Award

Tribal artisans in the limelight

Shilu Abed Crafts Award-2001 goes to tribal artisans

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COUNTRY'S tribal artisans got their due recognition when aboriginal artisans won the 4th Shilu Abed Crafts Award this year for their rich distinctive work. Bangladesh Jatiyo Karushilpa Parishad (Bangladesh National Crafts Council) awarded two aboriginal women weavers Monjulika Chakma and Phulmoni Richhil at a ceremony held on March 23 at BRAC centre auditorium.

Monjulika won the first award worth thirty thousand taka along with a crest while Phulmoni won the second worth twenty thousand taka and a certificate.

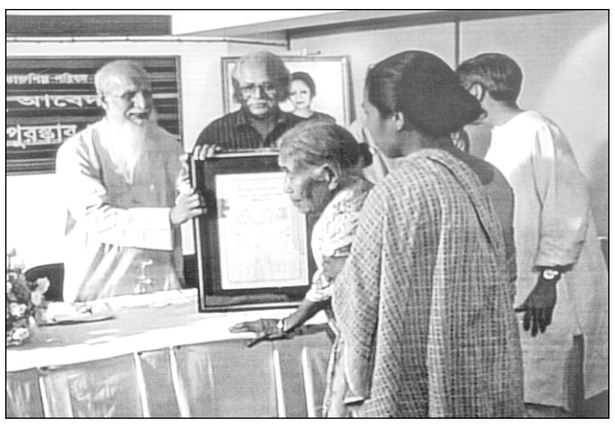
Monjulika won the award for her intricately woven wrapper titled Lokoj 'Nakshar Abhidhan'. Phulmoni's winning work is 'Ganna', a piece of clothing, which bears an enormous testimony to the skill and a sense of aesthetic beauty of this 92-year-old Garo woman. Her work is an embodiment of rich Garo tradition in weaving. Phulmoni received her tutelage from her brother's wife. A devoted learner, Phulmoni learned the language and mystery of thread work.

A loom artist engaged in weaving at the exhibition.

Monjulika is a faithful bearer of folk weaving art. Her devotion to hilly folk culture flowered in her intricate work. In her mature years she has blended her modern outlook in expanding tribal weaving industry. She has devoted her time in learning the art of weaving under the guidance of her mother Panchalata Chakma. Monjulika believes in a combination of tradition and modernism. At the same time she believes in cultural interaction.

'Lokoj Nakshar Abhidhan' is one of her splendid art work. In it one perceives a juxtaposition of 108 designs of different meaningful names. There is a wonderful combination of vigorous red and sea-deep blue against the backdrop of immaculate whiteness.

A mark of artist's creative motivation is evident in combination of dream and beauty in this work. She holds glory and heritage of aboriginal weaving craft in her work and brings about a linkage with modern stlye to suit contemporary taste.



Phulmoni Richhil (leaning on the table) receives Shilu Abed Crafts Award from Principal Tofael Ahmed.

Phulmoni Richhil, after having been awarded, expresses how she feels.

Use of azure, red, yellow in Phulmoni's 'Ganna' symbolically implies philosophy of tribal life.

The award-giving ceremony was preceded by a brief discussion by members of Shilu Abed Crafts Trust, founded in 1998. Dr. Enamul Huq, eminent expert in folk culture, said, "we have to uphold aesthetic value and beauty of crafts. Shilu Abed worked in that end in view to market crafts and promote women artisans."

Monjulika Chakma talks expressing her feeling after having received Shilu Abed Award.

"If we want to retain our glorious tradition of arts and crafts we ought to ensure financial security of the artisan," Dr. Enam added.

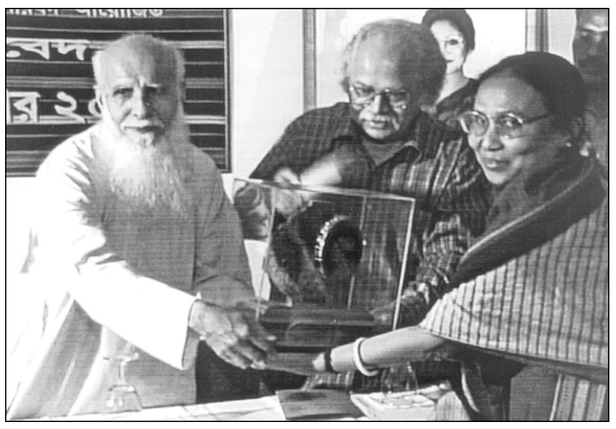
Tofael Ahmed, chairman of Bangladesh Jubo Karushilpa Parishad, opined "Tribal weaving industry is an industry solely run by women. We have given recognition to their achievements today through this event."

When asked to express their feelings about the Award, Monjulika said, "I have been highly honoured today. This is also an honour to all the tribal people and also to Shilu Abed."

Both Monjulika and Phulmoni were emotionally charged while expressing their feelings. Phulmoni made a fervent call to all of us saying, "I want you all to co-exist in peace and work together. My heartfelt request is you don't quarrel with each other. I ask you all to work together."

The jury board of the Award Committee comprised Dr. Hamida Hossain, Ananya editor Tasmima Hossain, principal Tofael Ahmed, Dr. Enamul Huq and two members of the Shilu Abed Trust.

An exposition of traditional tribal crafts was arranged on the occasion. Various household articles, mainly womanwear made and used by aboriginal people, were put on display. Womenwear included pinnon, scarf, lungi, shawl. Two women loom artisans attended the exhibition with their looms to show their weaving craft.



Principal Tofael Ahmed, chairman of Bangladesh Jatio Charushilpa Parishad, gives away award to Monjulika Chakma. Dr. Inamul Huq is also seen(middle).

Shilu Abed worked tirelessly to provide a commercial platform to the country's artisans. Cottage industry has been an essential ingredient of the country's traditional folk culture from time immemorial.

Shilu Abed had the dream to retain tradition and expand crafts market beyond the border of the country. Today's Aarang is an outcome of her dream and it has provided country's traditional crafts industry a platform to flower and grow.

Some of the visitors admire tribal crafts on display.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Paintings on the Berlin-Wall

A photography exhibition by Pierre Claquin on the paintings of the Berlin-Wall started at the Goethe-Institut Inter Nationes e. V. Dhaka (German Cultural Centre) on March 27 at the exhibition wall. The exhibition will remain open to the audience till April 12.

Masuda Kazi

A solo exhibition of recent artworks by artist Masuda Kazi is now being held at Gallery 21.
The exhibition will remain open everyday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. till April 3.

Photo Show

Photography show *Glimpses of New York* by MA Taher is now being held at BPS gallery at 63/2 Laboratory Road and will continue until March 30 from 12:30 to 8 pm.

Dance Evening

A dance evening by Nrityanchal will be held at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on March 30 at 7:00p.m. Bilayet Hosain Khan (Bharat Natham), Moutosy Khondhakar, Tania (Kathak) will perform at the show.

Art exhibition

Inaugural ceremony of a solo show by Nasim Ahmed Nadvi takes place today at 6:00 p.m. at Arial Centre. Artist Shahabuddin, photographer Dr. Noazesh Ahmed and Naibuddin Ahmed are due to attend the inauguration. The exhibition will run from 2-8 p.m. till April 9.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

The First Wives Club on HBO at 10:00p.m. Based on the best selling Olivia Goldsmith novel, this has college chums Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler and Diane Keaton are three proverbial women behind their hugely successful husbands joining forces to take revenge on their callous ex's as they have dumped them for younger and sexier women.

EKUSHEY TV

12:00 Ekushey Headlines 12:05 Ajker Potrikay 12:15 Bangla Film: Amor Prem 2:40 Drishti 3:00 Ekushey Headlines 3:05 Drama Serial: Probashi Porijon 3:30 Safol Jara Kemon Tara 4:00 Mon Mon re Amar 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Circus Circus 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Ajker Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Charidike 7:00 Close-Up-E-zone 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 English Series: Peter Benzil Amazon 9:00 Drama: Shomporko 10:00 Drama Serial: Panthojoner Shokha 10:30 BTV News 11:15 Ekushey Late Night News 11:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho 11:45 Ekushey Headlines

Drama: Shomporko on Ekushey television at 9:00p.m.

STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Raaz Ki Baat (Simi Garewal, Sujit Kumar) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Gumnaam (Manoj Kumar, Kalpana) 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Patang (Rajendra Kumar, Mala Sinha) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Lamhe Pyaar Ke Chhoti Bahu (Rajesh Khanna, Sharmila Tagore) 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Sansar (Agha, Pushpavalli) 12:30 Sansar (Contd) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Raaz Ki Baat (Simi Garewal, Sujit Kumar) 5:30 Sansar (Agha, Pushpavalli)

HBO

6:30 Arthur 8:30 Blade Runner 11:00 White Palace 1:00 The Right Stuff 5:00 Andre 7:00 Empire of the Sun 10:00 The First Wives Club 12:00 Star Trek Generations 2:30 Blade Runner 5:00 Andre

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Top Gear 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Face to Face 1:30 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Panorama 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Talking Movies 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Face to Face 6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 IT India Tomorrow 11:00 BBC News 11:45 World Business Report 12:00 Talking Movies 12:30 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Click Online 3:00 BBC News 3:30 World Business Report 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report 5:00 BBC News 5:30 World Business Report/Asia Today

CNN

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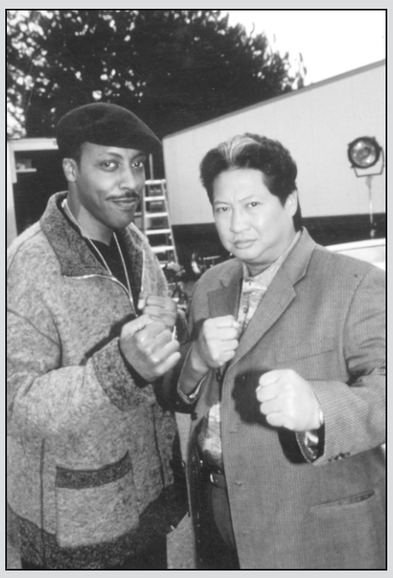
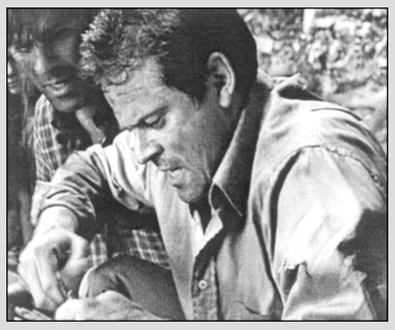


Martial Law on Star World at 12 midnight.

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:00 Medical Mysteries 6:30 Eyewitness II 7:00 ESPU The Series 7:30 Outer Bounds I & II 8:00 Without Warning I 8:30 Lonely Planet IIII 9:30 Beyond 2000 10:00 The Quest 10:30 Go For It! 11:30 Inntimate Escapes 12:00 Inntimate Escapes 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives I 2:30 Health Showcase 3:30 Eyewitness II 4:00 Outer Bounds I&II 4:30 Without Warning I 5:30 Lonely Planet IV 6:30 Going Wild With Jeff Corwin 7:00 So You Want To Be? 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Paleoworld IV 9:00 New Sanctuaries 9:30 Decisive Weapons 10:00 Popular Science 10:30 South Asia Week 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 1:30 Paleoworld IV 2:00 New Sancturies 2:30 Decisive Weapons 3:00 Popular Science 3:30 South Asia Week 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 Health Showcase



English series: Peter Benzil's Amazon on Eksuhey television at 8:00p.m.

STAR WORLD

6:00 Murder Call 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 2 Guys A Girl, and a Pizza Place 9:30 Maggie Winters 10:00 Ally McBeal 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 The Practice 1:00 Grace Under Fire 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00 Mork & Mindy 2:30 Happy Days 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 The Simpsons 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 STAR News Asia 5:30 Friends 6:00 The Drew Carey Show 6:30 Whose Line is it Anyway? 6:45 STAR New Asia 7:00 Walker Texas Ranger 8:00 Martial Law 9:00 Friends 9:30 Star News 10:00 The Drew Carey Show 10:30 Whose Line is it Anyway 11:00 Walker Texas Ranger 12:00 Martial Law 1:00 The Drew Carey Show 1:30 Whose Lone is it Anyway 2:00 Walker Texas Ranger 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily 3:30 Keeneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life in the World With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 Grace Under Fire 5:30 Mork & Min dy

STAR PLUS

6:00 Tu Tu Main Main 6:30 STAR Geetmala 7:30 Cine Jharokha 8:00 Hit Ya Fit 8:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Star Morning Show: Awara Zindagi (Raj Kiran, Mazhar Khan, Saloni) 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Small Wonder 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 3:00 Shagun 3:30 Shanti 4:00 Family Foturnes 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Kuccha Paped Pucca Papad 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Ma Shakti 9:00 Kaun Banega Crorepati 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 12:00 Shagun 12:30 Telebrands 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Star Movie Show: Awara Zindagi 2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:30 Saans 5:30 Hit Ya Fit

STAR MOVIES

8:30 Comedy: Just A Little Harmless Sex 10:15 Comedy: More Dogs Than Bones 12:00 Action: Night of The Wilding 1:45 Thriller: Where The Truth Lies 3:15 Thriller: Homicide The Movie 4:45 Drama: At First Sight 7:00 Comedy: Runaway Bride 9:00 Comedy: father Of The Bride 100 10:45 Comedy: Just A Little Harmless Sex 12:30 Drama: Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye 2:30 Drama: At First Sight 4:45 Comedy: First Comes Love 6:30 Comedy: L A Story

Whose Line is it Anyway on Star World at 10:30p.m.

ZEE MGM

8:30 Original Sound Track 9:00 Contemporary Gladiators 11:00 Hollywood Remembers 11:30 The Joshua's Tree 2:00 The Ambulance 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Miami Blues 6:30 Hollywood Remembers 7:00 Rosary Murders 9:00 Hollywood Remembers 9:30 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels 11:30 The Believers 1:30 R O T O R 3:30 Original Sound Track 4:00 Delts Force Commands 6:00 Total Recall 6:30 Daniel Boon

ZEE ENGLISH

6:30 Capitol 7:00 The Benny Hill Show 7:30 Music Zone 8:00 Late Show With David Latterman 9:00 Candid Camera 9:30 The Benny Hill Show 10:00 Music Zone 10:30 Heartbreak High 11:30 Twilight Zone 12:30 All My Children 1:30 Capitol 2:00 Three's Company 2:30 Friends 3:00 Movie Stars 3:30 Kate and Allie 4:00 Candid Camera 4:30 Here's Lucy 5:00 Three's Company 5:30 All My Children 6:30 Twilight Zone 7:30 Heartbreak High 8:30 Friends 9:00 Gregory Hines Show 9:30 Late Show with David Latterman 10:30 Movie Stars 11:00 Suddenly Susan 11:30 ER 12:30 Friends 1:00 Late Show With David Latterman 2:00 All My Children 3:00 Music Zone 4:00 Heartbreak High 5:00 Original Sound Track 5:30 Music Zone

The Drew Carey Show on Star World at 10:00p.m.

ZEE CINEMA

6:30 Sanam Aap Ki Khatir Feature Film 9:30 Chehren 9:45 Pehlu 10:15 Movie Fare 10:30 Yudhpath Feature Film 1:30 Cine News 1:45 Madhyantar 2:00 Ijazat Feature Film 5:30 Darpan 5:45 Top of the Tops 6:15 Film Time 6:30 Saamri : Feature Film 10:15 Cine News 10:30 Ek Aur Ek Gyaraah Feature Film 2:30 Salaam Memsaab-Feature Film 5:30 Chehren 5:45 Hit Thi Hit Hai 6:15 Film Time

ZEE MUSIC

6:30 Zee Music Plus 7:00 Aalaap 7:30 Tararum 8:30 Hit Pe Hit 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Just Jammin 11:30 Music Box 12:00 Zee Music Plus 1:00 Hit Pe Hit 2:00 Jharokha 2:35 Cool-Age 3:05 Tararum 4:00 Hit Pe Hit 5:00 Zee Music Box 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Blue 6:30 Zee Music Plus 7:30 Hit Pe Hit 8:30 Pyar Mohabbat Etc 9:00 Artist Of The Fortnight 9:30 Zee Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:05 Dil Se 12:05 Phoren Maal 12:35 Shabab 1:05 Zee Music Box 1:30 Hit Pe Hit 3:00 Tararum 4:30 Phoren Maal 5:30 Sizzlers

ALPHA TV

6:30 Kapurush/Omanisha 7:00 Monihaar 7:30 News Bulletin 8:00 Aalap 9:00 News Bulletin 9:05 Bharat Bhromon 9:30 Surer Ei Jharnadhar 10:00 Chena Mukhachena Manush 10:30 Kono Ek Din 11:00 Ki Darun Drishya 11:30 Grihasajja 12:00 Bahari Aahaar 12:30 Lookochuri 1:00 Ingeet 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche 2:00 Nayantara 2:30 Feature Film 5:00 Shesh Prashna 5:30 Ekushe-pa 6:00 Alpha Khabor 6:25 Jhankar 6:30 Football 7:00 Wah Ki Darun Drisha Kash Bitorka 7:25 Jhankar 7:30 Ki Likhi Tomai 7:55 Jhankar 8:00 Nayantara 8:30 Ek Aksher Niche 9:00 Saregama 10:00 News Bulletin Bengali 10:05 Ingreet 10:25 Ek Palake 10:30 Football 10:55 Ek Palake 11:00 Alpha Khabar 11:25 Ek Palake 11:30 Ki Darun 12:00 Tak Jhal Mishti 12:25 Ek Palake 12:30 Surer Ei Jharnadhar 1:00 Bharat Bhromon 1:30 Feature Film 4:00 Ek Akasher Niche 4:30 Nayantara 5:00 Ingeet 5:30 Football 6:00 Chena Mukhachena Manush

STAR SPORTS

7:30 Sportsline Today 8:00 Sportsline Today 9:00 Watersports World 9:30 Pga Tour Golf The Players Championship Ponte Vedra Beach, FL USA Final Round 12:30 Sportsline Today 1:00 Ncaa Men's Basketball C'Ships 2001 Ncaa Men's Divison 1 Basketball C'Ships Philadelphia, PA USA Kentucky @ Usce East Regional Semifinal 2:30 Sports India 3:00 National Sports Report 4:00 Ncaa Men's Basketball C'Ships 2001 Ncaa Men's Divison 1 Basketball C'Ships Philadelphia, PA USA Kentucky @ Usce East Regional Semifinal 6:00 Pga Tour Highlights The Players Championship Ponte Vedra Beach, FL USA 7:00 West Indies Cricket The Cable & Wireless Test Series Trinidad, West Indies

Mork & Mindy on Star World at 2:00p.m.

South Africa @ West Indies 2nd Test, Day 5, Highlights (R) 7:35 West Indies Cricket The Cable & Wireless Test Series Barbados, West Indies South Africa @ West Indies 3rd Test, Day 1, 1st Session (L) 10:05 Sportsline Tonight 10:35 West Indies Cricket The Cable & Wireless Test Series Barbados, West Indies South Africa @ West Indies 3rd Test, Day 1, 2nd Session (L) 3:30 Sportsline Tonight 4:00 Sports Unlimited 5:00 Sportsline Tonight

ESPN

6:30 Sportscenter Hindi 7:00 New Zealand Cricket Pakistan Tour of New Zealand Christchurch, New Zealand @ New Zealand 3rd Test, Day 3, 2nd and 3rd Session (L) 11:30 World Cup Qualifying Matches Lithuania @ Italy (S) 2:00 New Zealand Cricket Pakistan Tour of New Zealand Christchurch, New Zealand @ New Zealand 3rd Test, Day 3,Highlights (T) 3:00 National Hockey Night Edmonton, AB CANADA Colorado Avalanche @ Edmonton Oilers (S) 6:00 Athletes In Motion 6:30 School Quiz Show Espn School Quiz Olympiad (T) 7:00 Western Union World Football (T) 7:30 New Zealand Cricket Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand Christchurch, New Zealand @ New Zealand 3rd Test, Day 3, Highlights (R) 8:30 Sportscenter Hindi 9:00 Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz The Ericsson Open, Miami (Tennis Masters Series) Key Biscayne, FL USA Men's Quarterfinal 11:00 Sportscenter Hindi 11:30 World Cup Qualifying Matches Lithuania @ Italy (R) 2:00 Sportscenter Hindi (R) 2:30 Van's Triple Crown Van's Triple Crown Surf Stop 3 Big Island, HI USA(R) 3:30 New Zealand Cricket Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand Christchurch, New Zealand @ New Zealand 3rd Test, Day 3, Highlights (R) 4:27 New Zealand Cricket Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand Christchurch, New Zealand @ New Zealand 3rd Test, Day 4, 1st Session (L)

Close-Up-E-Zone on Eksuhey television at 7:00p.m.

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6:15 Musical Show : Anek Din Par 6:50 Akattorer Dinguli 7:00 Face to Face 8:00 Din Protidin 8:25 Nilanjjona 9:00 Music Circle 10:40 Mktigudho Amar Ahongker 11:15 Musical Show : Anek Din Par 11:50 Akattorer Dinguli 12:00 Face to Face 1:15 Nilanjjona 2:00 Music Circle 3:00 Mancho Drama : Madho Mala. 6:00 Recitation from Holy

Walker Texas Ranger on Star World at 11:00p.m.