

CULTURALFEAST

Nazrul Anniversary Celebration

**Organiser:** Nazrul Institute  
**Activities:** Children's art and Nazrul song competition, cultural programme, book fair and discussion  
**Venue:** Nazrul Institute Auditorium  
**Date:** May 23-27

Nazrul Boimela

**Organiser:** Nazrul Institute  
**Venue:** Central Public Library, Shahbag  
**Date:** May 25-June 14

Classical Music Soiree

**Organiser:** Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi  
**Artists:** Karim Shahabuddin, Arju Akhter Baby and Shahinur Reza  
**Venue:** Bishwa Shahitya Kendra, Dhaka  
**Date:** May 31  
**Time:** 7pm

Photography Exhibition

**Title:** Stolen Forests  
**Photographer:** Philip Gain and Ronald Halder  
**Venue:** Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15A, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** May 18-24  
**Time:** 3pm-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition

**Title:** Anadi Kumar Boirag's Quest for Self-Entity  
**Venue:** Gallery Zoom, Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** May 18-31  
**Time:** 9am-12pm, 5pm-9pm

National music conference brings Nazrul artistes together

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A two-day national music conference organised by Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad (NSSP) started from May 22. The event marks the 108th birth anniversary of our National Poet, Kazi Nazrul Islam. The programme was held at the National Museum with the participation of NSSP members as well as eminent and upcoming artistes of the country. The first day of the conference featured solo renditions of Nazrul songs, recitation of poems written by the Rebel Poet and dance performances. At the inauguration, noted Nazrul researcher Professor Rafiqul Islam said, "Our culture is now facing serious threats imposed by aggressive globalisation. We can find ways to resist this aggression of elements that are alien to our culture by turning our focus on Nazrul's work."

M A Mannan, the general secretary of Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad also spoke at the programme.

On May 22, the programme



Shahin Samad renders a song at the event

started with a choral rendition of *Jai hok, shantir jai hok* that is also the slogan of the conference. It was followed by solo renditions of

Nazrul songs. Ferdous Ara performed *Prothom prodip jalo*, Bipasha Guhthakurata rendered *Khulechhe aaj*, Shahin Samad

rendered *Bolo bondhuarey* and Bulbul Mahalanabish performed *Chokh gelo pakhire*. Among others, Yasmin Mushtari, Nashid Kamal, Rahat Ara Giti, Chompa Bonik, Sanjay Kabiraj, Surupa Dhor, Ferdousi Rahman Chandan, Shahid Kabir Palash, Shahiduzzaman Mamun, Himangshu Bishwas(Sylhet), Sharmin Rajib Chowdhury Tina(Chittagong), Sheikh Ali Ahmed and Nasima Akhter Moina(Rajshahi) sang at the programme.

Shafi Kamal recited excerpts from Nazrul's poem *Bidhrohi*. Artistes from Rewaz Performers School staged dances based on Nazrul songs and poems. Munmun Ahmed choreographed the dances. Sujit Mustafa and Nasheed Kamal hosted the show.

Yesterday NSSP honoured veteran Nazrul researcher Abdus Sattar and artiste Julhasuddin Ahmed for their contribution in promoting Nazrul songs.

GrameenPhone sponsored the programme. Media partner Ekushey Television aired the programme live.

National Poet's birth anniversary celebration underway in Trishal

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

To celebrate the 108th birth anniversary of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Mymensingh district administration has planned a three-day grand programme at Nazrul Mancho, Darirampur in Trishal. The programme will start on May 25.

Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Ekram Ahmed will inaugurate the programme. Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Md. Shamsul Alam will preside.

Different cultural organisations of Mymensingh will take part in the programme which will include a colourful rally, discussions on life and works of Nazrul, musical soiree, dance drama, poetry recitation and more.

Cultural organisations taking part at the programme are Zila Shilpakala Academy, Nazrul Academy, Bidhrohi Natya Goshthi, Trishal Kaladhani, Nauhela Club, Saptasur, Mymensingh Sangeet Bidyalay, Greater Mymensingh Sanskritik Forum, Trishal Dukhu Miah Theatre, Bahurupi Natya Sangstha, Trishal Dolonchampa Shilpi Goshthi, Shurabhi Sanskritik Sangstha, Shyamganj Surbani Sangeet Academy, Swaralipi Sangeet Academy, Sangeet Bidyalay of Bangladesh Agricultural University, Bhaluka Lalitakala Academy and others.

All necessary preparations for the programme have been taken care of, said a source in the district administration.

Kazi Nazrul Islam spent a few years at Darirampur in Trishal and studied at Darirampur High School. Kazi



Rafizuddin, a sub-inspector working in Bardhan, West Bengal took Nazrul to his village home at Kazirshimla in Trishal. People of Trishal still consider Nazrul as one of their own.

Nrityadhara honours Shantibala Sinha

AHSAN HABIB

On May 22, dance organisation Nrityadhara honoured renowned Manipuri dancer and exponent Shantibala Sinha with the "World Dance Day Award 2007" for her contribution to the dance form. The programme was held at the German Cultural Centre in Dhaka.

Terming her as 'Bangladesh-er Manipuri Nritya Matrika' (Mother of Manipuri dance in Bangladesh), organisers of Nrityadhara said that she had a far-reaching impact on our cultural practices. Her contribution as a dance teacher in Chhayanaut during the '60s had a major influence in the process of incorporating Manipuri dance -- a distinctive dance of the Manipuri community living in Sylhet -- into the mainstream national culture.

Shantibala Sinha dedicated the award to the memory of noted Tagore exponent Waheedul Haque. Expressing her feelings she said, "Waheedul Haque brought me to Dhaka from Sylhet to teach in Chhayanat. The honour I have received in Bangladesh can



Shantibala Sinha (C) seen with noted personalities

be credited to him."

In her speech, convenor of Nrityadhara, Minu Huq said, "Shantibala Sinha familiarised us with Manipuri as a classical dance form. She also taught us the grammar and control over movements. Almost all of us practicing Manipuri dance now, have been inspired and

trained by her." Eminent cultural personalities Nasiruddin Yousuff, Ramendu Majumdar, Ataur Rahman, Jamil Chowdhury and Mofidul Haque also spoke on the occasion.

The award-giving ceremony was followed by dance recitals staged by Nrityadhara.

Special TV programmes on Nazrul anniversary

To observe 108th birth anniversary of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam on May 25, TV channels will air special programmes throughout the day.

Highlights of the TV shows:

ATN Bangla

**Neel Kobutorer Gaan:** The musical programme will be aired at 9:20am. The show features Dr Karunamaya Goswami, Khaled Khan, Dr Nashid Kamal, Khil Khil Kazi and others.

**Churulia Theke Trishal:** A documentary programme directed by Mustafa Jabbar will be aired at 5:10pm.

**Durgomgiri:** Programme featuring Nazrul songs performed by Shakila Zafar, Kanak Chanpa and Kairul Anam Shakil will be aired at 8:00pm

**Rajbondir Chithi:** TV play featuring Litu Anam, Eshita, Mahmud Sajjad and Naznin Chumki will be aired at 8:45pm. Kazi Abu Zafar Siddiqui has developed the script of the play directed by Sheikh Runa.

Channel-i

**GrameenPhone Tritiomatra:** A special episode of the popular talk show at 9:45am will feature discussion on Kazi Nazrul Islam. The programme will be hosted by Faridur Reza Sagor, managing director of Impress Telefilms Ltd.

**Nazrul Mela:** Live telecast of 'Nazrul Mela' from Channel-i's Tajgaon office will be aired from 11:00am to 5:00pm and

will feature Nazrul songs, recitation, discussion and display of books.

**Apurup Shey Dুরonto:** At 7:50pm a TV play based on Nazrul's poetry will be aired. Litu Anam and Monalisa play the central roles in the play directed by Gitali Hassan.

**Phuler Jolshaye Kobi:** A musical programme featuring songs by Nazrul artiste Ferdous Ara will be aired at 9:35pm. Nazrul exponents Shudhin Das and Dr Rafiqul Islam will discuss different aspects of the songs performed by the artiste.

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**Anjoli Loho Mor:** At documentary programme focusing on Nazrul's life and work will be aired at 1:05pm. The documentary is directed by Sajjad Zahir.

**Leto Gaan-e Nazrul:** A special programme focusing on *letto gaan* will be aired at 3:15pm. The programme will feature performances by artistes of Udichi Shilpi Gosthi.

**Nazruler Chithi:** A programme on letters written by Kazi Nazrul Islam will be aired at 12:25am.

Rtv

**Momo Ek Haat-e Baka Bansher Banshori:** A recitation programme hosted by Afroza Chowdhury Choity will be aired at 6:15pm.

**Amare Debona Bhulite:** Programme featuring Nazrul songs will be telecast at 7:50pm

**Amar Naam Nazrul :** A special TV play will be aired at 8:20pm.



Veteran artiste Mafizul Islam sings at the programme while Ustad Kamruzzaman Moni accompanies him on the tabla

Kamruzzaman Moni honoured

**Sargam,** a monthly cultural magazine, honoured Ustad Kamru-zzaman Moni, a veteran *tabla* player on his 81st birthday on May 22, says a press release. The programme was held at the National Press Club. Artist Mafizul Islam was the chief guest while former secretary, Ataul Karim was present as the special guest. Editor of the *Sargam*, Kazi Rownak Hossain, was also present at the occasion. A cultural event followed the ceremony.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



**Koto Chena Koto Ochena**  
On ATN Bangla at 8:45pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Sweety, Runa Khan



**American Idol**  
On Star World at 8:30pm  
Grand Finale  
Host: Ryan Seacrest

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, 2:30 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 am, 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 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.

News Headlines (English) at 8:05pm

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News (Bangla) at 10:15pm. and 12:15am

BTV

09:05 *Shomapti*  
11:40 *Shotorupa*  
12:05 *Maa O Shishur Kotha*

12:30 Selected Programme  
01:30 *Shukhi Poribar*  
02:15 *Swapner Deshey*  
02:40 Musical Programme  
03:05 *Cartoon*  
04:00 *Ekal Shekal*  
04:30 *Banshuri*  
05:05 Documentary Programme  
05:30 *Doctor Jokhon Durey*  
06:40 *Dhormo O Jibon*  
07:00 *Shangela*  
07:30 *Talkshow*  
08:35 *Protidin Bangladesh*  
08:40 *Drama Of the week: Haal Khata*

ATN Bangla

08:15 *Ajker Shangbad Potro*  
08:30 *Drama Serial: Moner Janala*  
09:15 *ATN Commentary Box*  
10:30 *Talk Show*  
11:05 *Drama: Porosh*  
12:15 *Bangla Feature Film Shundor Jiboner Jonno*

04:20 *Cooking Programme*  
05:10 *Amader Joto Kotha*  
05:40 *Islamic Programme*  
06:20 *TV Serial: Mugly*  
08:00 *Drama Serial: Shokal Shondha*  
08:45 *Drama: Koto Chena Koto Ochena*  
09:20 *Drama Serial:*

12:00 *Chhayamukh*  
*Grameenphone Lead News*

CHANNEL-i

08:30 *Shokaler Gaan*  
09:30 *Shanbad Potre Bangladesh*  
09:45 *Public Reaction*  
09:50 *GrameenPhone Tritiomatra*  
12:30 *Citycell Tarokakathan*  
01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
01:30 *Shangbad Potery Bangladesh*  
01:45 *Public Reaction*  
02:40 *Tritiomatray Apni*  
03:05 *Lidhoye Mati O Manusher Daak*  
04:50 *Sa Re Ga Ma*  
05:30 *Muktijudho Protidin*  
06:00 *Aktel sms Doradori*  
06:20 *Amar Chhobi*  
07:50 *D Rock Stars 2*  
09:35 *Drama Serial: Modhurenu Shomapeo*  
10:00 *Drama Serial: Nishidho Bonobhumi*  
12:00 *GrameenPhone Ajker Shongbadpotro*

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12:10 *Talk Show*  
01:05 *Japan Video Topic*  
02:30 *Chokkor*  
03:15 *Drama Serial: Ranger Manush*  
03:50 *Drama Serial: Neer*  
04:25 *Enechhi Shurjer Hashi*  
05:15 *Itihashe Ei Din-e*  
05:20 *Islamic Programme*

06:45

*Horlicks Genius*  
*Bangladesh*

08:15 *Shonkho Bash*  
08:50 *Glamour World*  
09:45 *Drama Serial: Shokhina Bibi*

Rtv

06:30 *Documentary Programme*  
07:30 *Gaan Ar Gaan*  
08:00 *Dance Programme*  
09:30 *Drama Serial: Julu*  
10:35 *Rtv Exclusive*

BANGLAVISION

09:05 *Media Bhubon*  
09:30 *Drama Serial: Swapno Chura*

10:10

*Deshar Pathay*  
*Drama Serial: Prajapoti Din*

11:10 *Cinebit Shada Kalo*  
11:40 *Nana Ranger Din Guli*

02:40

*Drama Serial: Krishno Pokho*  
*Drama Serial: Dokhinayon*  
04:15 *Ichhey Ghuri*  
05:00 *Nodi O Jibon*  
05:40 *Diner Sheshey*  
06:25 *Shurer Bhubon*  
08:15 *Drama Serial: Dokhinayon*  
09:10 *Article Thirty-Nine*

STAR MOVIES

09:00 *On The Lot*  
10:00 *Dr. No*  
11:50 *The Puppet Masters*  
01:45 *Crazy/Beautiful*  
03:25 *The Lizzie McGuire Movie*  
05:00 *Find Me Guilty: The Jackie Dee Story*  
07:00 *The Greatest Game Ever Played*  
09:00 *On The Lot*  
10:00 *Hostage*  
12:00 *Cube Zero*  
01:45 *A Killer Within*  
09:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa*

10:30

*Bandhan*  
*Aladdin*  
11:00 *Timon And Pumbaa*  
11:30 *V Trailers - Star Plus*  
12:00 *Hatim*  
01:00 *Kasautii Zindagii Kay*  
01:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa*  
02:00 *Bandhan*  
02:30 *Bhabhi*  
03:00 *Saarrthi*  
03:30 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*  
04:00 *Kayamath*  
04:30 *Karam Apnaa Apnaa*  
05:00 *Paraya Dhan*  
05:30 *Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi Roshni*

06:30

*Kasturi*  
07:00 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*  
07:30 *Shararat*  
08:00 *Karishma Ka Karishma*  
08:30 *Karam Apnaa Apnaa*  
09:00 *Kasautii Zindagii 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 *Paraaya Dhan*

STAR WORLD

09:30 *American Idol*  
11:30 *Heroes*  
12:30 *Grey's Anatomy*  
01:30 *On The Lot*  
02:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*  
03:30 *The Bold And The Beautiful*

04:00

*General Hospital*  
05:00 *Law & Order: S.V.U.*  
06:00 *Scrubs*  
06:30 *The Simpsons*  
07:00 *Cheers*  
07:30 *Friends*  
08:00 *Seinfeld*  
08:30 *American Idol*  
10:00 *Arrested Development*  
11:00 *8 Simple Rules*  
11:30 *Seinfeld*  
12:00 *Friends*

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 *Seconds From Disaster*  
11:00 *Sauna Belt*  
11:15 *Global Sky Shop*  
11:30 *The Killer In Room 911*

12:30

*Jet Age*  
01:30 *Hidden Genders*  
02:30 *Etosha*  
03:30 *Seconds From Disaster*  
04:30 *Swimming With Sea Snakes*  
05:30 *Nat Geo Junior*  
06:00 *Jaw Breakers*  
06:30 *Seconds From Disaster*  
07:30 *Dangerous Encounters*  
08:30 *Mega Factories*  
09:30 *Frontline Of Construction*  
10:30 *Seconds From Disaster*  
11:30 *Triumph Of Life*

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

09:30 *Destination India*  
10:30 *Drama On Discovery*  
11:30 *Impact Stories of Survival*  
12:30 *Yatra-Indian Travels*  
01:00 *Finest Hotels In The World*  
01:30 *Leopard Week*  
02:30 *Detective Stories*  
03:30 *Around the World With Tippi*  
04:00 *Mystery Hunters*  
04:30 *Tiger Week*  
05:30 *Engineering The World's Rally*  
06:30 *Planet Action*  
07:30 *Leopard Week*  
08:30 *Wild India*  
09:30 *Equator*  
10:30 *Future Perfect*  
11:30 *Everest: Beyond The Limit*

STAR SPORTS

09:30 *Engine Block*  
01:00 *Guinness 9 Ball Tour 2007, Kaohs*  
02:30 *Spanish Football League*  
04:30 *Tna Xplosion*  
05:30 *Hot Water 2006/07*  
06:30 *Tna Xplosion*  
07:30 *Review Of The Season 2006/07*  
08:30 *Cricket Crazy*  
09:30 *Debutants*  
10:00 *The Top Corner*  
10:30 *Tna Xplosion*  
11:30 *Ace By Sony Ericsson*  
12:00 *Masters Series Hamburg Presented*

ESPN

09:30 *2006/07 Spanish League Highlight*  
10:30 *Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2007 (Fiel)*  
12:00 *2006 Us Open Iskia World Martial Arts*  
02:30 *Friends Provident Trophy*  
04:30 *Football Focus With John Dykes*  
05:30 *Fa Classic Matches*  
06:30 *Winter X Games All Access*  
07:30 *Goals!*  
08:00 *2006 Streetball (Espn Original E)*  
09:30 *Planet Speed 2006/2007*  
10:00 *Nba Action*  
10:30 *Sportscenter India*  
11:00 *Sportscenter Asia*  
11:30 *Chappell-Hadlee Trophy*