

3rd National Dance Festival '07 begins

Twelve dancers honoured



Dancers perform on the first day of the festival

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'MILECHHI milon-e chhond-e anond-e' -- with this slogan the 3rd National Dance Festival '07, arranged by Bangladesh Nritya Shilpi Shangstha (BNSS), began at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on April 23.

The inaugural event was presided over by Rahiza Khanam Jhunu (president of BNSS). Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed inaugurated the programme. Shaju Ahmed, general secretary of the organisation, delivered the welcome speech.

Calling dance the 'devotion to beauty' as well as 'practice of discipline', Shaju Ahmed said, "The young in our country should be encouraged to practice art, to be free from all evils of the society." Moreover he demanded the immediate opening of National Music and Dance Centre at Shilpakala Academy for the better arrangements of programmes related to dance and

music.

Noted educationist Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed said, "Dance is one of the ancient elements of civilisation. For many years we have been practicing dance. However, we are yet to develop a particular dance form of our own. The festival arranged by BNSS is an opportunity to judge the current standard of dance in Bangladesh. We hope through this process dance will get an institutional recognition in Bangladesh. To reach that goal, besides individual endeavours, government initiatives are also needed."

Claiming the festival as a 'grand union', Rahiza Khanam Jhunu said, "The festival has opened a door for us, dancers, to work together for the development of our potential. Hopefully this festival will encourage the young talents to move forward."

The speeches were followed by dance performances. Thirteen troupes presented classical dance forms such as *Kathak*, *Bharatnatyam*, *Manipuri* as well as

folk-based performances.

For their contribution to dance, twelve seasoned dancers were honoured at the programme with Bulbul Chowdhury Smrity Padak, G

A Mannan Smrity Padak and Gauhar Jamil Smrity Padak. Recipients of this year's Bulbul Chowdhury Smrity Padak are Selina Haque, Sohel Rahman, Munmun Ahmed and Dr. Shoma Muntaz (all dancers are from Dhaka).

Reshma Firoz from Chittagong, Ilias Haidar from Dhaka, Nilufar Begum from Mymensingh and Anita Sinha from Sylhet received this year's GA Mannan Smrity Padak. Gauhar Jamil Smrity Padak '07 went to Nomita Kundu from Faridpur, Siraji Serniabad from Barisal, Mahfuzur Rahman from Dhaka and Khwaja Hossain Ahmed from Khulna.

Apart from the inauguration and closing ceremony in Dhaka, the weeklong festival will run in other district towns such as Khulna, Sylhet, Barisal, Rajshahi, Faridpur, Mymensingh, Bogra and Chittagong. Today, tomorrow and the day after, there will be two events simultaneously in two district towns. The other programmes will be held in the remaining days.

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Rahiza Khanam Jhunu (3-R, front), Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed and Shaju Ahmed seen with the award recipients

'Drockstars' is back

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

DRockstars, the musical talent hunt sponsored by juice, is all set to start again. This year *DRockstars* is going to search for a band, with the vision to unite young talents.



(Front L-R) Hamin Ahmed, Rubaba Dowla Matin, Faridur Reza Shagor and Afzalul Hasan Khan seen with artistes of BAMBAA at the press conference

A press conference was held to discuss the launching of *DRockstars-2*, the second edition of the show, at Pan Pacific Hotel Sonargaon. Rubaba Dowla Matin, deputy director, Commercial Division of Grameenphone; Faridur Reza Shagor, managing director, Impress Telefilm Ltd; Hamin Ahmed,

president, Bangladesh Musical Bands Association (BAMBAA) and Afzalul Hasan Khan, senior marketing manager, Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications International AB were present at the press conference.

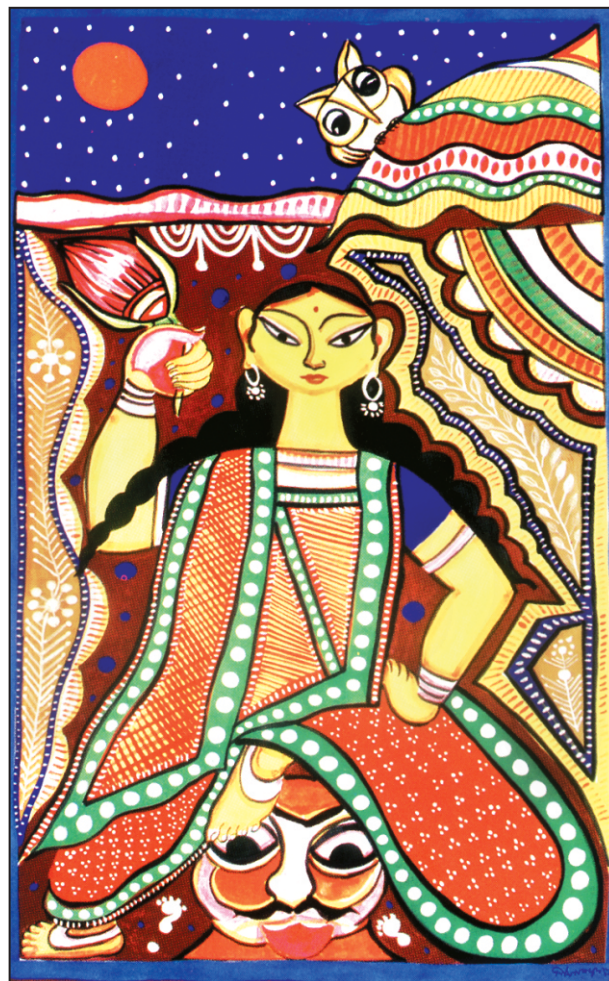
DRockstars-2 will have a greater platform and will go to all six divisions in the country for auditions shortly. BAMBAA will play a major role in this quest, by helping in organising the talent hunt and judging the contestants. Channel i and Radio Foorti will be media partners of *DRockstars-2*, with Sony Ericsson joining as co-partner of the programme.

Entries for the competition will start from today. Interested bands have to call 121 from their Grameenphone or juice numbers to register.

The first youth lifestyle brand of the country, juice, has always acknowledged and appreciated various ingenious activities of the young generation. *DRockstars* is an outcome of this effort. The first season of *DRockstars* was aired last year. Young singers from all over the country participated in the programme and 10 'Drockstars' were chosen from thousands of entries based on solo performances. Recently an album featuring the Top 10 *DRockstars* from last year was released.

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Nikhil's solo exhibition with traditional motifs



Artworks by Nikhil Chandra Das

FAYZA HAQ

Artist Nisar Hussain, speaking on Nikhil Chandra Das' ongoing solo exhibition at Gallery Chittrak, said, "Folk art is where Nikhil gets his inspiration. Villagers in Bangladesh have had a tradition of drawing and painting for centuries, as in the case of *alpans*. They believed that if they wanted something and painted it, prayed over it, they would ultimately get it in real life. In Hindu culture, there's the tradition of religious art, specially the potters, who make idols of the local deities. Those who work with *shola*, use a sponge-like material that floats on water, to make decoration pieces like *topor* (coronets) for weddings. *Acharjas* make paintings of *Mahabharata* and *Gazi*."

"There is a relationship in the use of colours and lines such as the making of goddess Manosha

with clay and *shola*. After completing our courses of studies in fine arts, we often move away from this tradition, hoping to emulate the west. Quamrul Hassan adapted from our folk art and combined it with contemporary trends. Nikhil does not depart from folk art or bring variations in it. His teacher Abdus Shakoor Shah advised him to work with traditional art."

Nikhil has brought in the shapes and compositions of scroll painting and pottery art, putting them on a two dimensional surface. He has been able to assemble them with sophistication. More than telling a story, the artist has concentrated on the art itself. Sometimes he has portrayed parts of the forms of deities and combined them in a harmony with other local images. He has kept to the original use of colours instead of blending them into hues of his own."

Nikhil takes his inspiration



form *Poto Chitra*, *Lokkhi Shora* and other indigenous art. Coming from Narail, he has had plenty of exposure to traditional arts and crafts. He makes paintings from flowers, trees and roots, mixed with oxide colours. He also uses dust of seashells and tamarind juice. He uses them instead of commercially made paints.

When Nikhil presents the goddess Lokkhi, he brings in images of village women too. Along with them he includes representation of cows, threshing machine, ladder, owl (believed to be the mount of the goddess) for good luck, banana trees, hand fans etc. "I have taken the objects from folk art and presented them in my own way," Nikhil said.

In his 55 paintings, Nikhil often brings in the snake goddess Manosha with numerous snake heads surrounding her. Lines,

zigzags, dots and circles decorate the images of the goddess and snakes. The deity is depicted with plaits, earrings and large eyes. In another painting there is an owl and painted footsteps, along with items taken from an everyday farmer's life. This is along with the lines and circles that decorate Lokkhi who is seen in a bright sari and resembles a traditional clay doll. The colours are undiluted ones.

Nikhil has two awards from the Institute of Fine Arts, DU, to his credit. It was Ramendu Majumdar and Muniruzzaman of Chittrak who arranged the exhibition.

The exhibition is on till April 30.

Channel i will air talk show *Aloye Bhuvan Bhora* tonight at 9:35pm. The programme offers an exclusive insight into the lives of successful individuals in different fields. Hosted by Aly Zaker the show has attained popularity. Tonight's episode will feature Shahab Sattar, Managing Director, GMG Airlines



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 (English) 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 10:00 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.

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

BTV

11:15 Drama Serial
12:05 Maa O Shishur Kotha
12:30 Swapno Shonar Gaon
01:00 Musical Programme
01:30 Shukhi Poribar
02:15 Sisimpur
02:40 Quiz Quiz
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Cricket Shokha
04:30 Shogun Agami
05:05 Ohjiatri
05:30 Hijo Torna
06:40 Cricket Cricket
07:15 ICC World Cup 2007

ATN Bangla

09:20 ATN Commentary BOX
10:30 Talk show: Akte Onyodristi
11:05 Talk show: Meet the press
12:15 Cinema Cinema
01:30 Gane Shure Taruney
02:30 Notun Chhobir Gaan
03:10 Drama Serial: Bhalobashar Rang
03:45 Children's Programme: Shapla Shaluk
04:20 Cooking Show
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
05:20 Islamic Programme
06:20 Char Dayalar Kabyo
08:00 Drama Serial: Nayan Tara
08:40 Drama Serial: Bohemian
09:20 Drama Serial: Kacha

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Trityomatra
11:05 Sports Time
12:30 Citycell Tarokathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
01:45 Public Reaction

02:40

Selected Drama
03:05 Educational Programme
04:05 Crickat Bishwa Cup Special
04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:30 Mukti Judho Protidin
06:00 Music Club
06:20 Desh Bideshe Ranna
07:50 Jago Bangladesh
09:35 Aloye Bhuvan Bhora
10:00 Drama Serial: Rang Mohol
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

ETV

12:30 Aiker Potrikay
01:00 Nazrul Song
01:30 Desh Jurey Chalchitra
02:00 Shophol Jara Kemon Jara
02:30 Dristi
03:00 Bolte Chai
03:30 Shurma Parer Gaan
04:00 Atyopkashak
04:30 Cooking Programme
05:00 Drama: Shesher Kobita Noy
06:00 Jana Ajana
07:30 Baulana
08:00 Noy Brityo
08:30 Cooking Show
09:15 Pop Show
09:30 Drama Serial: Agun
10:00 Lega Shondha
10:00 Drama: Modhyobrityo
10:30 Bangladesh
08:40 Shuprobhat
09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi
10:00 Cartoon
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
10:30 Olpo Sholpo Golpo
02:00 Drama Serial: Shomrajjo



PICK OF THE DAY

ICC World Cup 2007

Second Semi Final
On BTV at 7:15pm
Australia Vs South Africa
Live from Beausejour Stadium, St Lucia

04:00 Rupantoror Golpo
04:30 Gaaner Kotha Kothar Gaan
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:30 Top News
07:00 Baker Pathay
08:15 Drama Serial: Society
09:00 Drama Serial: Nokol Poshakh
09:30 Show Case
11:00 Fusion Bits
08:35 Shubho Shokal
09:05 Amader Ranna Ghar
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:40 Conan
04:20 Red Biraatey
05:00 Cinebit Shadakalo

05:40 Diner Sheshey
06:25 Nana Ranger Din Guli
06:45 Bishwa Cup Protidin
08:15 Drama Serial: Dokhinayon
08:55 Media Bhuvan
09:30 Drama Serial: Rupantoror
10:15 Lord Of War
12:15 Red Sonja
01:45 Crash
03:30 First Daughter
05:15 Jumanji
07:00 Edison
08:45 Independence Day
11:15 Thunderball
01:30 Thumbsucker
03:15 The Ticket
STAR PLUS

10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Aladdin
11:00 That's So Raven
11:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
11:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:00 Kasturi
12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:30 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Kesar
03:00 Saarthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kayamath
04:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
05:00 Paraya Dhan
05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus

05:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
06:00 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
06:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
06:30 Kasturi
07:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
07:55 Bolly V - Star Plus
08:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
08:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
09:30 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni
10:00 Kasturi
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kayamath
12:00 Paraya Dhan

STAR WORLD

10:30 Prison Break
11:30 Falcon Beach
12:30 The O.C.
13:30 Koffee With Karan
02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Fashion House
06:00 Less Than Perfect
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Cheers
07:30 Friends Sr 8
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 American Idol
09:30 Heroes
10:30 Grey's Anatomy
11:30y Fashion House

AXN

10:30 SI Factor (Season 3)
12:00 Maximum Exposure (Season 2)
01:00 Guinness World Records: Primetime (Season III)
02:00 Sports Disasters 4
03:00 House (Season 1)
04:00 Maximum Exposure (Season 2)
05:30 Amazon
06:30 The Shield (Season 4)
07:30 PSI Factor (Season 3)
08:30 Maximum Exposure (Season 2)
09:30 Ultimate Guinness World Records
10:30 Fear Factor (Season 6)
11:30 Supernatural (Season 1)
12:30 Ultimate Guinness World Records
01:30 Fear Factor (Season 6)
02:30 Supernatural (Season 1)
03:30 Beastmaster (Season 1)
04:30 PSI Factor (Season 3)
05:30 Amazon

DISCOVERY

CHANNEL

10:30 Baby Story
11:00 Baby Whisperer
11:30 Deadliest Catch
12:30 Koffee With Karan
01:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
02:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
03:30 Million 2 One
04:00 Everything You Need To Know
04:30 Wild India Week
05:30 Mega Builders
06:30 Impact Stories of Survival
07:30 Africa Week
08:30 Destination India
09:30 Drama on Discovery
10:30 Extreme Engineering
11:30 Deadliest Catch

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

10:30 Sauna Belt
11:15 Global Sky Shop
11:30 Naked Science
12:30 Is It Real?
01:30 Missing Link
02:30 Unwind
03:00 Polar Bear Mom & Cubs
03:30 Dangerous Encounters
04:30 Mad Labs
05:00 Saving The King Of Snakes
05:30 Nat Geo Junior
06:00 Expedition Unknown
06:30 Dangerous Encounters
07:30 Greatest Shoal on Earth
08:30 Killer Pigs
09:30 Fight Science
10:30 Dangerous Encounters
11:30 Hunter Hunted
01:30 Fear Factor (Season 6)
02:30 Supernatural (Season 1)
03:30 Beastmaster (Season 1)
04:30 PSI Factor (Season 3)
05:30 Amazon

STAR SPORTS

09:30 Tna Archive (Wrestling)
09:30 Guinness 9 Ball Tour
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02:30 Spanish Football League (Soccer)
04:30 Tna Impact (Wrestling)
05:30 Max Power 2007 (Auto Racing)
06:30 Tna Impact (Wrestling)
07:30 Gillette World Sport 2007 (Inter)
08:00 India's Best With Sunil Gavaskar
08:30 Vb Series (Cricket)
10:00 Full Toss? Haste Rehna Boss (The)
10:30 Tna Impact (Wrestling)
11:30 The Ubs Golf Premier (Golf)
12:00 Asian Tour Weekly 2007 (Golf)
ESPN
08:00 Debutants (Cricket)
08:30 Asian X Games 2005
09:00 Presented By
09:30 Taking Guard - West Indies Speci
09:30 Bmw Asian Open (Golf)
12:30 English Premier Football League
02:30 Nba Playoffs 2006/07 (Basketball)
05:00 Remember The Titans (Cricket)
05:30 Toyota Football Up Close (Soccer)
06:30 Taking Guard - West Indies Speci
06:30 Asian X Games Vi Presented By To
07:30 2006/07 Spanish League Highlight
08:30 Sportscenter India (Sport News)
09:00 Sportscenter Asia (Sport News)
09:30 Remember The Titans (Cricket)
10:00 Great Finishes (Cricket)
10:30 Sportscenter India (Sport News)