

RECOMMENDATIONS

Young Artists' art exhibition 2002

June 20-July 4
A fortnight long young artists' art exhibition, organised by the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, is being held at the academy's new auditorium building.

Bird fair, painting, quiz competition

June 29
A bird fair will be held at Aga Thakurpara in Barguna district on June 29 that is to be organised by Dalchut, a little magazine club with cooperation from Enam-Ul-Haque, President of Bangladesh Bird Club.

Bangladesh Bird Club had earlier arranged several similar fairs in Dhaka, Jahangirnagar University campus, Rajshahi University campus and at Amtali of Barguna.

Santal Festival

June 26-30
A festival of the santal community will be held at Mullanipara at Bhulli of Thakurgaon district in the northern part of the country that will feature traditional cultural items of the tribals.

Misty Waters

June 26-27
A latest collection of fabric items developed by the Research and Development unit of 'Prabartana' will be on display at the showroom of Prabartana at Mohammadpur in the city.

Festival

Of colour and music

Indigenous festival kicks off today at a village in the northern district of Thakurgaon

AZIZ AMIRUL

STAGE is set to welcome guests at an annual festival of the Santal community that starts from today at Mullanipara village of Bhulli Union in Thakurgaon district.

The festival would start through a formal opening ceremony. The day's events would also include display of traditional dance items of the Santal and Bawm community of Bangladesh.



Santal musical instrument

Greater importance would be given to the festival due to its coinciding observance with that of the anniversary of the historical Hul movement of the ancient Santal community.

The closing ceremony would feature different traditional and ritualistic performances of the tribe with presentation of Santal music, dance and drama.

The organizers have decided to distribute special costumes among the community members for participation in the festival as it would be to expensive for the poor Santal people to afford clothing all by themselves.

The festival would have privilege of receiving members of tribal communities like the Coch, Oraon and Palia, from districts of Panchagarh and Dinajpur.

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Two Murmu brothers, Sido and Kanhu masterminded a Santal Hul between 1855 and 1857 against British anarchy.

On June 30 in 1855, a large number of Santals assembled in a field of Santal Paragana and declared freedom. They took oath under the leadership of Sido and Kanhu Murmu to fight against the oppressors.

The district of Thakurgaon has at present a total of around 4,000 Santals, a figure that no other district could afford to release as per population statistics are concerned.

Santals' early history is unknown but it is certain that they have not occupied their present home for longer than a couple of centuries, having migrated from Hazaribagh in India and they are still moving on into northern Ben-



Zainul Abedin's 'Santal Romoni'



Santal martyr: Sido Murmu



Santal women of Orissa

gal. World population of Santals, all of who remain within the boundary of our subcontinent, currently sticks at ten million. Regions of Assam, Bihar, Orissa, Tripura, West Bengal and Nepal hold members of the community other than in Bangladesh.



Musical instrument from India

The Santals, as a race, care little for permanent homes. They are not true nomads, but they like to be on the move. In the lowlands they are agriculturists, in the jungles and on the mountains they are skilful hunters, bows and arrows being their chief weapons and on highlands they are cattle breeders.

In every village there stays a headman who is supposed to be a descendant of the village founder. A deputy looks after details, a special officer has charge of the children's morals, and there is a watchman.

Pandit Raghunath Murmu, in

the year 1920, had invented 'Oi Chiki' that is regarded as the official language of the Santal tribe. Their language Santali is one of the oldest in this part of the globe.

Household furniture is very meagre. Inside of the rooms are painted with figures of animals, birds and natural scenes. They love hunting with bow and arrow. Their dress is a dhoti for male and saree for females. They love to use silver ornaments.

Musical instruments are Madal, Dhumsa, a bamboo flute and horn trumpet. The Santals have gods whose attributes are least defined, but whose festivals are strictly observed.

Marang Buru, the Great Spirit, is the deity to whom sacrifices are made in a festival called the Sohrai.



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