

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 (Dhanmondi)
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: Samarjit Roy Choudhury
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhanmondi
Date: January 28-February 10
Time: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Bashanto Utshob

Organisers: National Bashonto Utshob Uddjapon 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: Rupantorer Gaan
Artists: Shaheen Samad and Enamul Haque
Venue: Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbag
Date: February 12
Time: 5 pm

Theatre

Play: Dakghor
Troupe: Swapnodol
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage
Date: February 12
Time: 6:30pm

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, Shafiur, 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 Ekhushey February* that epitomises the Language Movement. The song was rendered by the artistes of Udichi, Chhayana, Swarikalpo, Padatik Sangeet Sangshad and Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad (RSSP). The members of Swarikalpo Abrittiti 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 Youssuf, president of SSJ. The welcome speech was delivered by the general secretary of SSJ, Golam Kuddus.

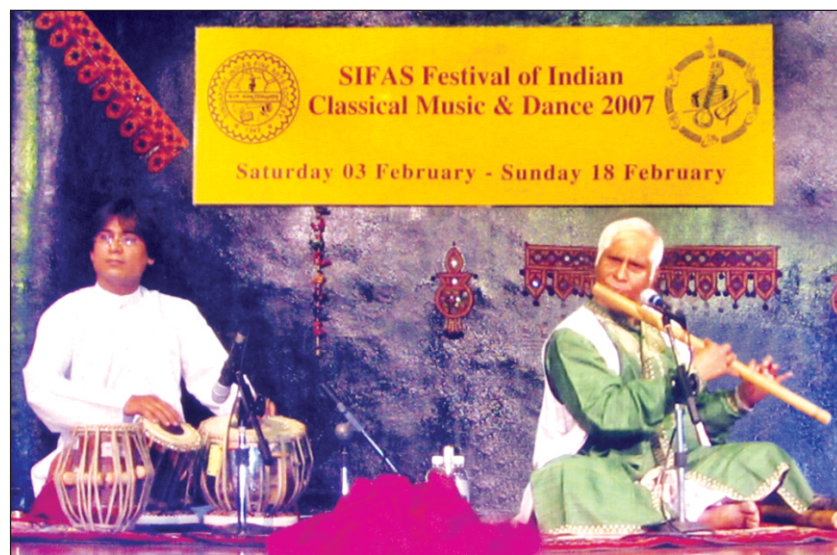
The 11-day programme by SSJ will feature street plays, recitation, dance performances and songs that will continue till February 19. The programme will also

be held simultaneously at Rabindra Sarobar, Dhanmandi 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



Noted theatre activist Liaquat 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

Porimola Mree, a resident of Shulakori in Modhupur in Tangail had an unusual initiation to music—just after her marriage in 1983 to Teeres Nokrek who inspired and taught her the art. "It is a golden moment for a girl to be able to take music lessons on her wedding night," said a nostalgic Porimola,

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 Sanget Singano Damson (As the stars shine, like the fireflies...) (*O Angni Khabak Ni Khabak...*) (*O my dear, do not leave me...*), *Aio 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, Moutushi, 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.



Host of the show, Punam Priyam (L) with actress Poppy



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

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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i
 News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 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) 8:20am, 7:00pm.
 Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 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, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am.

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.

BTV

08:40 Bishwa Protidin
 09:05 Shomapti
 11:15 Drama
 01:30 Swapno Sonar Gaon
 01:00 Ma O Shushur Kotha
 01:30 Mati O Manush
 02:15 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
 10:30 Musical Programme

ATN Bangla

10:30 Talk Show: Onnodrishti
 Drama: Tin Taka Minute
 12:15 Shutho Thakun
 01:30 Shornali Shada Kalo
 02:30 Telefilm: Shopno
 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
 05:10 Documentary
 Program: Prapok
 06:25 Three Stooges
 08:00 Drama Serial: Outdoor
 08:40 Drama Serial:

Nirey Taar Nil Dheu

Drama Serial: Pichhutan

Channel i

08:30 Shokaler Gaan
 09:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Grameenphone Trilomatra
 11:05 Apollo Tele Prescription
 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh
 01:45 Public Reaction
 04:05 Amader Gaan
 04:35 Sa Re Ga Ma
 05:30 Boimela Protidin
 06:00 Rupantor
 06:20 Mirror
 07:50 Mega Serial:
 09:35 Drama Serial: Mon Chhutey Jay
 10:00 Mega Serial: Jog Beyog
 12:00 GrameenPhone Ajker Shangbad Potro

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
 09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi
 10:00 Magic Show
 10:30 Bangla Feature Film
 02:00 Bishwa Jurey Shathdin
 03:30 Drama Serial: Shunney Boshobash
 04:30 Drama Serial: Godhuli Belay
 06:10 Saaj Bela
 06:30 Top News
 06:45 Itihasar Path Dhorey
 07:00 Padmorag
 08:15 Shomoyer Swad
 09:30 Cine Tune
 11:00 Akar Ekar

PICK OF THE DAY



Bhober Haat
 On Channel i at 07:50pm
Drama Serial
 Cast: ATM Shamsuzzaman, Salauddin Lavlu



Koffee with Karan
 On Star World at 9:30pm
Talk show hosted by Karan Johar
 Tonight's guests: Shah Rukh, Kajol and Rani

BANGLAVISION

09:05 Desher Pathay
 09:30 Bangla Feature Film
 01:00 Apnar Agami
 02:35 Drama Serial: Shukher Kanta
 03:00 Agamir Kontho
 03:45 Drama Serial: Krishno Pokho
 04:20 Drama Serial: Guest
 05:00 Protidiner Boimela Live
 06:30 Cinebit
 08:10 Drama Serial: Chaitali Jochhonay Ekti Meye
 09:15 Apnar Agami

STAR PLUS

09:00 Yatra
 09:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
 11:00 Khichdi
 11:30 Great indian laughter challenge 2
 12:30 Ji Pradhan Mantriji
 01:00 Hulchul
 04:30 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
 05:30 Mickey Mouse And Friends
 06:00 The Suite Life Of Zack And Cod
 06:30 Lucky

07:30 Ek Se Badkar Ek
 08:30 Saibaba
 09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
 10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
 10:30 Windows Vista Ka Non-Stop Josh
 12:00 Virasat
STAR MOVIES
 07:55 Life Is Not A Fairytale
 09:30 Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination
 11:15 Animal, The
 12:45 Mummy Returns, The
 03:00 Mighty Joe Young
 04:55 6th Day, The
 07:00 In Her Shoes

STAR WORLD

09:00 According To Jim
 10:00 The Simple Life
 10:30 Commander In Chief
 11:30 Heroes
 12:30 Criminal Minds
 12:30 Third Watch
 02:30 Falcon Beach
 03:30 The Apprentice
 04:30 Grey's Anatomy
 05:30 Hollywood Shootouts
 06:00 Travel Asia
 06:30 Commander In Chief
 07:30 Malcolm In The Middle
 08:00 The Kumars At No. 42
 08:30 Fashion House
 09:30 Koffee With Karan
 10:30 Criminal Minds
 11:30 Third Watch

DISCOVERY

CHANNEL

09:30 Discover India
 10:30 Sacred India

11:30 Honey We're Killing The Kids
 12:30 Man Made Marvels Asia
 01:30 Wild Discovery
 02:30 Planet Earth
 03:30 Extreme Engineering
 04:30 Wild Discovery
 05:30 Mean Machines
 06:00 Building The Ultimate
 06:30 Meerkat Manor
 07:00 Animal Camera
 07:30 Wild Discovery
 08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
 10:30 Night Safari
 11:30 Seven Wonders Of The Industrial World

NATIONAL

GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 Sloth: The 7th Deadly Sin
 10:30 Anamalai
 11:30 Temple Of The Tigers
 01:30 Relentless Enemies
 02:30 Kamchatka
 03:30 Crash On The Mountain
 04:30 Nat Geo Junior Hunt
 05:00 Zoro, Suzy Q, Sven
 05:30 Big Bang
 06:00 Monk Seals
 06:30 Super Copter
 07:30 Untamed
 08:30 Operation Loch Ness
 09:30 Sky Monsters
 10:30 Science Safari
 11:30 Crime Night

STAR SPORTS

08:30 Mtn One Day International Series
 10:00 Full Toss? Haste
 10:30 Rehna Boss (The Le Tour De Langkawi 2007 (Cyclin
 11:30 Malaysia Airlines
 12:30 Football Extra
 Mtn One Day International Series
 05:30 Remember The Titans (Cricket)
 06:00 Mtn One Day International Series
 10:00 Hit (Cricket)
 10:30 Cricket Crazy (Cricket)
 11:30 Mtn One Day International Series

ESPN

08:30 Commonwealth Bank Series 2006-07
 01:30 Sportscenter Week In Review
 01:30 Commonwealth Bank Series 2006-07
 06:00 Indian Legends (Cricket)
 06:55 Sportscenter Week-end (Sport News
 07:00 Indian Premier Hockey League
 09:30 Super Sunday (Soccer/Futbol)
 09:55 English Premier Football League
 12:00 Final Score