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Tumpa Mallick renders song at the Amar Ekushey programme organised by the Sammilita Sangskritik Jote at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday.

Dhaka, Islamabad agree greater cooperation in tourism sector

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Bangladesh and Pakistan have agreed to forge greater cooperation in the field of tourism.

The agreement came at a meeting between State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin and Federal Minister for Tourism of Pakistan Rais Munir Ahmed in Karachi on Thursday, official sources said here yesterday.

The tourism ministers of the two South Asian countries observed that

easy and carefree movement of visitors is the key factor to promote and expand tourism and aviation business of both the countries.

They also underlined the importance of issuance of on-arrival-visa (OAV) at all ports of entries and simplification of the visa procedure.

Nasiruddin, who is currently visiting Pakistan, said there exists a very cordial and brotherly relations between Bangladesh and Pakistan, which needs to be further strengthened in the years to come.

Greater people-to-people contact and exchange of high-level visits could play a pivotal role in bringing two countries closer, he noted.

Nasiruddin briefed the Pakistan minister about the state of tourism industry in Bangladesh and said that the government is making sincere efforts to turn the country into an attractive place for foreign tourists and to promote eco-tourism.

JU Ekushey programme begins today

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A 14-day Amar Ekushey programme, organised by the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) of Jahangirnagar University (JU) begins today.

The programme will be held at the corridor and seminar room of the auditorium in two phases.

An art exhibition, organised jointly by the TSC and the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, will be held during the first phase which will continue till February 17.

A total of 58 works of Zainul Abedin, Kamrul Hasan and S M Sultan will be put on display.

The exhibition will be inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof Jasim

Uddin Ahmed.

Prof Masbah-us-Salehin, director of the TSC, will preside over the programme while Abu Taher, a renowned artist, will deliver a speech on the occasion.

The exhibition will remain open for all from 10.00am to 7.00pm daily.

The second phase of the programme includes a Book Fair which will begin at the same venue on February 18.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman will inaugurate the exhibition.

The inaugural function will be followed by a discussion and cultural function.

The fair will continue till February 28.

