

anniversary

# Need to Rediscover Lalon Emphasized

Lalon Parishad holds a discussion meeting to observe mystic song writer Lalon Shah's birth and death anniversary with a call to do more research on his life and work

By Tawfique Ali

LALON Parishad Kendrio Sangsad, Dhaka held a discussion meeting on Fakir Lalon Shah followed by a Lalon song recital on October 16 on the occasion of his both birth and death anniversary that happens to the same day.

The discussion was chaired by Dr. Syed Anwar Hossain, D.G., Bangla Academy while Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury, State Minister for Shipping was present as the chief guest. The discussants who reflected on the life and works of the great mystic singer and songwriter were Dr. Begum Jahanara, Syed Tosar Ali, Principal M.A. Zaman, Dr. Ashraf Siddiquy, Kazi Abu Zafar Siddiquy and Lalon Parishad chairperson Dr. Khandakar Riazul Huque.

Fakir Lalon Shah is a name associated with the very essence of Bengali culture. But Lalon is, by and large considered as a Marami Kabi—a spiritual poet having no formal institutional education. "He learnt much from the natural perception of life," commented Tosar Ali while discussing Lalon's life and his teachings. Ali highlighted Lalon's teaching of fraternity and equality of sexes.

The discussants stressed upon the necessity of establishing a Lalon Institute to disseminate the humanist teachings of Lalon. "Lalon's life is an undiscovered gold mine. He dedicated his whole life to the pursuit of knowledge," said Dr. Begum Jahanara who is the co-chairperson of the Parishad. "We have been trying to establish Lalon Institute for a long time but we have not been able to do that so far. Lalon has not been duly projected in the media," she opined.

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STAR GOLD  
5:30 Hamlet 8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Preetam (Shammi Kapoor, Leena Chandavarkar) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Anarkali (Bina Rai, Pradeep Kumar Mubarak) 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Ek Raaz (Kishore Kumar, Jamuna, Pran) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Lamhe Pyaar Ke Sawan Ki Ghata (Manoj Kumar, Mumtaz) 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Jahan Sati Wahan Bhagwan (Prithviraj Kapoor, Anita Gupta) 12:30 Jahan Sati Wahan Bhagwan (Contd) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Sawan Ki Ghata (Manoj Kumar, Mumtaz)

Trapa Majumder in Ekatturer Dinguli on Channel i tonight at 9.50p.m.



4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Cartoon: Barne and Friends 4:30 Songs 5:00 National School Debate Competition 5:50 Dharma-O-Jiban 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Centre 7:00 Sambad (Bangla News) 7:05 Diganto 7:25 Laal Suboer Paala (Cultural Programme on Children) 8:00 Bangla News at 8 8:20 Serial: Beyshakhee Jhar 9:00 Unnayan Sanglaap 10:00 News at Ten (English) 10:20 Taraka Jagat (Film Based) 10:50 English Series: Sacred Monuments of Asia 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline for Friday B) National Song 11:45 Closing

CHANNEL-I  
6:15 Nilanjana 7:00 Alapone 7:40 Chitti Pelam 8:00 Din Protidin 8:35 Samyog Gane 9:10 Drama Everyday: Joar Vhata 10:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 10:10 Khochi Kachar Melar Janmudin 10:40 Akre Vethore Pauch 11:15 Nilanjana 12:00 Alapone 12:40 Chitti Pelam 1:15 Samyog Gane 2:00 Drama Everyday: Joar Vhata 2:45 Bangla Cinema 6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 6:10 AP Gane Gane 6:40 Artho O Nithi 7:15 Drama: Abhoshese 8:00 Face to Face 8:40 Drama: Az Robibar 9:15 Drama: I Dream of Jeane 9:50 Ekatturer Dinguli 10:00 Drama: Joar Vhata 10:35 Asia Cup Football. Chn vs Qut 12:35 Asia Cup Football. Kro vs Indo 2:45 Bangla Cinema

HBO  
7:00 Lethal Weapon 9:15 Deliverance 11:30 Night Shift 1:45 Clara's Heart 4:00 Out For



Artists rendering Lalon song

Principal M.A. Zaman also emphasized the of a Lalon Institute in the country to facilitate research on Lalon's philosophy and teachings. Kazi Abu Zafar Siddiquy in his speech paid tribute to Lalon as the Bawl Samrat—the king of the Bawl. "Fakir Lalon Shah is a Maha Kabi, though not in the sense of an epic poet but in the sense a great poet of originality," he said. "A society that is driven by prejudice and clouded by obscurantism and religious deceit, Lalon established the truth that man is essentially for man and the heaven is placed only in one's soul," he further added. He also felt that Lalon Institute is inevitable.

Dr. Riazul Huque, in his turn, very fervently appealed to the government to establish an Institute for Lalon study.

Dr. Ashraf Siddiquy, while explaining Lalon's philosophy, commented that in Baul litera-

ture "women are treated equally with their counterpart. Lalon's teachings are a gold mine for modern feminists who are fighting for the cause of. There is a fine blend of Sufism and Indian philosophy in Lalon's view of life," Dr. Siddiquy said.

Mafazzal Hossain Chowdhury said that Lalon is a philosopher poet. "He spoke for equality, fraternity, and humanity through his songs."

Dr. Anwar Hossain in his concluding remarks said quoting a Latin poet, "I am a man; anything concerning a man can not be neglected." He added, "Lalon upheld the truth that humanity prevails in the long run."

After the discussion meeting was over, noted radio artists and Lalon exponents from different areas of the country captivated the audience with a spiritual ambience that their music had created.

Award

# Annanya Awards Prof Sanjida Khatun

Lady of many talents Sanjida Apa honoured for her contribution to our cultural firmament

By Muneera Parveen

A multi-faceted talent in her own right, Prof Sanjida Khatun, known popularly as just Sanjida Apa among her very many fans, was honoured yet again when the Annanya Literary Award 1407 was bestowed on her at a simple and elegant ceremony at the National Museum on Oct. 17.

Prof Karunamoy Goswami, special guest at the ceremony, in his speech described this elegant lady "Dr Sanjida who has been treading on the path of light, leading the way for others to follow. She has silently come along a long way, without paying any heed to any of the communal violence that threatened to stop her many a time. We have a great lesson in humanity to learn from her."

Prof Anisuzzaman, in his speech as chief guest said that the Annanya Literary Award was a recognition of her research in Bangla language and literature. Therefore it's befitting that such an icon as Sanjida Khatun, who has spent a lifetime in learning and researching on the language and Rabindra Sangeet, receives it. He also said that Sanjida Apa was one of the pioneers who led the path for choosing Bangla culture over Pakistani one at the time of need. He also said that people would for long remember Sanjida's contribution in the field of culture and literature in this region. He wished that her contribution in our culture continues and wished her a long life.

In her response to winning the award she said, "My aim in life has been to be a humble human being in its real sense. I have been researching on the sounds of music, and words and instruments. This is what I like to do and hopefully will continue to do till the last day of my life."

She also added "I have been working hard to keep up the

traditional culture of Bangladesh. But the culture that is practiced in the name of our own these days is something I don't understand and can't follow. Our culture is a terribly rich tradition. I hope Annaya will always work to up keep the practice of this tradition." She also called upon all to practice our culture properly.

Prof Anisuzzaman and Taslima Hossain, Editor of Annanya handed over the crest

and cash award of Tk 50,000 to the professor. Sanjida donated the cash award to the Dr Kazi Motahar Hossain Foundation, a foundation in her father's name.

Taslima Hossain in presiding over the ceremony said that Sanjida is a teacher as well as an artist. They are very few people like her amidst us. And it is because of this lack of people like her that we are going through a deterioration of culture that has become hard to fight.

Taslima said that Annanya strives to honour 10 leading women every year for their various contributions in different aspects of the society. The award for literature and research was one of them.

At the second part of the ceremony, a cultural programme was held. Anisuzzaman Noor recited poetry while Lina Taposhi and Touhidul Islam presented songs. Kazi Modina was the anchor of the show.



Prof. Anisuzzaman and Taslima Hossain handing over the crest to Prof. Sanjida Khatun.

## Recommendations



## Indian Classical Music

The high commission of India has lined up a number of classical performances through its starts with a classical tabla recital by Yogesh Samsi on October 20 at the country in the next few days. It will start at 7.00p.m. at the Indian Cultural Center, which is followed by the classical vocal recital by Ustad Rashid Khan on October 24 at the Engineers Institute in Chittagong and on October 25 at the National Museum Auditorium, Dhaka. Both shows will start at 7.00p.m.

## Musical Soiree

Organised by Surtali Music School a musical soiree is going to be held at the India Cultural Center auditorium on October 21 at 6 in the evening. Students of the Surtali Music School and principle Dr Harun-Ur-Rashid will perform in the programme.

## Face to Face

Chalachitram Film Society in association with Goethe Institut has organised a programme which includes screening of four television package dramas and a face to face interview with the drama makers after the screening.

Programme schedule: October 19: 5.30p.m. - Samantara written by Glasuddin Selim and directed by Pulak Gupta 7.00p.m. - Odita written by Masum Reza and directed by Saidul Anam Tutul.

## Exercise in Wreckage

The 4th solo painting exhibition by Bipul, Shah started at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka on October 17 at 5.00p.m.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 2.00p.m. - 8.00p.m. everyday till October 26.

## TV GUIDE

### PICK OF THE DAY



Drama: Kokhono Dujone  
Ekushey television tonight at 8

Bipasha Hayat and Monir Khan Shimul plays the role of a married couple in the drama Kokhono Dujone. They fall in love with each other, get married and create a little family of their own. Shimul works really hard to earn and has to stay out almost all day. On the other hand his wife has plenty of free time while she is at home. Her time passes waiting for her husband. But unable to bear this she also starts to work. At this instance the husband faces a major accident and becomes house arrested. Like his wife he now has all the time in the world. He misses his wife and waits for her just like she use to do.

The drama is written and directed by Faria Hossain and stars Bipasha Hayat, Monir Khan Shimul and others.

Hit Ya Fit 9:3 Star Morning Film Show: Rahee (Shatughan Sinha, Sanjeev Kumar, Smita Patil) 12:30 Film Based Prog: Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Daily Soap: Tanha #362:00 Daily Soap: Meri

Jharokha 5:00 Film Based Prog: Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Hindi Serial: Kuchha Paapad Pucca Paapad 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Daily Soap: Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki 8:00 Hindi Serial: Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Star Bestsellers- Uncha Kaun 9:30 Daily Soap: Kaun Banega Crorepati 10:30 Daily Soap: Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki 11:00 Daily Soap: Kyonki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 12:00 Daily Soap: Tanha #36 12:30 Film Based Prog: Hit Ya Fit 1:00 Small Wonder 1:30 Daily Soap: Saans 2:00 Daily Soap: Meri Saheli 2:30 Daily Soap: Tanha 3:00 Hindi Serial: Tu Tu Main Main 3:30 Hasna Mat #12 4:00 Hindi Serial: Sewala Mewawala 4:30 Mirch Masala 5:00 Daily Soap: Kyonki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 5:30 Film Based Prog: Hit Ya Fit 6:00 Cine Jharokha

STAR WORLD  
6:30 Jackie Collins Hollywood 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 9:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer 10:00 Ally Mcbeal 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Series: The Practice 1:00 Three Previews 1:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 2:00 Mork & Mindy 2:30 Happy Days 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 Star News Asia 5:05 Fox World Business Report 5:30 Daily Soap: Friends 6:00 When Good Times Go Bad 6: 5 Star News Asia 7:00 Walker Texas Rangers Ep- The Guardians 8:00 Series: Martial Law 9:00 Daily Soap: Friends 9:30 Star News 10:00 When Good Times Go Bad 6: 5 Star News

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STAR MOVIES  
7:00 Romance: Enchanted (John Ward, Sydney Penny, David Kaufman) 9:00 Romance: A Life Less Ordinary (Evan McGregor, Cameron Diaz, Holly Hunter, Dan Hedaya) 11:3

Dark City on HBO at 10.00p.m.

Comedy: A Thin Line Between Love & Hate (Martin Lawrence)

1:30 Midday Movie: Joshua Then And Now (PG) 3:30 Thriller: Angel Heart 5:30 Romance: The Matchmaker (Janeane Garofalo, David O'Hara, Denis Leary) 7:30 Drama: Michael Jordan- The Road To Victory 9:30 The Ticket 10:00 Thursday Mega Movie: White Men Can't Jump (Woody Harrelson, Wesley Snipes) 12:30 Hot Favourites: Celtic Pride (Damon Wayans) 2:30 Comedy: A Thin Line Between

Love & Hate (Martin Lawrence)

STAR SPORTS  
8:00 Sport News- Sportsline Today 8:30 Cricket Talk Show- Boycott Live 9:30 Fim World Motorcycle Championship 2000 Motogp Twin Rink Moteji, Japan Highlights 11:00 Asia Sport Show 11:30 Golf- Asian PGA Tour Davoff Tour: Kolon Korean Open Seoul, South Korea Highlights 12:3 Sportsline Today 1:00 Soccer/ Football - Asian Cup Game #2 11:00 National Sports Report 4:00 Sports Unlimited 5:00 Asia Sport Show 5:30 Soccer/ Football- Soccer The Match Of The Century: Carizzo 6:00 Soccer/ Football- Asian Cup Finals 2000 Lebanon, Lebanon- Iraq vs Iran Match 14 8:00 Live- Sport News- Sportsline Tonight 8:30 World Wrestling Federation Raw 10:30 Live- Sport News- Sportsline Tonight 11:00 Live- Cricket Talk Show- Boycott Live 12:00 Live- Sport News- Sportsline Tonight 12:30 World Wrestling Federation Raw

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Kamon Achen on Ekushey television at 7.02p.m.

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Celtic Pride on Star Movies tonight at 12.30p.m.