

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 Proshkar Gosthi
Artists: Karim Shahabuddin, Arju Akther 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 Galery, House 58, Road 15A, Dhanmondi
Date: May 18-24
Time: 3pm-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Anadi Kumar Boiragi'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."

MA 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 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, Nasrid Kamal, Rahat Ara Giti, Chompa Bonik, Sanjay Kabiraj, Surupa Dhor, Ferdousi Rahman Chandan, Shahid Kabir Palash, Shahiduzzaman Mamun, Himanghshu 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.

Gramophone 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 Mancha, 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 Shilpkala Academy, Nazrul Academy, Bidhrohi Natya Gosthi, Trishal Kaladhani, Nauhela Club, Saptasur, Mymensingh Sangeet Bidyalay, Greater Mymensingh Sanskritik Forum, Trishal Dukhu Miah Theatre, Bahurupi Natya Sangstha, Trishal Dolonchandra Shilpi Gosthi, 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 Bardhwan, West Bengal took Nazrul to his village home at Kazarishmla 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 '80s 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 Kobitorer 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 Champa and Kairul Anam Shakil will be aired at 1:05pm.

Rajbordir 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 Rana.

Channel-i

GrameenPhone Tritiomastra: 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 Duronto: 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 Shudhini Das and Dr Rafiqul Islam will discuss different aspects of the songs performed by the artiste.

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Anjoli Lohor Mor: A documentary programme focusing on Nazrul's life and work will be aired at 1:05pm. The documentary is directed by Sajjad Zahir at 8:00pm.

Leto Gaan-e Nazrul: A special programme focusing on *leto 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.

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Momo Ek Haat-e Baka Bansher Banshori: A recitation programme hosted by Afroza Chowdhury Choty 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.

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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 Kamruzzaman 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. Artiste Mafizul Islam was the chief guest while former secretary, Atau 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.



Koto Chena Koto Ochena

On ATN Bangla at 8:45pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Sweety, Runa Khan

PICK OF THE DAY



American Idol

On Star World at 8:30pm

Grand Finale

Host: Ryan Seacrest

STAR MOVIES

On The Lot 10:10pm
Dr. No 11:00pm
The Puppet Masters 11:30pm
Crazy/Beautiful 12:00am
The Lizzie McGuire Movie 01:30am
Find Me Guilty: The Jackie Dee Story 02:00am
The Greatest Game 02:30am
Ever Played 03:00am
On The Lot 03:30am
Hostage 04:00am
Cube Zero 04:30am
A Killer Within 05:00am

STAR PLUS

Article Thirty-Nine 05:30am

Bandhan

Aladdin 06:30am
Cheers 07:00am
Friends 07:30am
Seinfeld 08:00am
American Idol 08:30am
Arrested Development 09:00am
Kumkum - Pyara Sa 09:30am
Bandhan 10:00am
Bhabhi 10:30am
Kesar 11:00am
Saarthi 11:30am
Kumkum - Pyara Sa 12:00pm
Leopard Week 01:30pm
Friends 02:00pm
Seinfeld 02:30pm
Friends 03:00pm
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Friends 04:00pm
Mystery Hunters 04:30pm
Tiger Week 05:00pm
Engineering The World's Rally 05:30pm
Planet Action 06:00pm
Leopard Week 07:30pm
Disaster 08:00pm
Seconds From 08:30pm
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STAR WORLD

American Idol 09:30am

STAR SPORTS

Hidden Genders 01:00am
Etosha 01:30am
Seconds From 02:00am
Disaster 02:30am
Mad Labs 03:00am
Swimming With Sea Snakes 03:30am
Roshni 04:00am
Kasturi 05:00am
Kastaari 05:30am
Jat Geo Junior 06:00am
Jaw Breakers 06:30am
Seconds From 07:00am
Disaster 07:30am
Dangerous Encounters 08:00am
Mega Factories 08:30am
Frontline Of Construction 09:00am
Seconds From 09:30am
Disaster 10:00am
Triumph of Life 10:30am
STAR CHANNEL 11:00am
Destination India 11:30am
Drama On Discovery 12:00pm
Impact Stories of Survival 12:30pm
Yatra-Indian Travels 13:00pm
Finest Hotels In The World 13:30pm
Leopard Week 14:00pm
Detective Stories 14:30pm
Around The World With Tippi 15:00pm
8 Simple Rules 15:30pm
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