

## CULTURALFEAST

## Photo Exhibition

Venue: Liberation War Museum, 5, Shegun Bagicha  
Date: June 27 to July 3  
Time: 10:00am to 6:00pm

Title: Ability and Inclusion  
Artist: Shumon Ahmed  
Organiser: Centre for Disability in Development  
Venue: Shilpangan, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi  
Date: June 27 to July 7  
Time: 12pm to 8pm

## Art Exhibition

Title: River and the Flow of Life  
Artist: Mona Mahmud Chowdhury  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi  
Date: July 4 to July 15  
Time: 12pm to 8pm

Artist: Bipul Shah  
Title: Journey with Wreckage  
Venue: Galleri Kaya  
House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara  
Date: June 21-July 4  
Time: 11am-8pm

## National Art Exhibition

Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: June 17 to July 16  
Organiser: Department of Art, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

## Film Screening

Organiser: Chalachitram Film Society  
Venue: Goethe Institut Bangladesh, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi  
Director: Alfred Hitchcock

Date: July 1  
Time: 4:30pm  
Film: Spellbound  
Time: 6:30pm  
Film: The Birds

Date: July 2  
Time: 4:30pm  
Film: Psycho  
Time: 6:30pm  
Film: Rebecca

Organiser: High Commission of India Dhaka  
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House 25, Road 96, Gulshan 2  
Date: July 2  
Time: 6:00pm  
Film: Sree-420

# Celebrating Historic Santal Upsurge Day

152nd anniversary of Santal Upsurge was celebrated in the country yesterday (June 30). Professor Mesbah Kamal traces the history of the Upsurge and reflects on the celebration.



Freedom Fighters light candles at the inaugural session (front row) while leading civil society members join the commemorative programme

THE "Santal Upsurge" of 1855, better known as the "Santal Hool", is one of the most widely known movements in the Subcontinent against the British Raj. It took place in Bihar, Orissa and Bengal; all three being parts of the then undivided Bengal. The so-called elites or intelligentsia did not lead this movement; the indigenous proletariats were the unsung heroes.

The Mughal administration honoured this tradition and thus no problem arose then. But the penetration of the colonial state and its consequent imposition of rent and control created problem. In fact, before the advent of the British in India the Santals resided peacefully in the hilly districts of Cuttack, Dhalbhum, Manbhum, Barabhum, Chhotanagpur, Palamau, Hazaribagh, Midnapur, Bankura and Birbhum. But as the agents of the new colonial rule began to claim their rights on the lands of the Santals they gradually shifted to the Rajmahal hills where they cleared large tracts of land, hitherto under forest, for cultivation. Then the colonial state agents, namely zamindars, jotedars and others started claiming their proprietary dues.

The Santals were forced to resist the colonial state penetration and upheld their natural rights. Against the encroachment of their natural rights, the Santals believed that he/she who clears the land first was its master.

there were a number of uprisings including those in 1811, 1820 and 1831. But the most organised and extensive was the great rebellion of 1855-56. This movement inspired the famous "Sepoy Mutiny" of 1857 (2007 being the 150th anniversary of that historic event) and many other rebellions during the Rajera in India.

The uprisings represented the aspirations of the indigenous people. The Santal Upsurge has become the principal rallying point for the Santals in preserving their distinct identity, which enabled them to acquire a separate state named Jharkhand in Indian Union in the year 2000.

The 150th and 151st anniversaries of the Santal Upsurge were observed in 2005 and 2006 in different parts of the Subcontinent. In Bangladesh too, the anniversaries were celebrated with much enthusiasm. The leading civil society mem-

bers came forward, along with the adivasis, to celebrate the historic event. Rallies were arranged, discussions took place and colourful cultural programmes were organised. The Santals and other adivasi communities of the country, as well as their Bengali counterparts, participated at the programmes. Among others, Justice Habibur Rahman (former chief of Caretaker Government), poet Shamsur Rahman, Professor Sardar Fazlul Karim, Professor Anisuzzaman, Jyotirindro Bodhipriya Larma, author Selina Hossain, Nasreen Hug, Professor Hashem Khan, Mamunur Rashid, Moniswami Dewan and Promod Mankin attended the programmes.

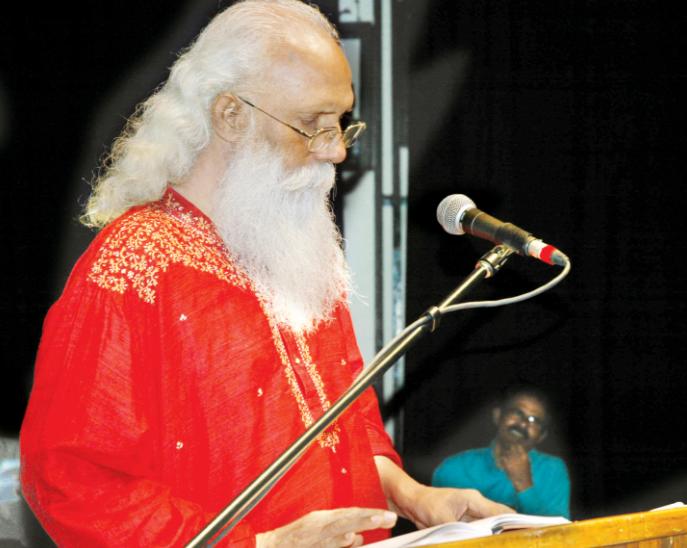
This year programmes are being organised in Santal inhabited areas of the country throughout the month in commemoration of the uprisings.

The National Coordination Committee, formed at the initiative of Bangladesh Adivasi Odhikar Andolan, is commemorating the day in Dhaka with a broader vision. The Committee hopes that marking the day on a national level would help to bring the issues of the indigenous communities to the forefront and, in the process the adivasis would be recognised as an integral part of our history and culture. Active participation of representatives of multiple ethnicities of the country including Bengalis on June 30 in Dhaka gave the programme the form of a multi-ethnic celebration.

If this celebration can be continued for the next few years consecutively, people at various parts of the country would spontaneously begin to observe the day. This would, in turn, help promote multi-culturalism in the country. The observation will create sensitivity among the people, which will gradually lead to peaceful sharing of emotions and would facilitate harmony among the Bengalis and the indigenous communities.

The writer is the General Secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Odhikar Andolan and Associate Professor, History Department, Dhaka University.

## Eminent poets recite at Shilpakala



## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Though many programmes by recitation artistes are arranged in the city on a regular basis, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy drew up with an exceptional evening by bringing the poets on stage for recitation.

The programme titled *Kobi Konthe Abritti Shondu* was held at National Music and Dance Auditorium on June 29.

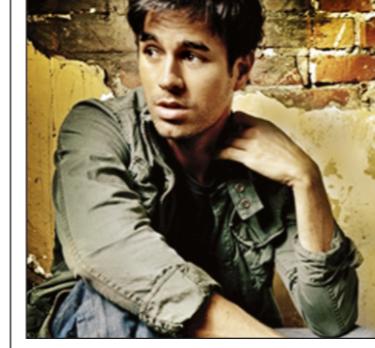
Noted poets Nirmolendu Goon, Asad Chowdhury, Shamim Reza, Rezauddin Stalin, Shahzad Munni, Kazi Rosy, Shihab Sarkar among others participated in the programme.

Poets mourned the recent demise of poet Shamsul Islam who was expected to take part in the programme.

The programme also featured recitations by Shafi Kamal, Mahmudul Hassan, Khalid Hossain Mithu and Noor-e-Hafza among others.

Poet Nirmolendu Goon recites at the programme

## Iglesias back on the scene with new disc



Where has Enrique Iglesias been hiding these last few years?

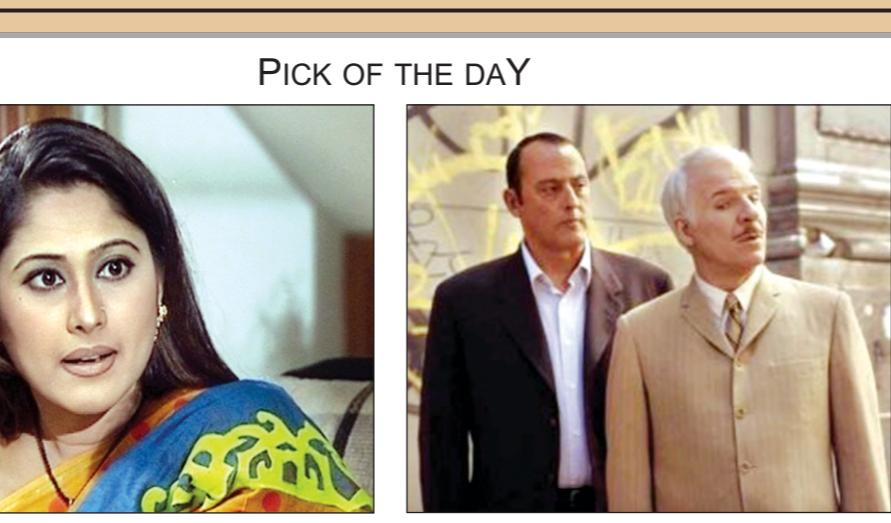
The Latin heartthrob, who saw his star rise earlier this decade with the crossover success of such songs as "Hero" and "Escape," all but disappeared from the spotlight except for tabloid speculation about his romantic relationship with tennis pinup Anna Kournikova.

Iglesias, 32, has a decent excuse for his self-imposed hiatus. After a string of back-to-back records, the singer devoted three years to work on his latest disc, "Insomniac," released this month. It has 15 songs featuring typical Iglesias come-ons ("On Top of You") and lovelorn laments ("Wish I Was Your Lover"). But he also takes a musical detour by adding rock and hip-hop sensibilities.

He samples a reggaeton beat and pingpong ball sound effects for good measure.

Source: Internet

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### STAR MOVIES

### Bangla Feature Film

### Law and Development

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### Even Money

### I'm Gonna Git You

### Sucka

### National Security

### 01:45

### The Long Weekend

### 03:15