team in the United States.

DEADLINE: April 3, 2020 | Competition