

Dance

A dance extravaganza to allure admirers

Nrityanchal, a front ranking platform in the country to institutionalise dance as a popular form of art, going to organise a five day-long dance festival "Nrityanchal Festival 2002" opens on January 10 at Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium

TAWFIQUE ALI
WITH a number of noted dance artists and efficient organisers involved in it, Nrityanchal has been striving forward to provide a platform for dance and institutionalise this neglected art form in the country. Nrityanchal runs a dance school and hold regular dance evenings.

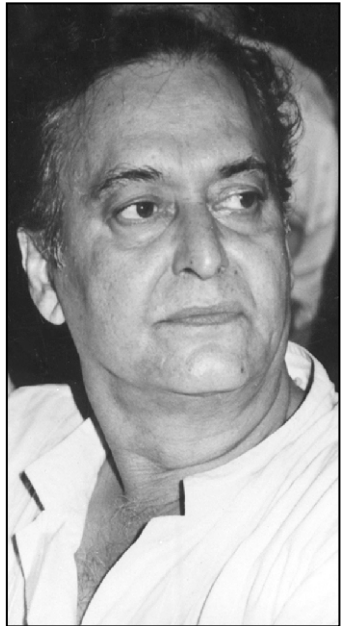
Answering to queries from newsmen at a press conference held on December 25, Nrityanchal organisers said, "We don't mean this event to be termed exclusively as a dance festival since we intend to provide room for other genres of culture like music and drama in the same festival." Nrityanchal intends not only to add up a new dimension to this festival but also aspires to gain a ground for dance in the cultural area.

While speaking at the press briefing, Muhammad Jahangir, convener, Shamim Ara Nipa and Shibli Mohammad, joint convenors of the Festival Preparation Committee, told that their aim was to hold regular dance festivals every year and elaborate dance festival with international partici-

pation every alternate year. In reply to a question, whether conservative attitude towards dance, long prevalent in our society, hinders their activities, Jahangir said, "Still there is reservation but by now a remarkable change has taken place."

Shibli and Nipa told that they appreciate and welcome any such endeavour launched by others and they applaud others' success. They further said that they intended to bring all branches of art and culture together in the festival and initiate interactive process among them.

Both Shibli and Nipa, noted dance exponents of Bangladesh, expressed their resentment over manifold constraints faced in case of dance. "We suffer from lack of a suitable and permanent stage for dance. You take it for an instance that we may book National Museum's Auditorium for a programme pretty ahead. It renders us quite helpless when immediately before the scheduled day authority cancels our programme to accommodate a government one. As a consequence we suffer a loss of lot of preparatory expenses, dislocation and disappointment. Even in media we often remain



Legendary actor of Bengali cinema and stage Soumitra Chattopadhyaya will be accorded a reception at the Nrityanchal Dance Festival



A dance sequence features Shamim Ara Nipa and Shibli Mohammad



Mamatasankar will conduct a dance workshop in Dhaka

neglected. Particularly in electronic media dance does not enjoy same amount of air times as other art forms," they mentioned.

A written speech at the press briefing highlighted different aspects of the forthcoming festival.

The festival has been scheduled to run from January 10-14. A number of eminent cultural personalities across the subcontinent are due to take part as special guests in it. Noted Bengali actor of Kolkata Soumitra Chattopadhyaya, illustrious Indian dance exponent Mamatasankar and distinguished cultural personality Mustafa Monwar of Bangladesh are among them.

Around two hundred dance artists from Dhaka, Kolkata and different districts of Bangladesh are expected to perform in the festival. The organisers feel that this festival to be considered as a significant cultural event in the country.

The festival will devote an evening in honour of Soumitra Chattopadhyaya. Nrityanchal will

accord this legendary Bengali actor a reception. Soumitra is expected to do a solo poetry recital in the evening. To mark Soumitra's reception Nrityanchal plans to bring out a 'Reception Book' compiled with write-ups by eminent writers, artists and scholars both from Dhaka and Kolkata. Besides this, it will bring out a souvenir on the occasion of festival.

Noted dancer and choreographer Mamatasankar will conduct a workshop on dance in Dhaka on January 11. Around fifty dance artists from different districts are expected to take part in this workshop to be organised by Nrityanchal. Mamatasankar Ballet Troupe will perform in the festival. This will be the troupe's first ever performance in Bangladesh.

Nrityanchal will also confer "Nrityanchal Honourable Mention" upon four elderly dance gurus of the country including Jinat Jahan (Dhaka), Rasheeduddin Talukdar (Khalna), Jogesh Chandra Das (Mymensingh) and Bazur Rahman Badal (Rajshahi).

The following programmes are scheduled to be featured in the festival:

Theatre

New injection of life in theatre movement

Bengal Foundation and Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation team up to develop theatre in Bangladesh

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

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TO further the cause of theatre and bring about quality changes in theatrical production, Bengal Foundation and Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation have jointly drawn up a decade-long programme titled Development of Theatre in Bangladesh.

The development programme covers each and every district of the country and to implement the long drawn programme an agreement was signed between chairman of Bengal Group Abul Khair and Sara Zaker of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation on December 27, 2001 in the presence of eminent theatre personalities Ramendu Majumdar, Mamunur Rashid and Liakat

Bengal Foundation, a patron of art and culture, promotes and nurtures art and music in the country, considers such an initiative significant. It intends to expend Taka 13 lakh on the first year of decade-long theatre development programme.

This grand programme is divided into five specific areas where the support is intended a) quality theatrical production, b) technical support in conducting activities of new theater groups, c) holding workshop; e) organising theatre conventions at divisional level and finally f) building theatre stage and other infrastructure development for the cause of theatre.



Abul Khair (2nd from right) and Sara Zaker (2nd from left) respectively on behalf of Bengal Foundation and Group Theatre Federation are seen signing the accord. Mamunur Rashid is on extreme left while Ramendu Majumdar on the extreme right

RECOMMENDATIONS



Sculpture show
 A group sculpture show is now being held at the gallery of National Museum at Shahbagh. The show showcases recent work by Hamiduzzaman, Ivy Zaman and Rowen Aziz. Open to all, the show runs till January 15.

Opening ceremony of musical albums

Bengal Foundation presents an opening ceremony of 14 CD & cassette albums by prominent and promising artists consecutively on January 3, 4, and 5 at House # 275/F, Road # 27, Dhanmondi R/A. Begum Momtaj Khalek releases a Tagore song album by Shahaj Rumana on January 3. Next day, eminent music master Azad Rahman releases a Nazrul song album by Masuda Nargis Anam and on January 5, eminent journalist Mahfuz Anam is due to release a Nazrul song album by Khairul Anam Shakil.

Dhaka Art Circle

Dhaka Art Circle, an informal group of artists, holds its latest art show at Gallery Chitrak (house# 21, Road # 4, Dhanmondi) now. The exhibition open to all from 10 am to 8 pm everyday will run until January 6, 2002.



Nrityanchal Festival 2002

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Shibli Mohammad of Nrityanchal speaking at the press conference flanked by Muhammad Jahangir on his right and Shamim Ara Nipa on his left

TV GUIDE

EKUSHEY TV

- 12:00 Ekushey Midday
- 12:30 Charidike
- 1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
- 1:30 Documentary Programmed: Japan Video Tropic
- 1:50 Classic Cartoons
- 2:10 Surer Prodeep
- 2:40 Drishti
- 3:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 3:05 Drama Serial: Gohor Gachi
- 3:30 Amader Kotha
- 4:00 Surer Prodeep
- 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
- 5:00 Circus Circus
- 5:30 Drishti
- 5:50 Akjer Potrikay
- 6:00 Ekushey Headlines
- 6:05 Classic Cartoons
- 6:30 Charidike
- 6:55 Ekushey Headlines
- 7:00 Deho Tore
- 7:30 Ekushey News
- 7:58 Ek Minute
- 8:00 Drama Serial: Abong Beaya
- 8:30 Drama
- 9:00 Ekushey News
- 9:05 Drama
- 10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
- 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
- 11:30 Ekushey Business
- 12:00 Ekushey Headlines
- CHANNEL I**
- Morning**
- 6:30 Abar Holo Shuru
- 7:00 Special: One More Time
- 8:00 Din Proldin
- 8:25 Groove and Shake
- 10:10 Music Plus
- 11:00 Abar Holo Shuru
- 11:30 One More Time
- 12:30 Groove and Shake
- 3:00 Bengali Movie: Dui Duari
- Evening**
- 6:10 Music Plus
- 7:15 Channel i News Headline
- 7:30 Documentary on the banding of Polythene
- 8:00 Heavy New Year
- 8:30 Ispahani i Tele-quiz (question)
- 8:35 Drama Serial: Shimana
- 9:00 Channel i News
- 9:20 Shonbadpotre Bangladesh
- 9:30 Ispahani i Tele-quiz (answer)
- 9:45 Shei Shur Shei Gaan
- 10:30 Channel i News
- 10:50 Bengali Movie: Shomadhan

ATN BANGLA

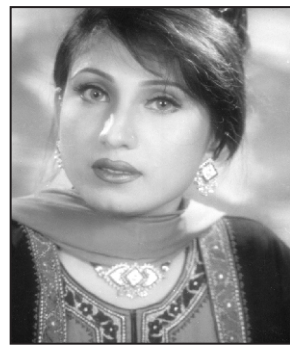
- 5:30 Islamic Prog
- 7:00 Happy New Year prog: Notun Bachorer Adda
- 8:00 ATN Bangla News
- 9:35 Happy New Year prog: Notun Bachorer Adda
- 11:20 Bengali Feature Film : Preme Beraho
- 12:00 ATN Bangla News
- 6:07 Musical prog. : ATN Music
- 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
- 7:35 Musical prog. : ATN Talk Show on "Polithin Issue"
- 9:00 Special prog: Happy New Year 2002
- 10:00 ATN Bangla News
- 10:45 Drama serial : Bondon
- 11:15 Telefilm : Tume Sudu Amar
- 11:30 ATN Bangla News
- 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 World Business Report
- 12:00 BBC News
- 1:00 BBC News
- 1:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
- 2:00 BBC News
- 2:30 Click Online
- 3:00 BBC News
- 3:30 Wrev
- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 East Asia Today/Sport Today
- 5:00 BBC News

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- 6:00 BBC News
- 6:30 World Business Report
- 7:00 BBC News
- 7:30 Holiday
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- 11:30 Rough Science
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- 1:30 Hardtalk
- 2:00 BBC News
- 2:30 Talking Movies
- 3:00 BBC News
- 3:30 World Business Report
- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 Asia Business Report/World Business Report
- 5:00 BBC News
- 5:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today
- HBO**
- 6:30 Breakfast At Tiffany's
- 8:45 Beverly Hills Cop
- 10:45 Moscow on the Hudson
- 1:00 Lorenzo's Oil
- 3:45 Jett Jackson
- 5:30 Gel On The Bus
- 8:00 Psycho
- 10:00 Whispers In The Dark
- 12:00 Trilogy of Terror II
- 1:45 Beverly Hills Cop
- 3:45 Lorenzo's Oil
- STAR MOVIES**
- 6:30 Before and After
- 8:30 Queens Logic
- 10:15 Hide and Seek
- 12:00 Rich In Love
- 2:00 Popeye Doyle
- 3:45 Resurrection Man
- 5:15 Ten Tings I Hate About You
- 7:00 Ace Ventura Pet Detective

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

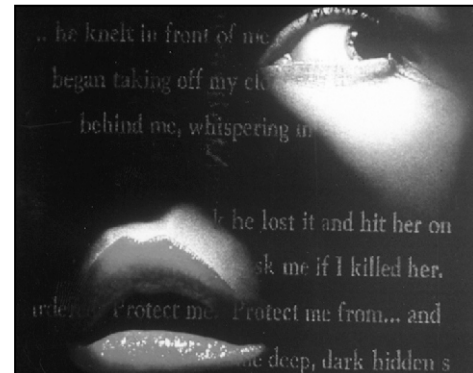


EKUSHEY: 8:00 p.m. Ebong Biye. Pakhi is very busy discussing with everyone. Making everyone agree she arranges a voting session. Two candidates, Jahanara and Naimuddin. But after the vote the results are surprising. Only two votes has been cast, one Jahanara and another one Naimuddin, but they did not vote for themselves.



ATN BANGLA: 11:15 p.m. Tumi Shudhu Amar. In this exciting telefilm Pavel and Prapti are a couple who deeply loves each other. After an accident Pavel loses his memory and is unable to recognise Prapti. Pavel's father accuses Prapti for the accident of his son and stops all contact with her. Prapti breaks down. After a long time Prapti agrees to get married for her parent's pressure. But the day of her wedding Pavel regains his memory.

PICK OF THE DAY



Whispers in The Dark
 On HBO at 10:00 p.m.
 Dr Ann Hecker is a New York City psychiatrist haunted by a recurring sexual dream. At the same time, Dr Hecker meets Doug McDowell, and starts to have a passionate affair with him. After finding out that he also happens to be her patient's lover, Dr Hecker finds the patient in question dead.

STAR WORLD

- 6:00 Happy Days
- 6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
- 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 8:00 Water Rats
- 9:00 That 70's Show
- 8:30 Darklings, The
- 10:30 Queens Logic
- 12:30 Total Recall
- 2:30 Stealth Hunters
- 4:30 Before and After
- STAR GOLD**
- 7:00 Naya Zamana (Dharmendra, Hema Malini)
- 10:30 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Patang (Rajendra Kumar, Mala Sinha)
- 3:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 3:30 Bundal Baaz (Shammi Kapoor, Rajesh Khanna)
- 7:00 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Mangal Masti Chalte Chalte (Vishal, Simi Garewal)
- 11:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:30 Raja Aur Runk (Sanjeev Kumar, Nirupa Roy)
- 3:00 Geet Bahar
- 3:30 Bundal Baaz (Shammi Kapoor, Rajesh Khanna)

Dharma & Greg

- 9:30 Dharma & Greg
- 10:00 Sting Special: All This Tim
- 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 12:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
- 1:00 Media TV
- 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
- 2:00 Mork & Mindy
- 2:30 Happy Days
- 3:00 Baywatch
- 4:00 The Simpsons
- 6:00 Frasier
- 1:00 Media TV
- 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
- 2:00 Mork & Mindy
- 2:30 Happy Days
- 3:00 Baywatch
- 4:00 The Simpsons

SPORTS

- 6:00 Soccer The Match Of The Century: Irbar
- 6:30 Sportscenter Hindi
- 7:00 Skating Abc Sports Pres. A Skating Tribute, New York City
- 8:30 College Football Bowl Game 2001 Crucial Com Humanitarian Bowl
- 12:00 English Premier League Highlights English Premier League Highlights 2001/02
- 1:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA
- 2:00 Pool World Pool League 2001
- 3:00 College Football Bowl Game 2001 Axa Liberty Bowl Memphis, TN USA Byu @ Louisville
- 6:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 Southampton, England Leeds United @ Southampton
- 8:30 Sports India
- 7:00 South Africa Cricket South Africa Tri Series Centurion, South Africa India @ South Africa 3rd Odi, Highlights
- 8:30 Cricket Talk Show Harsha Online
- 9:30 South Africa Cricket South Africa Tri Series Paarl, South Africa Kenya @ India 9th Odi, Highlights
- 11:00 South Africa Cricket South Africa Tri Series Durban, South Africa Final, 10th Odi, Highlights
- 12:30 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports
- 1:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 Southampton, England Leeds United @ Southampton
- 3:00 Cricket Talk Show Harsha Online
- 4:00 Rally Racing Total Dakar 2002 Day 3 Highlights
- 4:30 Class 1 Uim World Powerboat C'Ships
- 5:30 Asia Sport Show
- 6:00 Sailing Sailing World Colorcraft Gold Cup
- 6:30 Sailing Volvo Ocean Race
- 7:00 English Premier League Highlights English Premier League Highlights 2001/02
- 8:00 Sportsline Tonight
- 8:30 Sports India
- 9:00 South Africa Cricket South Africa Tri Series Paarl, South Africa Kenya @ India 9th Odi, Highlights
- 10:30 Sportsline Tonight Champions Trophy Sharjah, UAE Final H/Ls
- 11:00 Sportsline Tonight Watersports World
- 12:30 Isu Figure Skating Skate Canada International
- 1:30 2001 Saskatoon, Canada Highlights
- 3:30 Sportsline Tonight
- 4:30 Rally Racing Total Dakar 2002 Day 2 Highlights
- 5:00 Australia Cricket Orange Test Series Melbourne, Australia South Africa @
- 6:00 2nd Test, Day 5, Highlights
- 6:00 Sanskruti
- 6:30 Star Geetmala
- 7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 8:00 Aatma
- 9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 9:30 Fox Kids-Daily
- 10:30 Small Wonder
- 11:00 Pal Chhin
- 11:30 Saahil
- 12:00 Sansar
- 12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
- 2:00 Sanskruti
- 2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 3:00 Shagun
- 3:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
- 4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
- 4:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
- 5:00 Meri Saheli
- 5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 6:00 Small Wonder
- 6:30 Fox Kids Daily
- 7:20 Aaj Ki Baat
- 7:30 Sanskruti
- 8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 8:30 Kalash
- 9:00 Kasauti Zindadii Kay
- 9:30 Kamzor Kadil Kaun
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- 12:30 Shagun
- 1:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- 1:30 Kasautii Zindagii
- 2:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz
- 2:30 Gharwali Uparwali
- 3:00 Pal Chhin
- 3:30 Saahil
- 4:00 Sansar
- 4:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
- 5:00 Meri Saheli
- 5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
- STAR NEWS**
- 07:00 Breakfast News
- 6:00 Star News Hindi
- 6:30 Bollywood News
- 7:00 Star Bazaar
- 7:30 Saat Baje
- 8:00 Star Khel
- 8:30 Tonight at 8
- 9:00 Star Samachar
- 9:30 Star News English
- 10:00 Star Business News
- 10:30 Star Newshour
- 11:30 Star News English
- 12:00 Sports Tonight
- 12:30 Star News English
- 4:00 The Hunger 2
- 4:30 The Hunger 2
- 5:30 The Hunger 2
- 6:30 The Hunger 2
- 7:30 The Hunger 2
- 8:30 Who Dares Wins II Ep-I
- 9:30 David Blaine: Magic Man
- 10:30 David Blaine: Street Magic
- 11:30 World's Most Amazing
- 12:30 Who Dares Wins II Ep-I
- 1:30 Movie: Robo Cop
- 2:30 Movie: Dark Justice
- 3:30 Movie: Robo Cop
- 4:30 Movie: Robo Cop
- 5:30 Movie: Robo Cop
- 6:30 Movie: Resurrection
- 7:30 Movie: Robo Cop
- 8:30 Movie: Crash & Burn (last)
- 9:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not
- 10:30 Movie: Apocalypse Now
- 12:30 Who Dares Wins II
- 2:30 Movie: The Companion
- STAR WORLD**
- 6:00 Happy Days
- 6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
- 7:00 Dr. Ramesh Richard
- 7:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway
- 8:00 Water Rats
- 9:00 That 70's Show
- 9:30 Dharma & Greg
- 10:00 Chicago Hope
- 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
- 12:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
- 12:30 Frasier
- 1:00 Media TV
- 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
- 2:00 Mork & Mindy
- 2:30 Happy Days
- 3:00 Baywatch
- 4:00 The Simpsons
- 4:30 Dr. Ramesh Richard
- 5:00 Star News Asia
- 5:30 Friends
- 6:00 Bruce Springsteen And E-Street Band
- 9:00 Friends
- 9:30 Bruce Springsteen And E-Street Band
- 11:30 Law & Order