

CULTURAL FEAS

Ekushey Book Fair



Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: February 1-28
Month-long book fair

Ekushey Cultural Programme

Organiser: Sammilito Sangskritik Jote
Venue: Central Shaheed Minar Premises
Date: February 9-19
Time: 4:00pm

Organisers: Sammilito Sangskritik Jote
Venue: Rabindra Sarobar Amphitheatre (Dhammandi)
Date: February 15-21
Time: 4:00pm

Bangla Calligraphy Exhibition

Artist: Arham-ul-Huq Choudhury
Venue: British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka
Date: February 17-28
Time: 10:00am-8:00pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: In Quest of Truth and Beauty
Artist: Samarjali Roy Choudhury
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhammandi
Date: January 28-February 10
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Bashanto Utshob

Organisers: National Bashonto Utshob Uddipon Committee
Venue: Bakul Tola, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University
Date: February 13
Time: 4:00am

Group Art Show

Title: Appointment 2007
Venue: Shilpangan, Road 3, House 26
Date: February 5-18
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm & 5:00pm-9:00pm

CD Launch

Title: Rupantor Gaan
Artists: Shaheen Samad and Enamul Haque
Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbag
Date: February 12
Time: 5pm

Theatre

Play: Dakghor
Troupe: Swapnodol
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage
Date: February 12
Time: 8:30pm

Ceramic Exhibition

Venue: Zainul Gallery-1, Institute of Fine Arts
Date: February 8-15
Time: 11am-7pm

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote launches Ekushey programme

MAINUL HASSAN

INTERNATIONAL Mother Language day is one of the most significant occasions in the country. Every year Ekushey February (February 21) is celebrated with verve. It is a time to pay homage to the Language Martyrs -- Jabbar, Shafiqur, Salam, Barkat, Rafiq and several others.

Cultural organisations hold an array of programmes annually for Ekushey. Leading the way is Sammilito Sangskritik Jote (SSJ), an alliance of several cultural organisations. This year SSJ inaugurated its 'Amar Ekushey' programme at the Shaheed Minar premises on February 9.

The curtains went up with SSJ leaders placing floral wreaths at the altar of the Shaheed Minar to pay homage to the Language Martyrs, followed by a one-minute silence. After this came a rendering of the National Anthem. Then followed a choral presentation of the song *Amar Bhaier Rokte Rangano Ekushey February* that epitomises the Language Movement. The song was rendered by the artists of Udichi, Chhayanat, Swarkalpa, Padatik Sangeet Sangshad and Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad (RSSP). The members of Swarkalpa Abbritti Chakro recited a poem.

The slogan of this year's festival is *Ekush Amar Ahonkar, Ekush Ghuchabey Andhokaar*. Chief guest of the programme was



Hassan Azizul Haque speaks at the inauguration

eminent litterateur Hassan Azizul Haque. The programme was presided over by Nasiruddin Yousuf, president of SSJ. The welcome speech was delivered by the general secretary of SSJ, Golam Kuddus.

The 11-day programme by SSJ will feature street plays, recitation, dance performances and songs that will continue till February 19. The programme will also

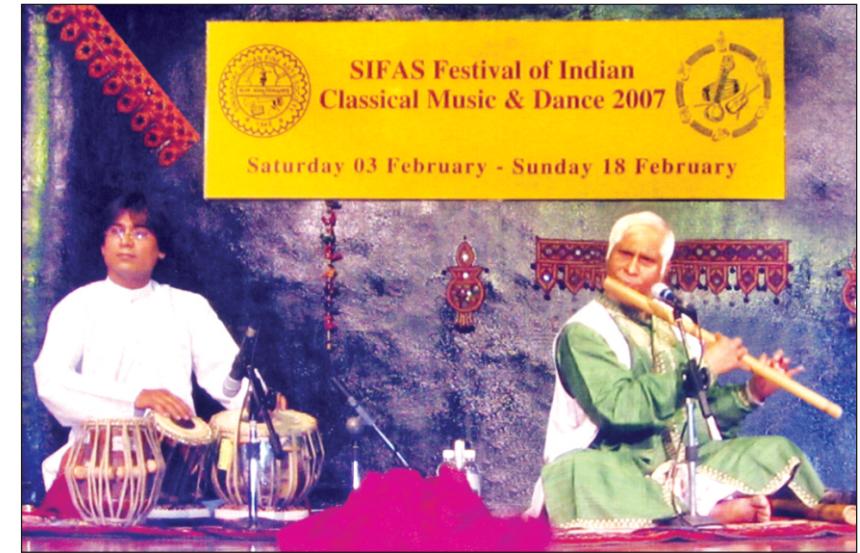
be held simultaneously at Rabindra Sarobar, Dhammandi from February 15.

In his speech, the chief guest emphasised the importance of Ekushey February. SSJ also announced a declaration titled *Ekusher Ghosona 2007*, highlighting some point of views.

Hassan Arif, assistant general secretary of SSJ, read the declaration.

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Ustad Captain (Retd) Azizul Islam plays the flute at the inauguration of Indian Classical Music and Dance Festival 2007 in Singapore. The festival is organised by Singapore Indian Fine Arts Society



SIFAS Festival of Indian Classical Music & Dance 2007

Saturday 03 February - Sunday 18 February



Noted theatre activist Liqaat Ali Lucky (centre) at the launch of the second issue of children's theatre magazine Ro. The venue is the Woodburn Public Library Auditorium in Bogra

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Porimola Mree: Keeping the Mandi legacy alive



Porimola Mree (R) and her husband Teeres Nokrek

EMRAN HOSSAIN, JU
Correspondent

now a popular Ringiba singer who lives in a tin-roofed, single room house.

Like other girls in the area, Porimola, daughter of Jyotmi Mree, was married off while still a Class IX student. In the course of her 23 years of marriage, she had two sons and yet managed to hone her talent as a singer of Azia, Ray-Ray and Serejing, three varieties of traditional Mandi music.

"I still remember the moonlit night we call *Jajong*, listening to my husband sing heartily and inspiring me to sing too," said a pensive Porimola.

"Since I learned music from my husband, I only sing his compositions."

Tugi Jokom Ripeng Nade... (Have you fallen asleep at this early hour of evening...) is the first song Porimola remembers to have learnt from Teeres, who is a composer and Ringiba of the area. Since then Porimola performs at different cultural programmes in various traditional festivals and has gained recognition.

"She is adept in learning the songs, even while I teach others. We want our Mandi families and this generation to know that we have a tradition of our own," said Teeres.

Ajki Sangeet Singano Damson (As the stars shine, like the fireflies...) O *Angni Khabab Ni Khabab...* (O my dear, do not leave me...) *Alo Ki Shik Ramana Nang Kho Gishik Ramana...* (I remember you at dawn...) are Porimola's favourite songs that she sings at any time anywhere.

The poverty-stricken four-member family in their tin-roofed thatched home continue to sing in joy and sorrow not for mere entertainment but to keep the legacy alive.

Small screen

'Rupantor': A talk show on cultural personalities

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The 18th episode of the talk show *Rupantor Golpo* will be aired today (February 11) at 6:00pm on Channel i. Hosted and produced by Punam Priyam, the show gives fans an opportunity to better understand their favourite artists from the showbiz and cultural arena.

Film actress Poppy and showbiz journalist Saikat Salahuddin are the guests of

tonight's episode. The episode of the show highlights achievements of the actress and the journalist.

Several noted personalities such as Fakir Alamgir, Abida Sultana, Shawkat Ali Emon, Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Jayasree Kar Joya, Moutsushi, SD Rubel and others will appear in the next episodes of the show.

The show is aired on the second and last Sundays of every month.



A 13-member cultural team from Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy left for Canberra, Australia to attend the 'National Multicultural Festival 2007'

Celine Dion to unveil new song at Oscars

Celine Dion will unveil her new song, *I Knew I Loved You*, during a tribute to Italian composer Ennio Morricone at this year's Academy Awards, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said Wednesday.

Morricone, who will receive an honorary Oscar at the February 25 awards, orchestrated the song for 1984's *Once Upon a Time in America*, directed by Sergio Leone.

Songwriters Alan and Marilyn Bergman wanted to write lyrics for the song, but the film's producers felt none were needed. The Bergmans got their chance with Dion's version.

Morricone, 78, has received original score Oscar nominations for *Days of Heaven*, *The Mission*,

The Untouchables, *Bugsy* and *Malena*.

The new rendition of *I Knew I Loved You*, produced by Quincy Jones, will appear on Morricone's upcoming greatest-hits album and on Dion's forthcoming record.

Source: The Associated Press



TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTW
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-12:15 am. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL -I
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am-9:00am, 2:00 pm-7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am-10:00am, 2:00 pm-7:00 pm, 10:00 pm-11pm. News (English) 2:00am-7:00pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am-10:00 am, 11:00 am-1:00 pm-3:00 pm. 4:00pm-6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am. 12:00 am-6:15 pm-9:30 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 am-2:00 pm. 5:00 pm-7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.

CHANNEL 1
News (Bangla) at 8:00am-2:00pm. 6:00pm-7:15pm, 10:30pm. News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm. News Headlines (English) at 9:05pm.

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00am-2:00pm. 6:00pm-7:15pm, 10:30pm. News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm. News Headlines (English) at 9:05pm.

RTV
News (Bangla) at 7:00am. 3:00pm. 7:15pm, 10:00pm. News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am.

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08:40 Bishwa Protidin

09:20 Nirey Taar Nil Dheu

Drama Serial:

Pichhutan

Channel i

09:05 Shomapti

11:15 Drama

12:30 Swapno Sonar

Gaon

01:00 Ma O Shushur

Kotha

01:30 Mati O Manush

Children's

Programme

02:40 Cartoon

05:05 Debate

06:10 Shastho Kotha

06:40 Tagore Song

07:25 Dance Programme

08:35 Ekush Amar

Ahonkar

08:45 Drama Serial

09:00 Magazine

Programme

10:30 Musical

Programme

06:20 Mirror

07:50 Mega Serial:

Bhober Haat

10:30 Talk Show:

Onnordishhti

11:15 Drama: Tin Taka

Minute

12:15 Shutto Thakun

10:00 Mega Serial: Jog

Beyog

01:30 Shornali Shada

12:00 GrameenPhone

Kalo

02:30 Telefilm: Shopno

05:00 Gram Gonjer

Khobor

05:10 Documentary

Program: Prapok

06:25 Three Stooges

09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi

08:00 Drama Serial:

Outdoor

10:30 Bangla Feature