

CULTURAL FEAST

Ekushey Book Fair



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

Homage to Waheedul Haq

Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, House no-275/F, Road no-27 (Old), Dhamundi
Date: February 14
Time: 6:30pm

Spring time once more

Channel i to air Basanta Utsab live

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

SPRING is in the air. Once more Basanta Utsab (Spring Festival) will be celebrated with great enthusiasm and fanfare. Women will don *bashanti* (a shade of mustard) attire and flowers in their hair; flowers such as marigolds, dahlias, *polash* and *shimul* will be ubiquitous while the city will be dotted with fairs. Likewise cultural functions will be the order of the day and the ecstasy of spring will be celebrated through music, dance and recitation.

To welcome Basanta, National Basanta Utsab Udjapon Committee have chalked out elaborate programmes to be held today at the Bokultola premises of the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. Channel i will air the programme live from 7:20am.



Girls bedecked in flowers perform a group dance

Cultural programme by Sammilito Sangskritik Jote in full swing

Ongoing function at Central Shaheed Minar

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Ekush Amader Ohongkar, Ekush Ghuchabe Ondhokar is the slogan at a 10-day cultural programme to observe the International Mother Language Day (Ekushey February). The programme is organised by Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, an alliance of Bangladeshi cultural groups. The function, which began on February 9 at the Central Shaheed Minar, attracts a sizeable crowd everyday.

The programme began with the choral rendition of a patriotic number by Shorolipi Sangeet Academy. Altaf Hosain from Udichi Shilpi Ghoshti sang two popular songs *Shorbonasha Padma nodi* and *Edesher durdin, jomechhey onek rin*. Mohammed Ali Munna sang a patriotic number *Okatoray diley pran*. Chhaya Karmokar, Arpita, Nabin Kishor Gautam and others also performed at the event.

Mahfuz Rizvi, Siddiquur Rahman Parvez, Ashraful Hasan Babu and GM Morshed entertained the audience with their recitations.

The evening rounded up with two street plays (*Potho natak*), *Chor* by Padatik Natty Sangsads TSC (written and directed by Kazi Rafique) and *Noromedh* by



Actors of Padatik Natty Sangsads TSC perform in street play *Chor*

Shubochon Natty Sangsads (written by Asadul Islam Asad and directed by Chandan Paul). The main theme of the play *Chor* is to create awareness among people of all classes of

society about corruption. The witty presentation by the group gave a message to take stern action against all kinds of corruption at different levels. The play *Noromedh* deals

with a hard-hitting fact: the inroads of western culture into the country.

The programme will continue till February 19.



Highlighting Bengali culture, Bangla Academy arranges an array of cultural programmes every evening at the academy premises during Amar Ekushey Granthamela (month long book fair). Zahir Alim and Ruksana Akhter Liza perform in such a programme on February 11

PHOTO: STAR

Grammys whistle Dixie

Band beats backlash, picks up five awards



The 49th Annual Grammys took a stand by championing a band that took a stand.

The Dixie Chicks won five Grammy Awards Sunday night (yesterday morning, local time), including three of the top prizes for their first work after ruffling the feathers of politicians, right-wing

pundits and some country fans with an off-the-cuff comment about President Bush.

The Dixie Chicks' *Not Ready to Make Nice* snared the song and record of the year trophies, a bit of redemption bestowed on the country trio that had been shunned by country radio for their politics. Not

Ready was the band's first single from *Taking the Long Way*, their first album after the lead singer Natalie Maines' famous anti-Bush comment made at a London concert in 2003. Country radio mostly rejected the track as the band opted to attempt to nurture a new audience in the adult contemporary marketplace.

Taking the Long Way was named album of the year. The Chicks are the first act to sweep the top three trophies since Eric Clapton did it 14 years ago.

The Dixie Chicks – Maines, Martie Maguire and Emily Robison – are the first all-female band to win the record prize, which has never gone to a country title.

Robison thanked the core fans, noting the band is "without a genre" and "no regrets" for anything that has occurred in the last several years.

Maines went for the jugular: "To take the great Simpsons – 'heh, heh.' A lot of people have turned off their TV sets now."

The Red Hot Chili Peppers took home four trophies including rock album while Mary J. Blige nabbed three. Her wins – R&B album, R&B song and female R&B vocal performance – nearly mirrored the results of

Mariah Carey last year; Blige, like Carey in 2006, had led the field in nominations with eight. The Peppers, formed 24 years ago, won rock song, rock performance by a duo or group and limited edition package.

American Idol 4 champ Carrie Underwood became only fourth country act to win the new artist gramophone. She also nabbed the female country vocal performance nod.

The ceremony opened with Sting yelling "We are the Police and we're back," before heading into a performance of *Roxanne*. Academy's attempt to present unique pairings included a trio performance of Corinne Bailey Rae, John Legend and John Mayer and tributes to the Eagles (with Rascal Flatts and Underwood) and vintage soul (with Smokey Robinson, Lionel Ritchie, Chris Brown and Christina Aguilera).

Gnarls Barkley turned their bouncy *Crazy* into a funeral dirge set to a militaristic beat. Blige continued from her *Be Without You* hit from 1996, *Stay With Me*.

Source: Internet.

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A special magazine programme on ATN Bangla, titled *Bhalobashar Ronge*, is to be aired on February 14 at 7.50 pm. The programme is jointly directed by Khaleda Ahmed and Nahid Rahman

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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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

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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.

Lates News (Bangla) at 9:00 am; 10:00 am, 11:00 am; 1:00pm; 3:00 pm; 4:00pm; 6:00pm; 8:00pm and 8:00pm.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am; 1:15 pm; 9:30pm.

News (Bangla) 7:30 am; 2:00 pm; 5:00 pm; 7:30 pm; 10:30 pm.

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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.

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News (Bangla) at 7:00am; 3:00pm, 7:15pm; 10:00pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:30am.

BTV

08:40 Bishwa Protidin

09:05 Shompati

11:15 Shukri Poribar

11:40 Desher Gaan

12:05 Maa O Shishir Kotha

12:30 Swapno Shonar Gaon

01:00 Shobar Jonno Shikha

01:30 Mati O Manush

02:15 Laukkik Bangla

03:05 Cartoon

03:30 Educational

Programme

04:00 Amader Angina

04:30 Band Show

05:05 Moner Kotha

05:30 Onushilon

06:40 Tagore Song

07:00 Quiz Quiz

07:30 Drama Serial: Uzran

08:30 Protidin Bangladesh

08:35 Ekush Amar Ohonkar

09:35 Range Be Rang

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08:35 Ajker Shokal

09:30 Khabrobor Shondhane

10:05 Bhimo Swader

10:30 Khobor

Music Express

11:00 Cine Gaan

12:00 El Shomoy

01:00 Japan Video Topic

01:15 Kichku Kotha Kichku

01:45 Hattima Tim Tim

04:20 Aji Boshonto Jagroto

Darey

05:45 Bangla Namer Desh

Kothamala

06:20 Drama Serial: Shokal

Shondha

06:45 Drama Serial: Shomjhotra

07:00 Amar Chhobi

07:20 Amar Chhobi

07:40 Akter Anyoridhiti

08:15 Amar Computer

09:30 Shur O Chhobi

10:00 Talk Show

10:30 Drama Serial: O Amar

Chhobi

11:00 Drama Serial: O Amar

Chhobi

11:30 Drama Serial: O Amar

Chhobi

12:00 Citycell Tarakakthon

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan

12:30 Shangbad Potrey

Bangladesh

11:45 Public Reaction

02:40 Selected Drama

04:05 Amader Gaan

04:25 Nirbachoni Olympiad

04:35 Sharif Melamine

04:35 Sharjeetmela

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