

Music

Message from Tripura

Indian and local exponents of Tagore song sing their heart out circulating a message of friendship and cultural bondage

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"MAY be we are separated by geographical boundaries, but Bangladesh is my second home, the hospitality and warmth with which we were greeted is difficult to into words I", said Panchali Dev Barman, a classical and Tagore singer, visiting Dhaka along with three other performing artists from Tripura on an invitation of Podatik Natya Sangshad, a front-ranking theatre group of Bangladesh.

It was a bracing experience for all at the Indian High Commission Cultural Center in Dhanmondi on the evening of September 20 as three singers from India and two from Bangladesh Fahim Hossain Chowdhury and Nargis Chowdhury performed various number of Tagore songs accompanied by superb "tabla" presentation from Santunu Barman, also a member of the Tripura delegation.

Entitled "Aalor Omol Komol Khani Ke Footaalo", the musical soiree was well hosted by Bhashhar Bannerjee.

Madhurima Bhattacharya and Abhijit Sen completed the trio of Indian singers with Panchali, enjoying and relishing their Dhaka visit in a tremendous way, with soaring moods of ecstasy and fulfillment.

"This is my third visit here but the cultural tone in Bangladesh seems increasingly fascinating the more I come to this country, the more I become closely linked with the place. The audience in Bangladesh is certainly much more gracious and knowledgeable than those in other parts of the sub-continent. People in this country know, admire and most importantly appreciate whatever that is rendered to them, be it song, recitation or dance. This is a positive quality rare among audiences in other countries", comments Abhijit, a regular artist of Doordarshan.

"As we all know, India is a country highly enriched in cul-

ture with innumerable native and regional dialect, social customs and traditions besides having a diverse range of ancient and contemporary lifestyle. It is very much compelling for the country's inhabitants to choose and follow multi-cultural themes, thus the Bengalees of West Bengal are also, experiencing and becoming fond of mixed cultural traditions, including some Westernised cultural versions, often what is commonly termed as "Opo-shangskriti" or alien culture. To my opinion, no culture of any region can overtake that of another if ones' own commitment and traditional values remain intact through sincerity and dedication", said smart and confident Abhijit Sen.

Moreover, the Agartala-based male vocal believes that a strong influence of Bengali literature and research have established a firm position of Rabindra Sangeet in Bangladesh. Though in Tripura there are many talented artists asso-

ciated with Tagore songs, yet, according to Abhijit, the foundation of Tagore culture is still not very compact in the West Bengal as much as it is here in Bangladesh!

According to Panchali Barman, Bangladesh has a lot of talented and renowned artists in various sectors of the cultural arena. She thinks that since there has been a gradual increase in the exchange of cultural performances and programmes between the two neighbouring countries over the recent past, therefore fine accomplishments and advanced cultural atmospheres can be developed in both India and Bangladesh through frequent visits. She further requests the Bangladeshi organisers to present cultural programmes and events of guest artists all over the country instead of arranging solely in Dhaka city as it would then be a golden chance for all to meet and gain new experiences from the visiting artists of the subcon-



Performers of Bangladesh and India along with Sayed Badruddin Hossain, President Podatik

continent. Panchali Barman, presently teaching the vocal art, is a graduate on classical music from Lucknow besides holding B.Mus. degree from Kolkata University and M.Mus. degree from Rabindra Bharati University.

Madhurima Bhattacharya, the other female vocal of the small troupe, also expressed her extreme pleasure for being able to visit Bangladesh, this has been her third visit to Dhaka. "I cannot hide my joy and elation seeing the warm welcome given to us by the people of Bangladesh. It seems as if I am in my own country; hardly able to distinguish the difference. In fact, the people here are much more eloquent of their feeling than those of other neighbouring regions. I have

visited this country on several occasions and wish to come again if there is any invitation from cultural groups", stated Madhurima, quite thrilled to have a successful live show at the High Commission auditorium in Dhaka.

Santunu Barman, the relatively youthful tabalchi accompanying the singers, seems to be similarly delighted about the trip, the lone non-performing member of the delegation.

"I would like to thank the organisers for arranging our visit. Rich tribute should be given to the audience of Dhaka, so receptive and appreciative of artistic skill", mentioned Santunu, a graduate from Lucknow University and a scholarship holder of National

Resource Center in India.

"To keep pace with the modern era, tabla performance in this part of the subcontinent needs some renovation and 'speed' to bring liveliness, probably, the greatest way to capture hearts of young audience. Attention should be given in such a way that the synchronisation develops and modernises with the aid of latest musical instruments but without inflicting any wound to the original basics of the tabla", said Santunu.

Podatik certainly deserves praise for bringing in these Tagore exponents, who utilising their harmonic skills, are always willing to spread the message of bond and unity between the two Bengali communities.



Artists receiving crest and flowers from Sayed Badruddin Hossain



Abhijit Sen from Agartala rendering songs at the programme

RECOMMENDATIONS

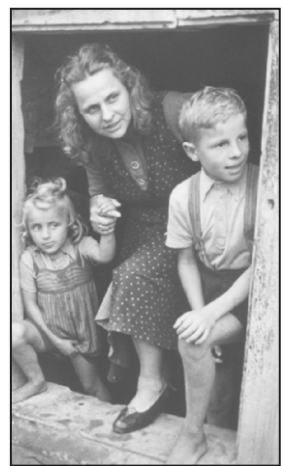


Photo-Exhibition : Germany 1945-1995.

Goethe Institute Dhaka holds a photo exhibition titled 'Germany 1945-19195' (Deutschiand seit 1945), featuring fifty years of German history, on September 17 at House # 10, Road # 9, Dhanmondi R/A. The show runs from 2 to 8 p.m every day, (except Fridays & Saturdays) till September 30.

30 years of Independence

To celebrate 30 years of Independence 'Ganer Dail' has organised a cultural evening at the National Museum on September 22 at 7:15 p.m.



Six Seasons

Shiprag Gallery at Dhanmondi (House#15, Road#27 old) presents an exhibition on the theme six seasons. Leading artists of the country have captured in their canvas the rich variety of our seasons and their ambience. The month-long show will continue till October 14 everyday from 11 am to 8pm.

TV GUIDE

BTV

9:10 Nijar Janna
10:00 Ithaser Pata Theke
12:25 Shawstha Tathya
10:40 Mancha Natak
3:20 Telefilm: Ranu
4:00 Khabar
6:00 Khabar
6:10 Documentary
7:00 News headlines
7:05 Film: Osin Girl
7:30 Geetimalya
8:00 News in Bangla
9:30 Anirban
9:30 News headlines
9:30 Chitra Bichitra
10:00 News in English
10:25 Nirbhashan-0-Swaderh Chinta
11:30 Khabar/The News

EKUSHEY TV

12:00 Ekushey Headlines
12:05 Aikar Potrikay
12:14 Ekatturer Ei Dine
12:20 Mukto Khobor
12:50 Bolte Chai
2:30 Ei Shoptaho
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Muktomoncho
5:30 Deshjure
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Serial: Thief of Baghdad
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Prosongo: Nirbachon
7:30 Ek Minute
8:40 Jati Jantay Chai
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
11:15 Ekushey Late Night News

ATN

5:30 Islamic Prog.
7:00 Children prog: Cholo Gan Gai
7:35 Viewers request prog: Matamot
8:05 Drama serial: Uttaran
8:45 Drama serial: Saat Purusher Reen
9:20 Magazine prog: Videocan Edaning
9:55 Sapner Dhaka: Samriddo Dhaka
10:35 Nirbachon Bhabna
11:05 Awami League Produced Election prog.: Joy Bangla Banglar Joy
11:45 Indian Bengali Film: Bepasha
6:07 Child's prog: Shapla Saluk
6:45 Jamate Islami Bangladesh Produced Election prog.: Shadin Bangladesh
7:20 Drama Serial: Uttaran
8:00 Special Interview
8:35 Special prog.: Saber Hossain Chowdhury
9:05 Sapner Dhaka: Samriddo Dhaka
9:30 Magazine prog.: Ispahani Ayajone
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:20 Nirbachon-2001: Prarthar Mounk
10:40 Awami League Produced Election prog.: Joy Bangla Banglar Joy
11:15 Vollwood Khobor
11:45 Bengali film: Body Guard

STAR GOLD

10:30 Amul Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Dekh Kabira Roya (Dajit, Anoop Kumar, Shobha Khole)
3:00 Amul Bollywood News
3:30 Udhhar Ka Sindur (Jeetendra, Reena Roy)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Saturday Special-Kaala Sone (Feroz Khan, Parveen Babhi)
11:00 Rahein Na Rahein Hum
11:30 New Wave Cinema Rudaali (Dimple Kapadia, Rakhee)
12:30 Rudaali (Contd...)
3:00 Geet Bahar
3:30 Udhhar Ka Sindur (Jeetendra, Reena Roy)
7:00 Raaz Ki Baat (Simi Garewal, Sujit Kumar)

HBO

6:30 Into Thin Air: Death On Everest
8:15 Addicted to His Love
10:15 Problem Child
12:00 Clear And Present Danger
2:45 Epoch
4:45 Meet Joe Black
8:15 Naked Gun 33 1/3 The Final Insult
10:00 The Whole Nine Yards
12:00 Children of the Corn
2:00 Clear and Present Danger
4:45 Moscow on the Hudson

STAR WORLD

6:00 Water Rats
7:00 The Simpsons
7:30 Things People Do
8:00 The Bold & The Beautiful
10:00 That '70s Show
10:30 Travel Asia
11:00 Goosebumps
11:30 Spiderman
12:00 Biker Mice From Mars
12:30 X Men
1:00 World's Wildest Police Videos
2:00 Mission: Impossible
3:00 Baywatch
4:00 Hercules
5:00 Xena
6:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World
7:00 First Wave
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3:00 Key of David
3:30 Morris Cerullo
4:00 Benny Hinn
4:30 Small Wonder
5:00 Mr Belvedere
5:30 Doogie Howser

STAR PLUS

6:30 Star Geetmala
7:30 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu
8:00 Hit Ya Fit
8:30 Aatma
9:30 Fox Kids
10:15 Sangeet Toppers
10:30 National Geographic Special
11:30 Hit Ya Fit
12:00 Kuchha Papad Pucca Papad
12:30 Mirch Masala
1:00 Sonpari
1:30 Gharwali Uparwali
2:00 I Love My India
2:30 National Geographic Special
3:00 Tea Time Cinema
3:30 Fox Kids
7:15 Sangeet Toppers
7:30 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
8:30 Star Superhit: Tera Jadoo Chal Gaya (Abhishek Bachchan, Kirti Reddy)

STAR MOVIES

7:00 Action: Plunkett & Macleane
9:00 Action: Queens Messenger
11:15 Documentary: The Mythology of Star Wars
2:30 Sci-Fi: Star Wars V: The Return of the Jedi
5:00 Comedy: Pushing Tin
7:30 Action Force: Rambo-2
9:30 US Top Ten
10:00 Thrillennium: Amnesia
2:15 Action: Queens Messenger
4:15 UK Top Ten
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CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] So Long Gone
8:30 [V] Best of Jumpstart
11:30 Billboard US Count-down
12:30 [V] Saturday Stack
1:30 [V] Mainstage
3:30 [V] Saturday Stack
5:30 [V] Weekend Spl
6:30 [V] Saturday Stack
8:00 [V] Karaoke
8:30 Billboard US Count-down
9:30 [V] Saturday Stack

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR WORLD: 8 pm: *Water Rats*. In, Free as a Bird, when young boy's dead body is found, Goldie and Jack have to prove who is responsible before an enraged local community exacts their own just on the main suspect.



STAR WORLD: 9:30 pm: *Baywatch Hawaii*. In, Baywatch O'Hana, the team arrive at the cave in Maui overlooking the ocean. A tourist tells Sean that a group of people maybe four or five are trapped in side the cave. Sean calls Jason for back up. Jason immediately springs into action and gets Allie and Kekoa. Sean and Jenna go into the cave. Unfortunately, their Nextels will no longer work.



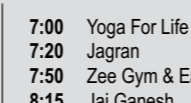
EKUSHEY: 7 pm: *Prasangya: Nirbachan*. This week this talk show will focus on who are competing for the first time in this years parliamentary election. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Farid Hussain and Nasrin Khandekar will take part in the discussion.



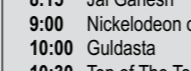
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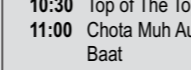
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7:30 Ultimate Guide
8:30 Wild Discovery
9:30 So You Want To Be II
10:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids III
10:30 Going Wild With Jeff Corwin
11:00 Naturequest
11:30 Treasures of the World I
12:30 Living Britain
1:30 Chimpanzee Diary
2:00 Wild and Dangerous
3:30 Crime Night
4:30 Lonely Planet VII
5:30 On The Inside
6:30 Untamed Australia
7:30 Land of the Tiger
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12:30 Koshish
1:00 Ateet
1:30 Dollar Bahu
2:30 Hip Hip Hurray
2:30 Guldasta
3:00 Hindi Feature Film
5:30 News
6:30 Aalap



7:00 Yoga For Life
7:20 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
8:15 Jai Ganesh
9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee
10:00 Guldasta
10:30 Top of The Tops
11:00 Chota Mui Aur Badia Baat
11:30 Sansaar
12:30 Khana Khazana
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1:20 Jhalak
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3:00 Rishley
4:00 Naye Nazrane
5:30 Razzmatazz
6:30 Boumvita Quiz Contest
6:00 Gaane Anjaane
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12:00 Guldasta
12:27 Intermission



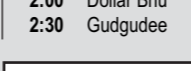
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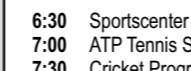
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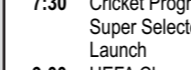
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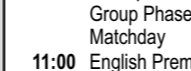
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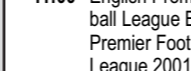
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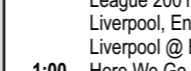
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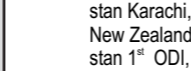
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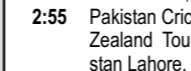
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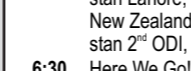
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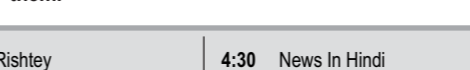
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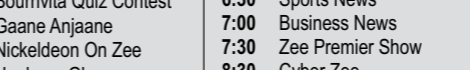


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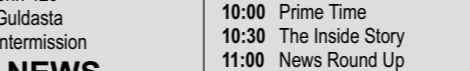
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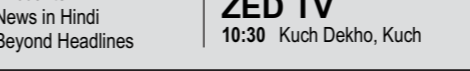
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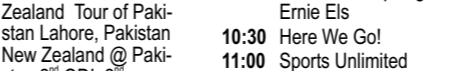
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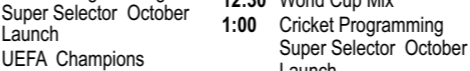
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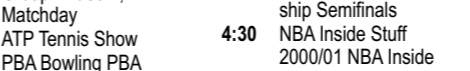
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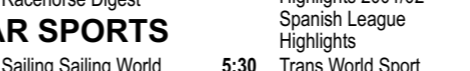
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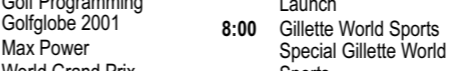
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SPORTS

7:00 Pakistan Cricket New Zealand Tour of Pakistan Lahore, Pakistan New Zealand @ Pakistan 2nd ODI, 2nd Session
11:00 Cricket Programming Super Selector October Launch
12:30 UEFA Champions League 2001/02 UEFA Champions League Group Phase 1, Matchday
11:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 Liverpool, England Liverpool @ Everton Here We Go
2:00 Pakistan Cricket New Zealand Tour of Pakistan Karachi, Pakistan New Zealand @ Pakistan 1st ODI, Highlights
2:55 Pakistan Cricket New Zealand Tour of Pakistan Lahore, Pakistan New Zealand @ Pakistan 2nd ODI, 1st Session
6:30 Here We Go!
7:00 Sailing Sailing World Yngling World Championships
7:30 Golf Programming GolfGlobe 2001
8:00 Max Power
9:00 World Grand Prix Badminton Brunei, Brunei Finals Highlights Golf Programming
4:30 Global Elf Spotlights Ernie Els
10:30 Here We Go!
11:00 Sports Unlimited
12:00 SBK Superbike Magazine Highlights
12:30 World Cup Mix
1:00 Cricket Programming Super Selector October Launch
2:30 National Rugby League 2001 Telstra Premiership Semifinals
4:30 NBA Inside Stuff 2000/01 NBA Inside Stuff
5:00 Spanish League Highlights 2001/02 Spanish League Highlights
5:30 Trans World Sport Cricket Programming Super Selector October Launch
6:30 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports
7:00 Pro-Box Pro-Box 2001 (WBF Light Middle-weight Title) Bethnal Green, London, England Steve Roberts (Eng) @ William Gare (South Africa)
11:00 PGA Tour Golf Marconi Pennsylvania Classic Ligonier, PA USA Second Round
1:00 Spanish Football League 2001/02 Spanish Football League
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5:00 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports
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SEEKHO

11:00 Maze Maze Mein
11:30 Right Click
12:00 Studying Abroad
12:30 Tip Tap Toe
12:45 Little Einsteins
1:00 Zed TV Curtain Raisers
2:00 Footprints of Time
2:30 Jobs People Do
2:45 Aa Gayi Hindi
3:00 Swayam
3:30 Kya Aap Jante Ho
4:00 Drishti
4:30 Off-beat Professionals
5:00 Kehle Sunte
5:30 Once Upon A Time
6:00 Architecture
6:30 Crt Rsr-Yout
7:30 Orator
8:30 Walkin Tall
9:00 Xpressions
9:30 Nest Set Go
10:00 Zed TV Curtain Raisers
11:00 Strictly Business
11:30 Financial Management
12:00 Crt Rsr-IT & ECL

ZEE ENGLISH

10:30 A Mind To Kill
11:00 Full House
12:00 Too Close For Comfort
12:30 Out of This World
1:00 Would You Believe it
1:30 Dave's World
2:00 Amazing People
2:30 Charlie Chaplin
3:00 Can't Hurry Love
3:30 A Mind To Kill
4:30 The West Wing
5:30 Police Academy
6:30 Living Single
7:00 Full House
7:30 Mowgli

ZEE CINEMA

2:30 Meri Dosti Tera Pyar
6:00 Khwaja Ki Diwani
10:00 Alibaba Marjina
1:30 Dil Apna Aur Preet Parai
6:00 Seeta Aur Geeta
10:00 Padosan
9:00 French Kiss
11:30 When Harry Met Sally
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Fillers
12:00 Zee Music Box
1:00 Best of The Best
2:00 Jharokha
2:35 Compact Disc
3:05 Tara Rum
4:00 Hit