

RECOMMENDATIONS

'Essence of Life'
May 24-30
Four artists from Bangladesh, India and America holds a joint painting exhibition titled 'Jibon Rasa' or 'Essence of life' using natural colours as ingredients of paint.

Quamrul-er Ramonira
May 17-31
Entitled 'Quamrul-er Ramonira', a 15-day long painting exhibition by artist Quamrul Hassan is being held at the Shipangan gallery in the city.

Calligraphy exhibition
May 17-June 04
A calligraphy exhibition with the works of 24 renowned artists goes on at the lobby of National Museum in the city.

Group art show
May 15-29
The High Commission of India Cultural Centre presents a group art show featuring fifteen prominent artists from Chittagong at 754, Samsajid Road, Dhaka.

Photography on ship breaking
May 18-29
R. Laarsen, a photographer from Sweden and a teacher at Pathshala Photography School, holds a solo exhibition in the city on issues of ship-breaking in Bangladesh.

Painting show
May 17-24
An exhibition of works of the country's old and young artists opened on May 17 at Gallery 21 (765, Samsajid Road, Dhanmondi).

Boutique exhibition
May 20-26
Ali's knitwear holds a boutique show along with display of fancy candles, at Ariel center in the city.

TV serial

Hitting a new record

Drama serial 'Joar Bhata' celebrates the completion of its 150th episode at a city hotel



Actor Humayun Faridi gives a high opinion on 'Joar Bhata'



Tarin and Shameem Zaman act out a skid



Actress Shomi Kaiser gives her opinion on 'Joar Bhata'

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TELECAST live on Channel i, a dazzling and colourful cultural show titled 'Dersho periye, shimana chhariya' brought in several hundred celebrities and cultural personalities at the Winter Garden Ballroom of Sheraton Hotel in the city on May 21.

This is the first time in our entertainment history that a drama serial

on a TV channel reached its 150th episode. The ceremonious event was jointly sponsored by Electra International of Samsung Group and Channel i.

Glamour and music reigned over the show with the presence of star celebrities like Bulbul Ahmed, Humayun Faridi, Ferdous, Azizul Hakin, Shomi Kaiser, Afzal Hossain, Jamaluddin Hossain, Rowshan Ara Hossain, Ramendu and Ferdousi Mazumdar, Shahiduzzaman Selim,

Mita Noor, Trapa Mazumdar, Sohul Arman and Tarin, among others. Popular best-selling author Imdadul Haq Milon was a key attraction of the star-studded evening.

A special highlight of the evening was a number of brief performances of scenes by actors and actresses of the drama. Abdul Quader, a celebrated comedian performer of the country, who has an important role of 'Mama' in Joar Bhata, acted out a comic scene that provided humour

to the audience and added a refreshing flavour in the proceedings. The skids were performed, among others, by Tarin, Shameem Zaman, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Ferdousi Mazumdar and Trapa, all of who are regular performers of the popular drama serial that features a total of 160 performers.

Earlier in the opening of the event, noted dramatist and performer Abdullah Al Mamon, the writer and director of Joar Bhata, spoke about his interest and knowledge on soap-operas of the western societies.

Faridur Reza Sagor, Managing Director of the drama production house, Impress Telefilms, and Shaiykh Siraj of Channel I also spoke on the occasion.

A song rendered by eminent singer Tapan Chowdhury, from his recent album, increased the tempo of the ceremony. Samina Chowdhury captivated the audience with her hit number 'Kobita pora-r prohor eshecchey raat-er nirjon-ey/jonaki-r alo nivey aar joley shaal mohuyar bonaey ... ey ...', a song that has almost become a symbol of

teenage passion in the country. Samina's performance rejuvenated the audience.

Television, film and literary personalities including Humayun Faridi, Shomi Kaiser, Azizul Hakim, Imdadul Haq Milon and others gave their comments and personal opinions on the arrangement of the memorable event. Asked on her choice of accepting or rejecting any role of the drama, had it been offered to Shomi, the popular actress of television drama replied on a positive note. Shomi Kaiser said

that she would have certainly acted in the film had she been selected and provided she knew in advance about the present popularity of 'Joar Bhata'.

A crest of honour was handed over to the chairman of Electra International, the main sponsor of the show.

The graceful ceremony came to a befitting end at 9 pm with a group presentation by the members of a jovial family of 'Joar Bhata', and with a desire to continue for long.



Filmstar Ferdous interacts with Shaiykh Siraj



Samina Chowdhury enchants all through her song 'Kobita pora-r shomoy eshecchey ...'



TV performer Mita Noor joins the star guests at the gala event

TV GUIDE

Table with TV channels and their programming schedules. Columns include Channel (EKUSHEY, CHANNEL-i, ATN), Time, and Program Name (e.g., Ekushey Headlines, Morning, Sundor jeebaner).

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS section featuring 'Bloodfist V: Human Target' as the Pick of the Day. Includes a synopsis of the movie and a grid of other TV programs from various channels like ZEE TV, AXN, and ZEE CINEMA.

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