

# Chhayanat's homage to the National Poet



Artistes of Chhayanat sing and dance at the programme

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

CHHAYANAT arranged a cultural programme to mark the birth anniversary of the National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. The event was held at Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium on June 9.

The event featured songs composed and written by the poet during four different phases. Students and teachers of Chhayanat rendered patriotic songs, *ghazals*, compositions for the Gramophone Company and All India Radio, by Nazrul.

The programme began with a choral rendi-

tion of *Aaji rokto nishi bhor-e* accompanied with a group dance. This was followed by another group rendition *Jhor jhorjaye ore nishan*.

Nazrul Islam's fiery compositions against tyranny of the Raj, like *Hey partho sharoithi* and *Shonka sunyo lokkho konthey*, inspired and mobilised the masses in different eras. The poet also composed other moving patriotic songs including *Ei amader Bangladesh*. Chhayanat members presented these songs.

Nazrul pioneered the genre of *ghazals* in Bengal. The poet composed most of his *ghazals* between 1926 and 1928. Classics like



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*Priyo emono raat, Boshia Bijoney* and *Eki shur-e tumi gaan shonaley* are still popular among music enthusiasts.

On 1928 Nazrul started his career in the Gramophone Company as a composer and created some outstanding melodies in styles like *khayal*, *thumri*, *tappa*, *dhun* and *kirton*, which earned him a unique position in our cultural arena.

Within a brief period of 22 years, Nazrul penned and composed around 3000 songs, which are collectively known as Nazrul Sangeet.

The creative titan also composed around

17 new ragas during his illustrious career in All India Radio, Kolkata. Artistes of Chhayanat, Bijon Chandra Mistri and Anup Borua sang *Hash-e akashey shuktara* and *Ami potohomonjori* respectively. A choral rendition of *Dolonchanpa bon-e doley*, followed.

Bhaswar Bandopadhyaya recited *Aaj srishti shukher ullashey* while noted Nazrul singer Khairul Anam Shakil, also the general secretary of Chhayanat, rendered *Esho chiro jonomer shathi*.

The event ended with a rendition of the National Anthem.

# Rabindra-Nazrul festival in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR, Pabna

The contributions of Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam to our literature are immense. While Tagore's volume of work is a mirror to the human psyche, Nazrul's literature enlightens and reinvigorates the mind -- said speakers at a discussion held at the Pabna Bonomali Auditorium last Friday.

The discussion was part of the programme held by leading cultural organisation of Pabna, Lalitokala Kendra (EFA), marking birth anniversaries of Tagore and Nazrul. On the occasion EFA also gave a warm reception to Kazi Nazrul Islam's family.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Pabna, Manik Lal Bonik was the chief guest while Additional Deputy Magistrate, Pabna, Mahabubul Alam presided over the programme.

Among others, educationist Professor Md. Nurunnabi and Nazrul's granddaughter Khilkhil Kazi spoke at the event.

"When we were in school, Tagore and Nazrul anniversaries used to be celebrated at all institutions. However, most of the educational institutions now avoid such programmes and due to inadequate exposure the current generation knows very little if anything, of our cultural and literary



Young dancers perform at the festival

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heritage," said Khilkhil Kazi. She also remembered the close ties between Kazi Nazrul Islam and Rabindranath Tagore.

A cultural programme followed the discussion. Noted artistes of the country, Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury, Bulbul Islam and Fahim Hossain Chowdhury performed Rabindra

Sangeet while Sharmin Shathi Islam, Bulbul Moholanobish, Salauddin Ahmed and Khilkhil Kazi performed Nazrul Sangeet at the programme. Local artistes also performed songs and dances at the event.

# Saying it with miniatures

## Delicate strokes of miniatures

FAYZA HAQ

Waseem Ahmed from Pakistan recently held a miniature workshop for Britto Art Trust. In it Naima Haque, Nasreen Begum, Syed Hasan Mahmud, Fareha Zeba, Saleh Mahmud, Sulekha Chaudhury, Saurganga Darshandhari, Yasmin Jehan Nupur and Rafiqul Islam took part. Their work was recently exhibited at Drik Gallery.

Waseem who is from Lahore, and teaches at the National College of Arts, says, "I taught them the technique while the idea of the subjects were the artists' own. I explained how to prepare the paper, make the squirrel brushes, and prepare the colours like with tea stain hue. The artists used synthetic colours

too along with the white and beige. They made one painting each as they had limited time."

Syed Hasan Mahmud says, "I do abstract work and did this in miniature. This is different from our normal concept of miniature and we divided the work in four stages of preparing our tools. We did 'rangai' (placing colours on the surface), 'tipai' (is used for correction and completion), 'gholai' (brings in the light and shade) and lastly the 'pardah'. I increased the transparency with every stage of work. This work is like meditation. There are aspects to miniature more than merely being small in proportion. This has its origin in Persian and Moghul art."

Nasreen says, "I did not give the subject much importance. However, I dealt with cactus growing out of a woman's head, meaning that women face the world with all its problems bearing a brave smile. It symbolizes women's role in life. It took me two hours to complete my work. The preparation of colours and other equipment took the rest of my time. Waseem brought powdered colours from overseas and that helped. We used gum Arabic and glycerin too. All around my work is tea stain. Green, yellow and red are the dominant colours in the portrait."

Saleh Mahmud did a surrealist work with fish that looks somewhat like an aeroplane. Below are submarine life. Yasmin Jahan Nupur says, "I learnt to make folds of clothes and other minute depictions. My subject is a dancing girl, intoxicated with the concept of having an evening out. Doing the different levels of the work like 'tipai' and 'rangai' wasn't easy."

Saurganga Darshandhari says, "I've tried to depict the feelings of a lady who has the prospect of sharing her apples with others around her. She sits on a green background



Fareha Zeba

and there are green outstretched hands trying to get the fruit. The theme of the painting is the good work of women in society."

Rafiqul Islam Suvo has eyes as his subjects. They were shown as if taken from some fantasy world and placed in a dream-like fashion.

Naima Haque deals with a traditional saying and illustrated it with elephants. Fareha Zeba has a woman's face set off by giant tropical leaves. Sulekha Chowdhury had her world of cockroaches on the small range paper.

It is interesting to see how prominent and up coming artists are both enthusiastic about their apprenticeship in miniature making.



Saurganga Darshandhari



Sulekha Chaudhury

# Drama serial "Chokkor" on ntv

Drama serial *Chokkor* will be aired tonight on ntv at 8:15pm. The story revolves around a family. The head of the family is awaiting retirement. As his final day at work approaches he becomes worried -- fearing his family may face financial constraints. He has a son and a daughter. The son works at a private organisation as a researcher. The daughter is very ambitious. In time the son falls for a co-worker. Everything was going well until both of them decide to elope to get married.

*Chokkor* is written by Monirul Hasan and Debashish Kakon. The series is directed by Rajibul Islam Rajib and Golam Muktedir. Intekhab Dinar, Nadia, Abul Hayat, Sharmili Ahmed and others play the lead roles in the serial.



Nadia plays one of the central roles in Chokkor

# Sean Connery says no to "Indiana Jones 4"

AP, Los Angeles

The next *Indiana Jones* film will not be another father-son affair. Sean Connery says he will not return to play dad to Harrison Ford's globe-trotting adventurer Indy.

Connery played Indy's father in 1989's *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, the third instalment of the franchise directed by Steven Spielberg and produced by George Lucas.

"I get asked the question so often, I thought it best to make an announcement," Connery, 76, said in a statement posted last Thursday on Lucasfilm's *Indiana Jones* website. "I thought long and hard about it, and if anything could have pulled me out of retirement it would have been an *Indiana Jones* film."

"I love working with Steven and George, and it goes without saying that it is an honour to have Harrison as my son," he said. "But in the end, retirement is just too damned much fun."

The fourth *Indiana Jones* film, not yet titled, is again directed by Spielberg and produced by Lucas. Shooting begins the week of Monday, June 18, at an undisclosed US location, and the movie is due out May 22,

2008. Lucasfilm also announced Thursday that Cate Blanchett, John Hurt and Ray Winstone will be joining the cast, which along with Ford, includes Shia LaBeouf.



Sean Connery and Harrison Ford in Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade

# 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 (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

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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

Rtv

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

BTV

08:45 Bishwa Bichitra

11:15 Shur Nirjhor

12:00 Maa O Shishur

12:30 Selected Programme

01:00 Mati O Manush

01:30 Shukhi Poribar

02:15 Sisimpur

03:05 Cartoon

03:30 Football Shekha

04:00 Anu Porumanu

04:30 Agrodut

05:05 Debate

06:10 Grontho Kathan

06:40 Dolon Chanpa

07:00 Apon Bhumi

07:30 Drupadi

08:30 Protidin Bangladesh

08:35 Musical Programme: Chhayachondo

09:30 Talkshow

10:30 English Talk Show

ATN Bangla

08:30 Pathomela-2007

09:15 Mega Serial: Laal Neel Beguni

10:30 Talk Show: AKTEL

Onyodrishti

11:15 Mega Serial: Ek Jonomey

12:10 Mota Mot

01:25 Cholochitrir Golpo

02:30 Drama Serial: Nirob Kosto

03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhu Nai

03:45 Chhotoder Prithibi

04:20 Shornali Din

05:10 Shushtho Thakun

05:45 Business week

06:20 Ashyepasher Manush

08:00 Drama Serial: Kath Koylar Chhobi

08:45 Meet the press

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

Grameenphone Tritiy

09:50 omatra

11:05 Educational Programme

12:30 Citycell

Tarokakothon

01:05 Ebong Cinemar

Gaan

01:30 Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh

01:45 Public Reaction

02:40 Mega Serial: Priobash

03:05 Banijjo O Orthonti

03:30 Business Today

04:05 Budget Bhabna '07

04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma

05:30 Mukti Juddho

Protidin

06:00 Stargate SG one

06:20 Antoraler Kotha

06:40 Business Show

07:50 BBC Bangladesh

Shanglap

09:35 Drama Serial: Kobi

10:00 Drama Serial: Shesh

Theke Shuru

11:30 Ekanyo Bati

12:00 Grameenphone

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ntv

08:30 Ajker Shokal


08:55 Drama Serial: Shanto Kutir

09:30 Ogrozo


10:05 Zoo Adventure

10:30 Saag Ghor

PICK OF THE DAY



**Kobi**  
On Channel-i at 9:35pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Jamaluddin Ahmed, Shanu



**Grounded for Life**  
On Star World at 9:30pm  
TV Series  
Cast: Megyn Price, Donal Logue

11:00	Shiray Shonitey	Mondobasha
11:30	World of Arts	
12:10	Ei Shomoy	
01:05	Japan Video Topic	
02:30	Shanto Kutir	
03:15	Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan	
03:50	Bhalobasha Mondobasha	
04:50	Apnar Jigyasha Gaaner Mala	
05:30	Khobor	
06:45	Shondhaney	
08:15	Drama Serial: Chokkor	
08:50	Music Express	
09:45	Drama Serial: Bhalobasha	

09:05	Agamir Kontho	
10:10	Article Thirty-Nine	
11:10	Sports Vision	
11:40	Cinebit	
02:40	Amar Ami	
03:10	Apnar Agami	
04:15	Drama Serial: Swapno Chura	
05:00	Drama Serial: Tarik Ali Hadari	
05:40	Diner Sheshey	
06:35	Amader Ranna Ghar	
08:15	Deshor Pathhey	
08:55	Drama of the week	
12:30	Cutting Edge 2: Going For The Go	
02:15	Cruel Intentions 2	

11:55	Bolly V - Star Plus	
12:00	Hatim	
12:55	Bolly V - Star Plus	
01:00	Kasauti Zindagii Kay	
01:30	Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	
02:00	Bhabhi	
02:30	Karam Apnaa Apnaa	
03:00	Saarrthi	
03:30	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	
04:00	Kayamath	
04:30	Aek Chhabhi Hai Padoss Mein	
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	Antakshari - The Gr8 Kids Spl	
09:00	Kasauti 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	Paraya Dhan	
12:30	Bolly V - Star Plus	
09:30	Discovery Biggest Shows	
11:30	Junkyard Wars	
12:30	Breast Health	
01:30	Wildest Week	
02:30	Detective Stories	
03:30	Planet Earth	
04:30	Wildest Week	
05:30	Wild Safari	
06:30	Extreme Machines	
07:30	Bird Week	
08:30	Colours of India	
09:30	Everest: Beyond the Limit	
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STAR WORLD

09:30 Third Watch

10:30 Arrested Development

11:00 8 Simple Rules

11:30 The Simpsons

12:00 Malcolm In The Middle

12:30 Koffee With Karan

01:30 Law & Order: S.V.U.

02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show

Angel, Mike

03:00 Salt Water Crocodiles

03:30 Hauntings

04:30 Mad Labs

05:00 Swimming With Cobras

05:30 Nat Geo Junior

06:00 Jamaican Rumble

06:30 Hauntings

07:30 A Life Among Whales

08:30 Air Crash Investigation

09:30 Comet Air Crash

10:30 World's Deadliest Animals

11:30 Rated W