

Independence Day celebrations around the city



Artists perform at Shilpkala Academy



A view of the art camp at Liberation War Museum

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE nation celebrated the Independence Day with much verve -- paying homage to the martyrs whose sacrifices made the emergence of Independent Bangladesh possible.

To mark the 37th Independence Day, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy (BSA) organised a discussion and cultural programme. Chief guest was Professor Abul Kashem Fazlul Haque. Among the discussants were prominent

freedom fighters Kazi Kamaluddin Ahmed (Bir Bikrom) and Ali Ahmed Ziauddin. The discussion was presided over by Ashraful Mosaddek, secretary of Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy.

The cultural programme featured solo and group songs, recitations and dance performances. The opening song was a chorus, *Swadhin swadhin dikey dikey*, followed by a *gano sangeet, Purbo digonity shurjo uthchhey*. Artistes of BSA and Nritiyadara performed dance. Tapan

Mahmud, Kalyani Ghosh, Sujit Mustafa, Asgar Alim and others rendered songs.

Like every year, Sammilito Sangskritik Jote (SSJ), organised a three-day-long programme to mark Independence Day at Central Shaheed Minar. The event started on March 24. Air Vice Marshal (Retd) AK Khondoker (Deputy Chief of Staff of Bangladesh Joint Armed Forces in 1971) inaugurated the programmes.

Nasiruddin Yousuff, president of SSJ, presided over the inaugural

programme. Cultural personalities Asaduzzaman Nur, Mofidul Haq and others spoke on the occasion. The welcome speech was delivered by Golam Kuddus, general secretary, SSJ. Recitation by poet Nirmalendu Goon was part of the event.

Programmes were also held at Rabindra Sarobar, Dhanmondi. On March 26, performances included chorus songs by artistes of Wrisht, Nibediton and Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad. Noted singer Fakir Alamgir and others also rendered songs. Fakir Alamgir performed three songs -- *Sokhinarey deshey rekhey Mukti judday jai, Ma-er ek dhar dudher daam* and *Manusher majhey boshobash kori*. Two street plays were staged by Theatre Arambagh and Theatre centre.

As part of the weeklong Independence Day celebration at Liberation War Museum, an art camp was held. Noted and upcoming artists of the country participated at the event.

CULTURAL FEAST

Dance Festival

Organiser: UNESCO, Dhaka & Shadonna

Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy

March 28

Tagore's 'Bhanushingher Padabali' by Bhabna

March 29

Classical Manipuri Dance by Chhayanaut

March 30

Nazrul's 'Baddolo Borishone' by Nritiyanchal

Time: 7pm

Exhibition and Workshop

Title: Soul Soil Symbols 1977-2007

Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dacca

Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dacca

Date: March 29-April 11

Art Exhibition

Artist: Wakilur Rahman

Title: Rearranged

Organiser: Shilpangan

Venue: Shilpangan Contemporary Art Gallery, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi

Date: March 16-31

Time: 11am-1pm & 5pm-9pm

Painting Exhibition

Artist: Qayum Chowdhury

Title: Recent Past

Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts

Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts

Date: March 9-31

(L-R) Zoe, Ornrob and Idris at the concert

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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).

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

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News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.

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News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 pm

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11:15

Doctor Jokhon

Durey

Selected

Programme

12:05

Maa O Shishur

Kotha

20:30

Gaon

01:00

Shukur Poribar

01:30

Selected

Programme

02:15

Sisimpur

02:40

Khelti Khelte

Computer

03:05

Cartoon

03:30

Mati O Manush

04:00

Hijol Tomal

04:30

Shopnil Agami

05:30

Selected

Programme

06:40

Cricket Cricket

07:15

ICC World Cup

2007: South Africa

V Sri Lanka

04:50

Sa Re Ga Ma

05:30

Mukti Juddho

Protidin

05:45

Nijjeke Jano

Shapolyo Aro

Islamic Programme

06:20

Char Deyaler Kabyo

08:00

Drama Serial:

08:40

Nayan Tara

09:20

Drama Serial:

09:20

Bohemian

10:00

Drama Serial:

10:00

Ondhokarer Gaan

10:30

Shongbad Potrey

10:30

Bangladesh

10:30

Public Reaction

10:30

Trityomatra

10:30

Sports Time

10:30

Citycell Tarokathan

10:30

Ebong Cinemar

10:30

Gaan

10:30

Shongbadpotrey

10:30

Public Reaction

10:30

Selected Drama

10:30

Crictalk Bishwa Cup

10:30

Special

10:30

Sa Re Ga Ma

10:30

Mukti Juddho

10:30

Protidin

10:30

Public Reaction

10:30

Selected Drama

10:30

Chittagong

10:30

Shongbadpotro

10:30

Public Reaction