

CULTURAL FEAST

Bengal Baishakhi Utshab

Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Gulshan Youth Club Field
Date: April 13-15
Schedule
April 13
5:30pm Lathikhela
6:00pm Flute evening with Gazi Abdul Hakim
6:10pm Poem recitation
6:30pm Solo musical recital
6:40pm Dance performance by Nriyadhara
9:20pm Lalon Geeli by Faride Parveen
April 14
8:30am Barsho Bandona by Dhak-Dhol
9:00am Musical recital by Shurotirho and Geetanjali
10:30am Play: Kamola Ranir Sagar Dighi
12:30pm Folk song by Ektar
5:30pm Kissa Bola
6:30pm Classical music by Parampara
7:30pm Solo musical recital by popular Tagore singers
8:50pm Dance drama Chitrangada
April 15
9:30am Panchokhbir Gaan by Anandawani and Jaiyo Rabindra
Sangeet Sharmilon Parishad
11:30am Folk song recital by Ajob
4:00pm Folk song recital by Ektar
5:30pm Folk song recital by Kanon Bala Sarkar
5:40pm Folk song recital by Anil Kumar
6:30pm Solo flute recital by Bari Siddiqui
7:00pm Musical recital by Mita Huq, Shama Rahman, Shamin Shathi Islam, Rezwana Chowdhury Bonny
9:00pm Milon Kanti Sarkar

Celebrating Bangla New Year

Occasion: Celebrating Nabobarsho and Chaitro Shankranti
Organiser: Padatik Naya, Shanghad
Venue: Rabindra Sharobar, Dhanmondi
Time: April 13, at 5pm

Film Festival

Title: World Film Manifestation Programme
Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society
Venue: Goethe-Institut, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi
Time: April 11-12, at 3pm everyday
Schedule
April 12 Chorachor and Lei Doraja

Chaitro Shankranti

Organiser: Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation
Venue: Mahila Shamili Auditorium, Bally Road
Time: April 13, at 7pm

Baul Festival

Occasion: Celebrating Chaitro Shankranti
Organiser: Pelli Baul Shamaj
Venue: Engineer's Institution, Ramna
Time: April 13 (6pm) and April 14 (from 7am onwards)

Play

Title: Trilogy: Oedipus, Oedipus and Colonus, Antigone
Group: Fame School of Dance, Drama and Music
Venue: Mukhtangan, Nazrul Square, Chittagong DC Hill, Chittagong
Time: April 11-12, at 5pm

Exhibitions

16th National Art Exhibition
Title: Searching Peace
Artist: Syed Mohammad Shamim
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 25, Road 5, Dhanmondi
Time: April 08-15, From 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 6pm

Hans Christian Andersen Bicentennial

Puppets with messages

ERSHAD KAMOL

PUPPET theatre or Putulnach is an artistic, entertaining and message-oriented art form. One of the stalwarts of puppetry in the country is artist Mostafa Monwar.

Two puppet shows, staged by Monwar, were held on April 10 and 11. To observed the bicentennial of legendary playwright Hans Christian Andersen, the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and the Royal Danish Embassy jointly arranged the function.

The host of the April 10 event, Hanne Tornager, the Cultural and Development Consultant sought help to translate her speech. The trademark puppet character 'Gittu', a popular puppet character introduced by Mostafa Monwar, appeared on stage to help her. Through the conversation between Gittu and Hanne and then with Danish Ambassador Niels Severin Munk and director Monwar a rapport was established with the audience. Later, popular puppet characters-- Parul and Dadu-- made their appearance.

The puppet show began with the two shows-- 'Kusree Hansher Chihana and Surer Pakhi' -- the audience recognised the effectiveness of fairy tales in delivering universal truths with allegorical simple stories.

The first show was Kusree Hansher Chihana, an adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's popular fairytale The Ugly Duckling. The show began with a scene of dawn



Surer Pakhi: A colourful scene from the puppet show

and a duck hatching eggs. As the background scenario of the sequence, designer Monwar portrayed a calm and idyllic rural Bangladesh with symbolic blue colour effect on the cyclorama. Andersen's story had a Bangladeshi context. The story developed with the emergence from the eggs of four beautiful yellow ducklings and an ugly ash coloured one. The simple story of the ducklings, was a satire on man-made divisions on racial and caste lines. To add to the interest, a human hunter performed with the puppets.

Experienced stagehands wonderfully created each and every gesture and movement of the ducks, cats, rats and human characters through puppets on stage.

After the end of the show of Kusree Hansher Chihana, Gittu appeared to provide entertainment between the shows. With its witty dialogues and movements, Gittu had a lighter look at our habit of watching cheap entertainment on the TV channels as well as the alienation of the young generation from our roots.

Subsequently, the second show-- Surer Pakhi, another adaptation from Hans Christian Andersen's

The Nightingale-- was staged. Some strong messages were delivered through this show: the difference between natural learning and bookish learning, among other elements. Again Mostafa Monwar displayed his skills of creating drama on stage through puppets.

Earlier, in his speech Mostafa Monwar said, "Nowadays, because of social turmoil children are losing their aesthetic sense. They should be entertained with more humane art forms rather than artificial ones. As fairytales always deal with purity and truth, children should be encouraged to read fairytales."

Pahela Baishakh specials on TV

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of the Bangla New Year, television channels of the country will broadcast various special programmes, including plays, magazines, musicals etc. Here is a glimpse of the special programmes.

Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan: Hosted by Syed Abdul Hadi, the regular musical programme will offer a special episode on Nabobarsho. Manir Khan and Shakila Zafar will be the guest artists of the show, while host Abdul Hadi will perform a special number. The programme will be aired at 1:30pm.

Lal Shahu: Winner of eight National Film Awards, the film will be telecast on ntv on Pahela Baishakh. The film directed by Tanvir Mokammel, features stars like Raisul Islam Asad, Rowshan Jamil, Aly Zaker, Tauqir Ahmed and Masud Ali Khan.

Bangla Nabobarsho: Hosted by Shamin Lucky, the magazine show will be telecast at 6:50pm. The history of the Bangla calendar, the stories behind the naming of the Bangla months and other interesting information will be presented in the show.

Cherag: Celebrated author Humayun Ahmed offers yet another television play on the occasion of Bangla New Year. Directed by Meher



A dance sequence from Esho Hey Baishakh

Afroz Shaon, the play features Jayanto Chatyapadhyay, Ejazul Islam, Challenger, Mithu, Mumman and others. The story revolves around a person whose life is transformed when a genie grants his wishes. The play will be aired at 9:00pm.

ATN Bangla Esho Hey Baishakh: Directed by Abdus Sattar, this dance programme choreographed by Nilufar Wahid Pappi will be telecast at 2:30pm.

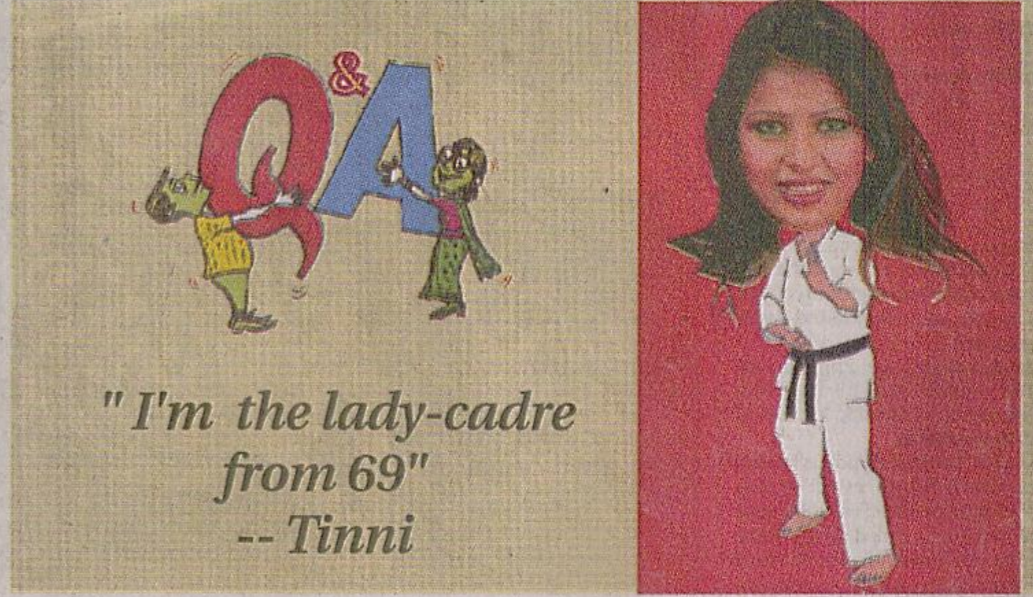
Phirey Dekha Bangla Nabobarsho: Eminent personalities Syed Shamsul Haq, Mridul Kanti Chakravarti, Kiron Chandra Roy, Abdul Qader, Dilara Zaman, Saiful Bari will reminisce on

the celebration of previous Nabobarshos. Directed by Tashiq Ahmed, the programme will be telecast at 9:05am.

Amar Bangladesh: Through this programme, host Manzurul Haq seeks to reveal how the people all over Bangladesh celebrate the Bangla New Year. The decaying indigenous performing art forms such as Pani Khela of Chak tribe of Rangamati, Baishakhi Mela, Alcap of Rajshahi, Letu Gaan and Ghetu Gaan of Tangail, Hoyla, Royani and Puthipath of Barisal will be briefly presented in the programme. The show will be telecast at 1:05pm.



Syed Abdul Hadi hosts Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan



"I'm the lady-cadre from 69" -- Tinni

Tinni is an upcoming talent in TV serials, and a familiar face in drama serial "69". Her spontaneity, facial expressions and non-method acting have already fetched her a fan following among the young generation. She's the perfect girl-next-door, yet more. Let's have a look at the real Tinni.

Who are your idols? Where modelling is concerned, Cindy Crawford. Among the actors, definitely Shabana Azmi.

Your dream role? Ashalata in Tagore's Chokher Bali. I did play Ashalata in our school production of Chokher Bali, when I was a student of RK Mission School in Kolkata. This might sound funny, but I'd be interested in playing any aristocratic housewife from a Tagore play. I just love the way they dressed up and their exquisite ornaments.

What scares you the most? People. People can befriend you, yet sometimes deceive you, gossip about you and bring you down. And tiktilis, definitely tiktilis.

An interesting incident that still makes you laugh. I was shopping at Chandni Chowk, when this fan came up to me and asked for my autograph. After he got my autograph he went back to his friends and told them, "That's the lady-cadre from 69". I remembered then, in 69, my character asks her husband to remove her veil on the wedding night and her husband tells her, "you're a lady-cadre".

The sweetest thing about you. I'm too friendly.

The worst thing about you. I'm too friendly.

What is your most recent work? I just finished shooting for the film Made in Bangladesh. Where do you see yourself in five years? On the cover of a magazine, with my daughter.

NEW ATTRACTION

Sisimpur hits BTV soon

Sesame Street just welcomed a new addition to the family! Sisimpur, the Bangladeshi adaptation of award-winning children's television series Sesame Street, is to debut on Friday, April 15 at 9:05am on BTV, says a press release. Co-produced by the non-profit educational organisation Sesame Workshop in New York and Nayantra Communications in Bangladesh with renowned puppeteer Mostafa Monwar serving as chief creative advisor, Sisimpur features Bangla-speaking Muppets, animation and live-action segments.

Speaking at the media screening of Sisimpur held at Hotel Sheraton on April 10, the makers of the programme said that the series will target 3-6-year-old children and encourage them to learn a range of cognitive, social and emotional skills related to literacy, numerals, health, diversity, family and community, and Bangladeshi culture through humour, music, fantasy and daily life situations. In addition, the series develops local capacity in early childhood education, research, content development, production, and educational outreach.

Sisimpur features four Muppets, specially developed for Bangladesh.



(R-L) Fuad Chowdhury, Gene George, Sara Zaker, Mamunur Rashid and Ratan Paul at the media screening of Sisimpur.

The characters include: Halum, a tiger who enjoys playing and laughing, even when things go wrong; Shiku, a curious jackal who comes from a long line of clever family members, but is actually very naive; Tukuld, a 5-year-old extrovert girl, who enjoys being helpful but usually

does 10 things at once; and Ikri Mikri, an affectionate 3-year-old who tries to do things by herself but doesn't always succeed. Each of the first 13 episodes will be broadcast Fridays at 9:05am and then repeated at 2:05pm on Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTV News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm. News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-1

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00pm, 10:30, 12:15 am. Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 5:00 pm and 8:30 pm.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 6:15 pm, 8:30 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA

News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:20pm, 7:30pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm. Every hour on the hour

BCV WORLD

Every hour on the hour

BTV

09:30 Live Telecast of 4th ODI between India and Pakistan
05:30 Talk Show
05:45 Chhotoder Khabor
06:00 Desh Janapad
06:10 Shondhya Maloi
07:00 News Headlines, Weather forecast, Share Market
07:05 Quiz Quiz
07:30 Musical Programme
08:25 Protidin Bangladesh
08:30 Drama Serial: Monalisa
09:00 Drama Serial: Aparupa
10:25 Takraf Theko Tutula
10:30 Shonali Shakal
12:05 Satellite Programme

CHANNEL I

09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh and Public Reaction
09:45 Tibio Matra
10:45 Grameen Phone
11:30 Special Programme
11:35 Aamar Chhobi
12:00 Chitthi Pelam
12:30 Aaj Dupurey
12:30 Ebong Cinema Gaan
12:25 Public Reaction
12:35 Special Programme
03:50 Musical Programme
04:45 Sa Ra Ga Ma
05:30 i Sports
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 i Speed
07:50 Drama Serial: Poribar
08:25 Drama Serial: Golok Dhandha
09:35 Drama Serial: Chachho Chalbey
10:00 Drama Serial: Shakkhi Kutum

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08:30 Agiker Shakal
09:05 Drama Serial: Sporsher Bairey
09:30 Khaboner Shondhaney
11:00 Chhobir Gaan
11:30 Khabor Deshey
12:02 Deshey
12:02 Drama Serial: Jhut Jhamela
12:02 Tifiner Fankey
03:40 Drama Serial: Anyorokom
04:25 Hoi Hullor
05:15 Iltashar Ei Diney
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Frankly Speaking
08:10 Sporsher Bairey
08:50 Nupur
09:40 Drama Serial: Shaeola
11:25 Dindarpan
11:25 ATN BANGLA
10:30 Talk Show: Annodishti
11:05 Drama Serial: Mohona
11:35 Business This Week
12:15 Amar Computer
12:50 Shustho Thalam
12:30 Cine Gaan
01:25 Drama Serial: Ghunpoka
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai
03:50 Drama Serial: Bhawal Raja Shanyashi
04:25 Shomoshamoyik
05:10 Musical Programme
06:20 Aynar Shamney
08:00 Drama Serial: Shukhnagar Apartment
08:30 Drama Serial: Ek Akash Neel
09:00 Drama Serial: Shukhor Lagiya

PICK OF THE DAY



Shukhnagar Apartment On ATN Bangla at 8:00pm Drama Serial Cast: Tarek Anam, Bijori, Joy, Tamalika, Shahed, Oil



India Vs Pakistan On BTV and DD Sports at 9:30am Fourth ODI Live from Ahmedabad, India

09:30 Ek Dui Teen
10:35 Air Rage
12:20 Talk Show: Islam Ki Boley Anra Ki Kori
7:00 Home Alone 4
8:30 Air Rage
10:15 8mm
10:15 Hangman's Curse
STAR GOLD
10:40 Raghu Romeo
1:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
1:30 Ek Tha Raja
4:45 Ikke Pe Ikke
8:30 Kartoons
11:45 Dushman
STAR PLUS
5:30 Hit Filmoin Hit Sangeet- 20 M
6:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
6:30 Adventures Of Mickey
7:00 Disney's The
STAR MOVIES
12:25 Submarines
2:00 Murder Of Crows
3:45 Loser
5:25 Cruel Intentions
7:00 Disney's The
7:30 Weekenders
Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00 Hello Dollie
8:30 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
9:30 Mitee
10:00 Kkavyanjali
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhi Thi
11:30 Kaha To Hoga
STAR WORLD
12:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
1:00 Frasier
1:30 Magnum P.I.
2:28 Star Asia Travel
2:30 Oprah Winfrey
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
5:30 Aly Mc Beal
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 That 70s Show
7:30 Friends
8:00 Newsradio
8:30 Charmed
9:30 Wild Card
10:30 Miss Match
11:28 Star Asia Travel
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY
11:30 Backyard Science
12:00 Serious: Desert
12:30 Storm Stories
1:00 Tales Of The Living Dead
1:30 Mummy Road Show
3:00 Global Wolf
4:00 Dogs With Jobs
4:45 Doc Eureka
5:30 Ng Explorer
6:30 Seconds From Disaster
7:30 On Assignment
8:30 The Last Voices From Heaven
9:30 Running For Freedom
10:00 From The Heart
10:30 Interpol Investigates
ANIMAL PLANET
1:00 Pet Nation K-9 to 5
1:30 Emergency Vets
2:00 Wild Rescues Barbary Lions, Doggie Blood Donors, Chessie
3:30 The Protectors Animal Precinct
4:30 Pet Star
5:30 Twisted Tales Parrot
6:00 Monkey Business
6:30 The Plane's Funniest Animals
7:30 Lynda's Lifetime Flight to Freedom
8:30 The Protectors Cell
9:30 The Protectors Animal Precinct
10:30 Deep Into the Wild
11:00 Wild and Dangerous
11:30 Wild Encounters
12:30 Wild Discovery
1:30 Animal Face Off
2:30 Seven Wonders of the World
3:30 Superstructures of the
World Hyundai Heavy Industries Shipyard
5:30 Splat 4 Cartoon
6:00 Crossover
6:30 English Premier League
7:30 Wild Discovery Watery Creatures
8:30 Science Frontiers Boy Who Gave Birth to His Twin
9:30 Classic Discovery
10:30 Hollywood Superstars
11:30 Precursors, The Young Love
STAR SPORTS
7:00 New Zealand Vs Sri Lanka 2nd Test Day 2
11:30 English Premier League Highlights
12:30 Super 12 Rugby
2:30 The Golf Club (R)
3:00 New Zealand Vs Sri Lanka 2nd Test Day 2 Highlights(S)
4:30 The Rugby Show (T)
5:00 Augusta Masters
6:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 Pakistan Tour Of India
10:30 Sportscenter India (L)
11:00 W i v SA: 2nd Test, Day 4 Highlights
12:00 Formula One
12:00 Sportsline (R)
ESPN
7:30 Brazilian Football
9:30 English Premier Football League
Liverpool England Everton
Vs Crystal Palace (R)
Icc Cricket World (R)
11:30 Alp Masters Series
12:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2004/05 London England Tottenham Hotspur Vs Newcastle United (R)
3:30 Fa Classic Matches
5:30 English Premier League Highlights
6:30 Football Focus (L)
7:30 New Zealand New Zealand Vs Sri Lanka 2nd Test Day 2 Highlights(S)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 Football League Aston Villa Vs West Bromwich Albion (T)
11:00 Soccer Realty Bend It Like Beckham Ep #3 & #4(T)
11:30 Sportscenter Sportscenter India (R)
TEN SPORTS
7:30 Legends
8:00 Gamer TV
10:00 W i v SA: 2nd Test, Day 4 Highlights
11:00 W i v SA: 2nd Test, Day 5 (1st Session)
12:00 W i v SA: 2nd Test, Day 5 (Interval)