

## convention

# Singing Song of Life

### Udichi's three-day-long convention at the Dhaka Mahanagar Natyamancha.

By Tawfique Ali

BAGLADESH Udichi Shilpi Gosthi held its three-day-long National Cultural Convention - 2000 at the Dhaka Mahanagar Natyamancha.

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Gosthi, one of the most prominent cultural organisations in the country, has been fighting an uphill battle against various religious extremism and other social evils and speak-



Udichi artists rendering song

ing for social harmony and peace for a long enough time to leave the organisation's name in history. It has always voiced against the forces that tend to spoil social equilibrium and progress. Its mission is to establish "humanity" above all else and as such to bring about a significant change in social set up.



Habibul Alam, convener of the Convention, delivering his speech

Udichi's national convention at Mahanagar Natyamancha was titled *Aamra Manusher Joyogan Gai, Aamra Jiboner Joyogan Gai* (We sing a song of man's victory, we sing a song of life).

The inaugural programme was graced by the country's eminent Professor Khan Sarwar Murshid who opened the convention on October 19.

Members from all fifty branches, including the UK one, of *Udichi Shilpi Gosthi* from different districts and Thanas across the country

have travelled to the capital city to voice their tune at this cultural fair. All these branches, by turn, performed different musical presentations featuring Bangladesh's cultural richness and diversity. Among others, there were performances of ballet, songs with local dialect, recital, solo musical recital, wedding songs, verse ballet, lyrical ballet, Chakma cultural song, dance, folk songs, dance by tea-garden folks of Srimangal, folk dance and dance ballet.

The entire programme was accommodated in the spacious auditorium *Mahanagar Natyamancha* and its tiled premises newly built by the Dhaka City Corporation in front of the Bangabhaban.

On the second day of the programme the auditorium was found full to the brim with a huge number of enthusiastic audience. Enthusiasm flew high while different Udichi troupers performed their respective presentations. To an extent, a festive atmosphere prevailed in and around the auditorium from afternoon to night. The audience



Placing floral wreath at the Shaheed Minar

expressed their joy singing and dancing along with the performers. The performers seemed enraptured by the audiences' inspiring response.

The programmes, meant for soul-search various social incongruities and exploitation, condemned the evils eating the vitals of our society. There was a fervent call for religious coexistence.

A keynote paper titled "Practising Bengali Culture: Tradition and Modernism", featuring Bengali culture and its growth, was presented by Niranjan Adhikari at a seminar marking the occasion.

The open-to-all programme began at 4 p.m. everyday, the cultural extravaganza ended yesterday leaving good memories among those who attended.



Udichi brought out a colorful rally on the eve of National Cultural Convention

## exhibition

# Translating The Mind into Colours

### Nurun Nahar Papaa portrays people at Ariel Centre

By Tahera Yesmin

IN yesteryears, women in Bangladesh got hardly any opportunity to work outside homes. Who got such opportunities were in minority. Even for these few, coming out of purdah was great achievement. But



Nurun Nahar Papaa

things are changing; and changing fast. Now, it is a matter of pride that females, especially in the field of art, are coming forward with their imaginative minds. Their canvasses are colourful and creative. Especially since the independence of the country, women artists have made their presence felt in a very positive manner.

If a female artist is determined to create her canvas with her feelings, dreams and surroundings within which she lives, her inborn creativity gets unleashed with imagination, even though women busy in their roles as a wives, mothers. But most importantly, she is a member of the family and society. She has to make her time against many odds to express herself.

That's exactly we witness by looking at the canvases of the young and imaginative Nurun Nahar Papaa. The 6th solo art exhibition of Nurun Nahar was inaugurated on 19 October. Renowned artist Professor Aminul Islam graced the inaugural ceremony as chief guest. Famous Artist Syed Jahangir and Professor Ahdus Sattar were also present there as special guests.

Nurun Nahar has 40 of her artworks on display at Ariel Centre. The paintings on watercolour, oil paintings and leather collage gives rise to a varied range of

imaginative thoughts in the minds of the audience.

She did her B.F.A in Miniature Paintings from the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University and M.F.A in Mural Designing from Maharaja Sayajee Rao University (Gujrat, India). She also took some courses on Graphic Print Making, Leather Craft, Painting at renowned institutions.

Nurun Nahar Papaa has shown her abilities as a realistic painter in her ongoing exhibition. Men, women, animals, mother nature, the sky, rivers and flat barren land - all are expressed not only in their aesthetic truth but are also infused with intrinsically human feelings such as loneliness, helplessness, fear, sorrow, and that of a temporal eternity. May be these are the expressions of every woman in our society in these times of terror and panic. The first solo exhibition of Nurun Nahar was held at Chittagong in 1973. She also participated in many other exhibitions from 1969 to 2000. Nurun Nahar Papaa has participated in many exhibitions abroad. She took part in the exhibitions of World Youth Festival, German Democratic Republic; Lalitkala



Leather Collage-1995

Academy Annual Exhibition, Ahmedabad, India; Contemporary Art of Bangladesh, Hong Kong; Bangladesh Art Today, China; 6th triennial, Delhi, India; and brought praises for our country.

Papaa has some extraordinary works in this exhibition. Some of her paintings titled "Dawn-1", "Feelings", "Reflection", "Valley", "Mother Nature", "Tree of Life", etc., are the expressions of her

mind.

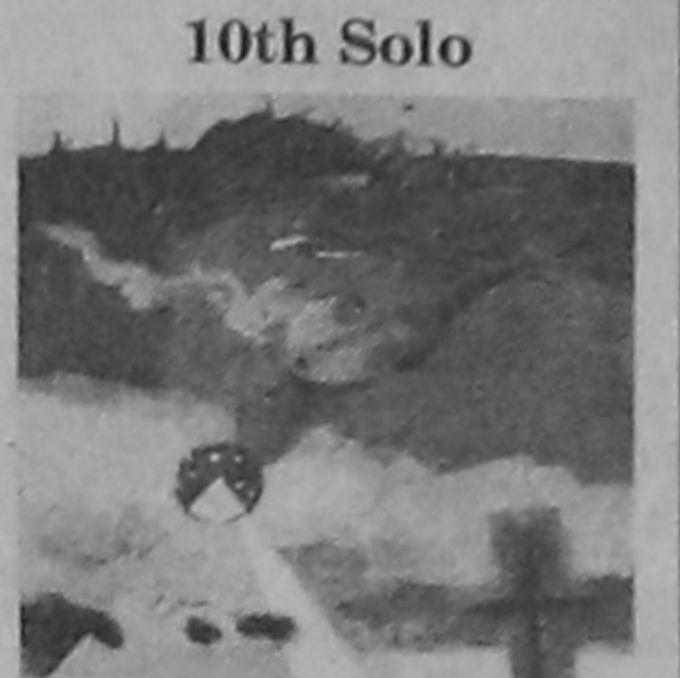
Papaa has portrayed the female figures as a part of the landscape, sometimes undulating land, sometimes a flowing river or sometimes sheer and steep in its intensity. She is not an amateur but a regular practising painter with serious efforts. The uncertainties of reality come into being the world of abstract expressionism. It takes us to a mysterious and enigmatic world of caves in mountains with the crystalline surrounding, which represent nothing but the human mind. It is magnified and detailed out automatically becomes the fathomless world of abstract expressions. Papaa has covered a long way to reach this stage of understanding and apparently she feels comfortable in that way at present. As a result she has presented comparatively some large canvases with colours of horror-visions and mysterious feelings of contrast, awe and darkness. In this exhibition Papaa has worked with dark blue, disturbed black, and deep grey to express herself with quick strokes of the brush. Abstract art expresses the inner feelings with no visual similarities to any object of the world, living and inert. She

## Recommendations



### Rashid Khan performs on Oct. 25

Contemporary Indian classical music maestro Ustad Rashid Khan will give a vocal recital at National Museum auditorium, Dhaka on October 25 at 7:00pm



### 10th Solo

The 10th solo painting exhibition by Khalid Mahmood Mithu started at the Devine Art Gallery of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel yesterday.

### Indian Classical Music

Yogesh Sarni will give a classical recital today at the Indian Cultural Centre, 754 Satmasjid Road, at 7:00pm

### 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 5:00pm.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 2:00pm - 8:00pm, everyday till October 26.

# TV GUIDE

## PICK OF THE DAY



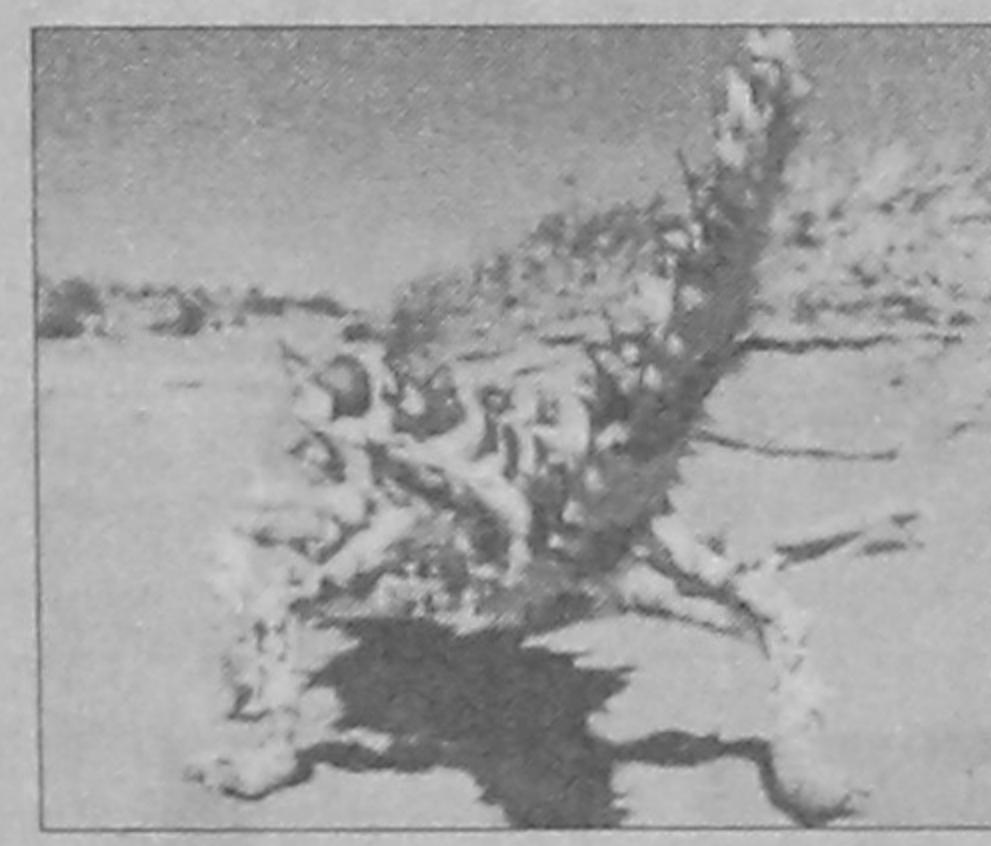
### Junior on HBO tonight at 9:30

Arnold Schwarzenegger trades the war room for the delivery room to experience the miracle of birth, as scientists Danny Devito and he take a dip in the gene pool to test an anti-miracle drug. Emma Thompson provides the egg and some surprisingly good physical comedy as the klutzy cryogenics expert who moves into their University. Every pregnancy cliché is explored as the duo, brings the concept to term.

3:10 Weekend World: The Entertainment Biz 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Click Online 5:00 BBC World News 5:30 Australia Direct 6:00 BBC World News Headlines- 6:10 Weekend World: Wagon Train 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 World Living: Top Gear 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 DateLine London 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 This Week 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Wheels 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 India Business Report 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Made In India: Mastermind India 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 Made In India: Face To Face India 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 This Week 3:00 BBC World News

**BTV**  
3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline  
3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Open University Prog.  
4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Animation Film: Jim Henson's Animal Show 4:30 Pusti  
Thatho 4:45 Annesha 5:10 Sashitho Thatho (Health Developing For Mother & Children) 5:25 National Television Debate Competition  
6:00 Bangla News 6:05 Metho Surr 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 News For Weather 7:05 Mati-O-Manus 7:25 Shatoker Shatosmriti 8:00 News At 8 (Bangla) 8:20 Etahas Katha Kaoy (Based On Liberation Fight) 8:50 Package Serial: Khacha #1 (\*Nader Choudhury, Suborna Mostafa, Elina, Darashiko, Rina Rahman, Maya Ghosh) 9:30 Comedy Series- Molla Nasiruddin (Bangla Dubs) 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:20 Samahar (Magazine) 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline

**For Monday B)**  
National Song 11:45 Closing  
**CHANNEL-i**  
Morning  
6:15 Suncrest Musical Show 7:00 Drama  
Bristir Chokhe Jal 7:40 Music Horizone 8:00  
Din Prothidin 8:35 Ghar Griosthali 9:10 Bangla Cinema: Love 12:00  
Drama Everyday-Joar Vhata 12:40 Drama: Bristir Chokhe Jal 1:00  
Music Horizone 2:00



### Deliverance on HBO tonight at 7:15

Supernatural, episode: Outer Limits on Ekushay television at 7:00pm.

Char Griosthali 2:45 Bangla Cinema: Love  
Evening  
6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 6:10 Frames of Change 6:40 Abnithi 7:15 Ami Se O

**StarGold**  
6:00 Chai i (Ranjana Deshmukh, Siddharth) 8:30 TBA 9:00 Dil Aur Mohabbat (Sharmila Tagore, Joy Mukherje) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Sunday Noon Show Paying Guest (Dev anand, Nutan, Jagridar, Sajjan) 3:30 Geet Bahar 4:00 Meri Bhabhi (Sunil Dutt, Waheeda Rehman) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Saturday Blockbusters Ek Duj Ke Liye (Kamal Hasan, Rati Agnihotri) 10:30 TBA 11:00 Nastik (Nalini Jaywant, Ajit, M mtaz) 12:30 Nastik (Cont) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Ek Duj Ke Liye (Kamal Hasan, Rati Agnihotri)



Poet Shamsur Rahman appears in the programme Sharashari, Ekushay television tonight at 10:20

**SONY Ent. TV**  
7:30 Amrit Varsha 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Uttar Ramayan #80  
9:30 Shree Ganesh #6  
10:30 Good Morning Disney 11:30 Dinosauers 12:00 Archana Talks 1:00 Idhar Udhar 1:30 The Good Home Show 2:00  
Weekend Matinee- Super Hit Film: Mera Saaya ('Sunil Dutt, Sadhna) 5:30  
Chartbusters 6:00 Music Mantra 6:30 Good Morning Disney 7:30 The Poppadam Show 8:00 Bajaj Ki Lehren 8:30 Weekend Primee Hindi Film : Zandage Ek Jua (\*Anil Kapoor, Madhuri, Anupom Kher) 12:3 Archana Talks 1:3 CID File 2:0 Bajaj Ki Lehren 3:00 Dinosauers 3:30 Cine-Night Hindi Feature Film:

**HBO**  
6:30 Bronco Billy 9:00 Fort Apache, The Bronx 11:30 Hollywood's Greatest Stunts 12:00 Batman F rever 2:30 Men Don't Leave

**BBC WORLD**  
6:00 BBC World News Headline 6:30 World Living: Holiday 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 Australia Direct 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 World Focus: Correspondent- 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 This

**ZEE TV**  
6:15 Yaadon Ke Pal (B/W Songs) 6:45



2nd episode of the drama serial Jibaner Koto Raing will be aired on Ekushay television tonight at 9:30

Old Is Gold 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 7:55 Fitness Plus 8:05 Breakfast Zee (News, Views & Chat) 8:30 Nicolodion Kid's show 9:30 Jay Ganesha 10:30 Vishnu Puraan 11:25 Guldasta 11:30 Alvida Darling 12:00 Hum Hai Anari 12:30 Bourta Quiz Contest 1:00 Dastak 1:30 First Take

**Good Morning India** (News, Ent.) 8:30  
Sunday Fundary Fox 10:30 Janata Ki Adalat 11:00 Chupa Rustom #16 11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri 12:30 Family Fortunes 1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron #16 1:30 IFB Star Sunday Lunch 2:00 Hello Cinema #16 2:30 Mail Milap #16 2:40 Star Sunday Matinee Film: Insaniyat (\*Dev Anand, Dilip Kumar, Bina Rai) 6:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Hai #69 6:30 Jubilee Plus 7:00 Star Bestsellers- 8:00 Star Film Utsav- Paighaam (\*Dilip Kumar, Vjyayanthimala) 11:30 Jubilee Plus (Film Based Reporting) 12:00 Janata Ki Adalat #186 12:30 Family Fortunes 1:00 Hasna Matt #12 1:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri 2:30 Jubilee Plus 3:00 Kuchha Papad pucca Papad 3:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki 4:00 Kabhi Kabhi Mere Ghar Mein Buchaal Aata Hai #5 4:30 Gharwali Uparwali #16 5:00 Family Fortunes 5:30 Hit Ya Fit

**STAR World**  
8:00 Kye of David 8:30 Morris Cerullo 9:00 Space Island One 10:00 Laassie 10:30 Doogie Howser 11:00 Batman 11:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure 12:00 Second Noah 1:00 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 1:30 Laassie 2:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World 3:00 Small Wonder 3:30 I Love Lucy 4:00 Xena 5:00 Hercules 6:00 JAG 7:00 Walker Texas Ranger 8:00 Crown and Country 8:30 Travel Asia 9:00 Baywatch 10:00 The Simpsons Series 9 10:30 3rd Rock From the Sun 11:00 Stars News Focus Asia 12:00 The X Files 1:00 Series: Star

**Track- Next Generation** 2:00 TV Com 2:30  
Star News Sunday 3:30  
The X Files 4:30 Star Track- Next Genera-



Before and After on Star Movies tonight at 10:00

**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Ushuala 8:30 Wings  
Ganguly 9:00 World Wrestling Federation Metal 10:00 Spanish Football League 2000/01 Barcelona, SPAIN- Real Madrid Vs Barcelona 12:00 Live- Race Day Raceday Sepang, MALAYSIA- Malaysian Grand Prix 12:45 Live- Formula One 2000 World Championships Sepang, MALAYSIA- Malaysian Grand Prix 2:00 Live- New Zealand Tour Of South Africa Benoni, SOUTH AFRICA- New Zealand Vs South Africa 2nd Odi, 2nd Session 10:00 Soccer/ Football- Asian Cup Finals 2000 Lebanon, LEBANON- Uzbekistan Vs Saudi Arabia Match 18 12:00 Asian Basketball Show 12:30 Asia Sport Show 1:00 Boxing Series Fight Time On

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**STAR Movies**  
6:30 El The Long Island Scandal 7:30 Action: Imminent Danger (15) 9:30 Action: The Gingerbread Man 15 11:30 Thriller: The Proposition 1:30 Bhaskar Ghose Show 2:00 Sunday Best: Escape to Grizzly Mountain G 4:00 Thriller: Classy Kill 6:00 Star Kids Club: Toys 15 6:30 UK Top Ten 7:00 El CP: Christina Applegate 8:00 Drama: Dangerous Minds (PG) 10:00 Before and After 12:00 Starbiz 12:30 Sunday Night Premiere: Before & After 3:45 Action Force : Con. Air 5:00 Action: Imminent Danger (15)

**FOX (10 Rds, Jr. Lightwt Bout) Elgin, IL USA**  
Mark Suarez Vs Ricky Quares  
**ESPN**  
7:00 Espn World Snooker 2000 British Open Plymouth, UNITED KINGDOM Final 9 9:00 Golf- President's Cup 2000 Lake Manassas, VA USA Day Three 1:00 Cricket- Icc Knock Out 2000 - Best Catches Kenya, AFRICA 1:30 Sportscenter: International Edition 2:00 Ufa Tennis Show 2:30 Uefa Champions League 2000/01 League Munich, GERMANY- Paris St. Germain Vs Bayern Munich Group Phase 1, Matchday 4 4:30 Italian Serie A Football Italian Serie A 2000/2001 6:30 Cricket- Icc Knock Out 2000 - Best Catches Kenya, AFRICA 7:00 Uefa Champions League Highlights 2000/01 Weekly #7 Matchwk 4 H/LS 8:00 Live Golf- President's Cup 2000 Lake Manassas, VA USA Final Day



3rd Rock From the Sun on Star world at 10:30pm.