

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote's Victory Day programme ends

Call for trial of war criminals



The symbolic procession by SSJ at the Central Shaheed Minar premises

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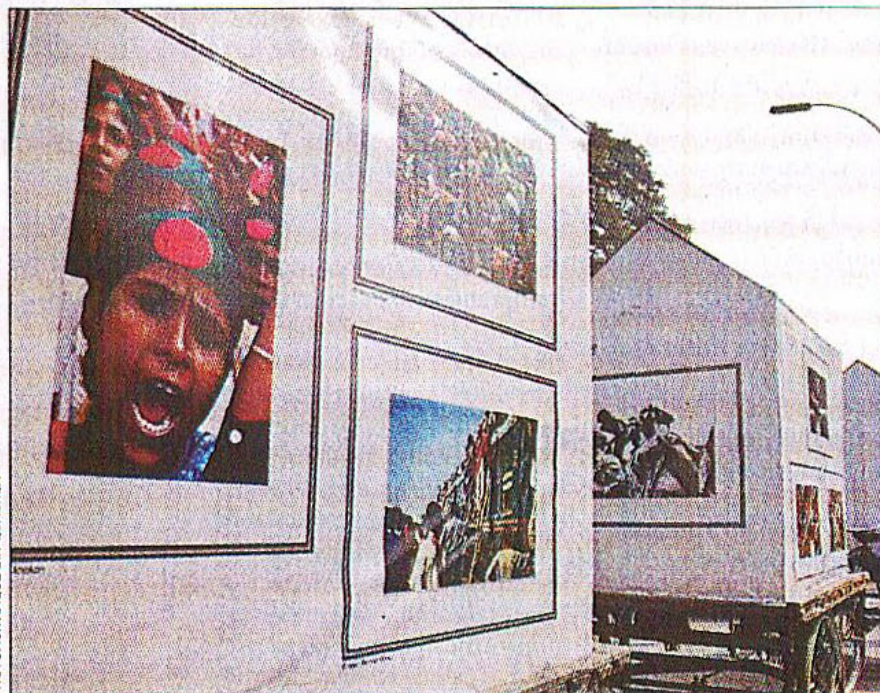
"WE were optimistic about getting the permission from the authorities to bring out this years *Bijoy Shobhajatra*. However, we were not granted permission to bring out the procession. This is very unfortunate," said Golam Kuddus, general secretary of Sannilato Sangskritik Jote (SSJ). Kuddus was

speaking at the Central Shaheed Minar on the final day of the Victory Day celebration programme by SSJ. The Victory Day celebration programme by SSJ started on December 13. SSJ is a coalition of the leading cultural groups in Bangladesh. The organisation first held special programmes to mark Victory Day in December 1990. Since then SSJ has held special programmes every year. Over

2,200 artistes from 115 cultural organisations along with several eminent cultural personalities took part in the celebration held at three venues -- Central Shaheed Minar; Rabindra Sarobar in Dhanmondi and Mirpur Cultural Academy -- simultaneously. The slogan of this years programme was "Ekono Ghatok Bikkhoro Korey Shonar Bangladesh." SSJ was not granted permission

to bring out the *Bijoy Shobhajatra* due to the prevailing state of emergency. However members of SSJ staged a symbolic procession at the Shaheed Minar premises. The event was inaugurated by Mili Rahman, widow of Bir Sreshtha Matir Rahman. Noted cultural personalities Ramendu Majumder and Asaduzzaman Noor were also present at the occasion.

Mili Rahman, Asaduzzaman Noor, Ramendu Majumder and others spoke at the occasion. In their speeches the speakers urged the government to initiate the trial of the war criminals as early as possible. This year SSJ's programmes highlighted the issue of the trial of war criminals. The organisation is determined to generate public opinion on the issue.



A mobile display, part of Drik's photo exhibition titled "Fighting Corruption", near the Central Shaheed Minar

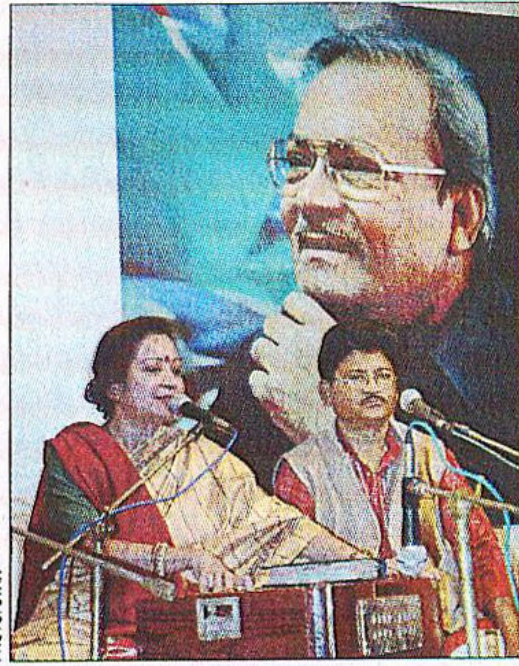
"Swadesh-er Gaan": Musical soiree at Bengal Shilpalaya

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To mark the ongoing exhibition of artist Nitun Kundu's works, Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts and the artist's family arranged a musical soiree. Noted singers presented patriotic songs of Tagore, Nazrul as well as *gano sanget* and more. The programme was held at the Bengal Shilpalaya in Dhanmondi on December 15.

Luva Nahid Chowdhury, director general of Bengal Foundation, said, "Nitun Kundu's family, in particular his daughter Amity Kundu wished to have this musical programme. Featuring patriotic songs, this is an opportune event to mark the Victory Day."

The first artiste to perform was Mita Haque. The singer started off with *Tomari torey ma*. Mita also sang *Je tomaye chharye chharuk, Kon bhiruke bhoy dekhabi* and *Ami mar-er shagor pari deho*. Khairul Anam Shakil rendered *Bhebona go ma, Ami chirokal pakir moton tomatei bandhi basha* and *O bhaji khanti shonar cheye khanti amar desher mati*. Shaheen Samad recalled the days of '71 when she along with other artistes of 'Bangladesh Mukti Shangkami Shilpi Shangstha' went from camp to camp, singing *desher gaan* and *gano sanget* to inspire the freedom fighters. Prior to performing songs with Bipul Bhattacharya, another member of the Mukti Shangkami Shilpi Shangstha, Samad also remembered renowned musicians Altaf Mahmud, Sheikh Luthfar Rahman, Samar Das and Abdul Latif who composed some remarkable songs that continue to move Bangladeshis.



Shaheen Samad and Bipul Bhattacharya sing at the musical soiree

Documentary on child marriage



A scene from the documentary

Highlighting the ill effects of early marriage, Ekushey TV will telecast a special documentary titled *Kaishor: Bikasher Shomoy*, *Bieyer Noy*, tonight at 6:30pm. Directed by Manik Sikder, the

documentary also brings to light the psyche and experiences of adolescents, conflicts with family and society, eve teasing and more. The documentary focuses on initiatives by groups in stop-

ping child marriage in different parts of the country. The film was shot in 12 districts including as Mymensingh, Tangail, Jamalpur and Sunamganj.

Celebrating Victory Day with music and dance

NADIA SARWAT

Liberation War Museum celebrated the Victory Day with much enthusiasm and a cultural programme at its premises. The seven-day event that began on December 10 came to an end with yesterday's programme, which included songs, dances, recitations, discussion and staging of a *jatrapala* titled *Andharer Musafir*.

The programme began with hoisting the National Flag and rendering the National Anthem. Students of Mohammadpur Preparatory School then presented patriotic songs and dance. Dr. Sarwar Ali, one of the trustees of the museum, welcomed the audience saying, "My generation fought and liberated the country with a vision. Now it is the responsibility of this generation to realise that dream. Only then the freedom fighters' struggle will be worthwhile."

Noted litterateur Professor Muhammad Zafar Iqbal addressed the youngsters at the programme. In his inspiring speech, Professor Iqbal said, "Even in the cold of December, the freedom fighters were seen in a shirt and *lungi*. They had virtually nothing, and they were fighting the well-trained and

armed Pakistani army. What they had was true, unconditional love for the country. To create the Bangladesh of their dreams, you should nurture that kind of love."

Eminent cultural personality Asaduzzaman Noor said, "We have not been able to provide our young

with an accurate history of the Liberation War. Now the task has become more complicated. The post-Liberation War generations should apply their sense of logic and study extensively to learn the actual history of our Independence."

Singer Mahumuduzzaman Babu then rendered the song *Ei shobuj maatir bukye*. Muktohantho Recitation Academy, Blooming Lotus International School, UCEP-1 School and Dhru-pad Kala Kendra (directed by dancer Shukla Sarkar) also partici-

pated at the programme. The underprivileged and working children of UCEP-1 School won rounds of applause from the audience for their spirited performance.

In the evening, Keya Jatra Unit, a troupe from Laksmipur staged their *palā Andharer Musafir*, a tribute to *jatra* artiste Brajendra Kumar Dey.

Prior to yesterday's programme, on December 15, Air Vice Marshal (Retd) AK Khandakar, members of Shwadin Bangla Betar Kendra Ashraf Alam, Kamal Lohani, Ashfaquzzaman Khan, Nasimul Qader Chowdhury and Nayeem Gawhar (lyricist of iconic songs *Jonmo amar dhonyo holo* and *Nongor tolo tolo*) shared their memories of the war, recited poems and read from the famous *Charampatra* at the Liberation War Museum. Veteran singers of Swadin Bangla Batar Kendra, Manjushree Nigoi, Namita Ghosh, Ajit Roy, Bipul Bhattacharya, Shaheen Samad and others presented songs on the same day.

Noted personalities including artistes and intellectuals demanded an immediate initiation of trials of the war criminals.



Students perform at the Victory Day celebration programme

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ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Swapno Mangal
On ATN Bangla at 08:00 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Zahid Hassan, Romana



To-let
On ntv at 8:15 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Litu Anam, Richi Solaiman

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.

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.

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

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News (Bangla) 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

ETV
News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:30pm

BTV
12:00 Maa O Shishur Kotna
12:30 Ona Poramaru
01:00 Banishan
01:30 Cartoon
02:15 Alor Pathar Jatri
02:40 Khale Dhula
03:05 Shukhi Poribar
03:30 Dolon Chandra
04:05 Agrodut
04:30 Musical Programme
04:55 Shurer Shurobhi
05:05 National TV Debate
06:10 Meli Bhashe
06:40 Special Programme
07:00 Bulbul
07:45 Bijoy-er Gourab Gatha
08:30 Proidin Bangladesh
08:35 Agricultural Programme: Krishi Diba Nishi
09:00 Chhayachanda
10:30 Protyasha
11:00 Talk Show

ATN BANGLA
08:15 Aker Shangbadpoto
09:15 Drama Serial: Alok Nayer
10:30 Talk Show: Aker Onryedash
11:05 Shushito Thakun
11:35 Musical Programme: Notun Chhobir Gaan
12:15 Motamot
01:25 Cocola Chocholchir Gaipo
02:30 Daily Soap: Doli's House
03:10 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhhu Nai
03:45 Children's Programme: Chhobir Prithibi
04:20 Agricultural Programme: Aker Shangbadpoto
05:00 Gram Goner Khabor

05:10 Shushito Thakun
05:45 Business Week
06:20 Ashy Pasher Manush
06:00 Drama Serial: Swapno Mangal
06:45 Khale Dhula
12:00 Gramphone Lead News
CHANNEL-i
08:05 Tagore Song
09:30 Shangbadpoto
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Gramphone Trio
11:05 Educational Programme
12:30 Citycell Tarika Kathan
01:05 Ebon Cinema Gaan
01:30 Sa Ro Ga Ma
02:40 Special Programme
03:05 Banijyo O Orthoni
04:05 Hridoyer Gaan
04:30 ICT Business Talk
05:30 Mukhi Judho Proidin
06:00 Talk Show: Ek Dui Tin
06:40 Star Gate SG One
07:50 BBC Bangladesh
08:35 Shangbadpoto
09:35 Drama Serial: Chondro Karigor
10:00 RG Travel On
11:30 Drama Serial: 69
12:00 Gramphone Trio
01:25 Aker Shangbadpoto
ETV
08:00 Ekusher Shokai
12:00 Ekusher Dupa
02:00 Nishikuntal
03:30 Kotha Ar Gaan
04:00 Magic Show
04:30 Drama Serial: Chena Manusher Pachali
05:15 El Shoplader Bishwa
05:45 Ekusher Shondhya
06:15 Sns Mania
06:30 Dosh Jurey Chaldhira

08:30 Drama Serial: Hudu
09:30 Ekusher Shomoy
10:30 Drama Serial: Bondhon
11:45 Reporter's File
12:00 Ekusher Raat
Rtv
08:15 Gaanchil Ei Din
09:00 Rtv Exclusive
09:05 Bomey Bomey
09:35 Special Programme: Bipoye Ja Prothom
10:00 Drama: Station 71
10:30 Proidin
11:30 Special Programme: Wide Angle
12:15 Bangla Namer Dash
01:00 Gaanchil Ei Din
01:30 Dhaliwood Beats

02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Shantokutir
06:35 Sports Carnival
08:00 Drama Serial: Phirechay
08:40 Jugol Bondhi
09:20 Drama Serial: Black and White
11:00 Heart Beat
11:30 News Watch
12:00 Rtv Exclusive
ntv
08:55 Shantokutir
09:30 Bhinyo Shor Obhingo Shur
10:05 Zoo Adventure
10:30 Saag Ghor
11:00 Shray Shonitay
11:30 Documentary
12:00 Ei Shomoy

01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Shantokutir
03:15 Gogon Aj Deshey
04:25 Bhinyo Swader Khabor
05:25 Luthasher Ei Din-e
05:30 Anar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondha
06:45 Musical Programme: Neel Paharer Gaan
08:15 Drama Serial: To-let
09:00 Music Express
09:45 Nabila Choni
11:30 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
BANGLAVISION
08:35 Shubho Shokal
09:05 Agami Konilo
10:10 Drama Serial: Tarik Ali Hadat
10:40 Praner Gaan

11:05 Sports Vision
11:30 Cinehit Shada Kalo
12:00 Drama Serial: Mohanogor
02:40 Amar Ami
03:15 X Crime
04:15 Media Bhobon
04:45 Chyell Din-ar Sheshey
06:00 Apnar Agami
06:25 Cinehit
08:25 Drama Serial: Mohanogor
09:05 Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar
09:45 Drama Serial: Golper Natak
11:20 Top Story
12:00 Shongbad Proidin

STAR MOVIES
08:55 Mechanik
10:30 Waiting
11:55 Doctor Dolittle 3
01:30 Into The West
02:30 Into The West
04:45 Water world
10:00 Alien
09:05 Omen, The
11:00 In The Mix
STAR PLUS
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 American Dragon, Jack Long
11:00 101 Dalmatians
11:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:00 Santaan
12:30 Bidaal
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
01:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa
02:00 Bandhan
02:30 Bhabhi
02:30 Karam Apna Apna
03:00 Saarthi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kayamath
04:30 Sangam
05:00 Santaan
05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
06:00 KASTURI
06:30 Bidaal
07:00 Baar Bahoo Aur Baby
07:30 Sangam
08:00 Santaan
08:30 Meri awaz ko mil gayi roshni
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
09:30 Bidaal
10:00 KASTURI
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kayamath
12:00 Karam Apna Apna
STAR WORLD
09:30 The Black Donnellys

10:30 The Jane Show
11:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak
11:30 American Inventor
12:30 Desperate Housewives
01:30 Fashion House
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Heroes
05:00 Radey
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Hope & Faith
07:30 Friends
08:30 Seinfeld
08:30 My Wife And Kids
09:00 8 Simple Rules
09:30 According To Jim
10:00 Yes Dear
10:30 Monk
11:30 Cops
12:30 Heroes
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 Secret of Einstein
10:30 Tolernall
11:15 Fat Bluster
11:30 Bizarre Dino Week
02:30 Jassal, Ingrid, Hogan
03:00 Wildbeest
03:30 Secret of Einstein
04:30 I Didn't Know That
05:00 Copperhead Cannibals
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 School of Hard Crocs
06:30 Secret of Einstein
07:30 Dangerous Encounters
08:30 Helicopter Down
09:30 Secret of Einstein
10:30 Mystery Of Genius
11:30 Mistaken Identity
12:30 The White Elephant
HISTORY CHANNEL
09:30 Oscar Wilde

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11:00am Amar 88.0 (Nusrat)
03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)
07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia)
11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo)
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06:45pm Shondher Khabor
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04:30 Napoleon: Steel
05:30 Monster
06:30 Tactical to Practical
07:30 Devil's Triangles
08:30 True Story of the K-19
09:30 Monday Night Classics
11:30 Red Light Murders
12:00 The Missing Airship Crew
12:30 Tactical to Practical