

CRP's call for celebrations

New calendar by the differently-abled



Colourful artworks by differently-abled youngsters featured in CRP's calendar

FAYZA HAQ
THE new calendar by Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) is as cute and colourful as before. Earlier, guided by Arham-ul Huq Chowdhury, the concept and design artists had organised similar calendars with musical instruments and flowers of Bangladesh as the theme. This year the subject is festivals and pageants of Bangladesh, seen through the eyes of the young differently-abled residents of CRP, whom Chowdhury teaches.

The calendar with its dozen colourful pages may be cut up and used as postcards later. The thought-content behind the piece is a powerful one, as it encompasses meaningful periods in our lives and puts together many social and religious events of Bangladesh. For these artists, painting is not as easy as for most others. Yet their choice of colours and lines are promising and admirable.

Chowdhury is a self-taught artist who is a PhD student of Anthropology at the Dhaka University and so can give only some of his spare time for the tutoring of his disciples. Nevertheless, with pastel colours and simple sweeps of paints, the endeavour has been indeed remarkable.

The theme of Mother Language Day, a world event now, with the Shaheed Minar in the backdrop is present in the calendar. Women and children are seen with a wreath bearing the CRP name. This is done by Ibrahim, a paraplegic artist.

With paralysed lower limbs, Nasrin, a teenager, has done *Ashura*, bringing the colourful pageantry, which marks the martyrdom of Imam Hussain and Imam Hassan. The traditional pageantry has been carefully done with blocks of flats at the back, horses drawing the model of a mosque, fluttering flags, and mourners bearing the cart and waving red and green symbols of the occasion. Although a solemn event, it is not without its festive imageries of Old Dhaka.

Pahila Baishakh has been suitably done by a soft but mirthful washes of royal purple, vermilion, emerald green and a handful of other hues. Lions, peacocks, horses and humans, along with masks, balloons and *nagardola* delineate this occasion. This is again an effort by Ibrahim.

The flamboyant cover design, by Shihab, another young artist, who is a tetraplegic, celebrates *Shab-e-Baraat*. This festival with religious overtures, brings in the theme of prayers and all-night celebrations - with fire-crackers and exchange of sweets. Bright sparks, stars, stripes and dramatic lines and shades complete this image.

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Leading artistes perform on the last night of NRB conference

ERSHAD KAMOL

Leading singers of the country -- Sabina Yasmin, Farida Parveen, Syed Abdul Hadi, Kiranchandra Roy, Subir Nandi and Abida Sultana -- performed at the closing session of the three-day cultural programme at the Winter Garden, Hotel Sheraton. The cultural programme was a part of the first Non-Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) Conference '07.

The event began with a dance recital, directed by Sultana Haider, welcoming the expatriates. The dance was followed by a duet, *Tumi Bangladesher shontan*, performed by Subir Nandi and Abida Sultana.

Subir Nandi also presented a patriotic song, *Tumi amar baul banshi*.

Later, Nahid Mahmud, an expatriate living in the US, entertained the audience with a joke, focusing on the responsibilities of Bangladeshis living abroad in the era of globalisation.

Kiranchandra Roy's skilful renditions of *Aay dekhe ja jogobashi* and the SD Burman classic *Takdum takdum bajai Bangladesh* enthralled the audience.

Abida Sultana rendered a patriotic song *Ektattur sholoi December-e* and a Hason Raja classic *Nisha lagilo*.

Apart from demonstrating her forte in Lalou songs, Farida Parveen rendered her familiar patriotic song *Ei Padma ei Meghna*. Her soulful performance seemed to strike a chord with the audience.

Veteran singer Syed Abdul Hadi performed *Ei matir bukei ghumiye achhe* and *Pora chokhe ja dekhi*.

Iconic singer Sabina Yasmin was the last performer of the evening. She rendered two of her acclaimed patriotic songs *Shob kota janala khule dao na* and *Oi rail liner-o metho path-er pashey dariye* -- both composed by Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul.

Explaining the reason behind selecting the songs Sabina said that these songs should encourage the NRBS to contribute more to the betterment of the motherland.



Farida Parveen (top) and Kiranchandra Roy perform at the programme



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CULTURALFEAST

Concert

Title: Bangladesh 08 Sidr 07
Organiser: Advanced Development Technologies Ltd & amaderGaan.com
Venue: Winter Garden, Dhaka Sheraton
Date: January 3

Poush Mela

Organiser: Poush Mela Ujjapon Parishad
Venue: Ramna Botomool
Date: January 11
Time: 7 am-8 pm

Musical Soiree

Organiser: Bengal Shilpalaya
Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya, H 275/F, R 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: January 2
Time: 7 pm

Sculpture Exhibition

Title: Ecology of Mind-2
Sculptor: Alak Roy
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, H 275/F, Road 27 (old), Dhanmondi and British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka University
Date: January 5-19
Time: 12 pm-8 pm

Finale of talent hunt in Rangamati

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

The Grand finale of the three month-long 'Music Talent Hunt 2007', the first of its kind in Rangamati was held last weekend with much enthusiasm at the Rajbari Stadium in the hill town.

Major General Mohammed Abdul Mubin in his speech said that such programmes can fortify amity among the people of different creed and ethnicity, living in CHT.

Aparna Dev Roy, the first prize winner, received a cheque of Tk 20,000 along with a crest and a certificate.

Shekhar Mallik from Rajasthali and Kuel Chakma from Baghaichhari upazila won the first and second runner up respectively and received cheques of Tk 15,000 and 10,000 with crests and certificates.

The rest of the top ten contestants -- Uthing Ting Marna, Shefali Akhtra, Krinchna Lal Pankhua, Subhadra Tripura, Sanjoy Bonik, Pradip Kumar Mallik and Mithul Saha -- received a cheque of Tk 3,000 each with crests and certificates.

The top contestants rendered songs at the finale.

Some 42 competitors from ten upazilas and from municipal areas of the district took part in the 'Music Talent Hunt 2007' that started on September 18, with the slogan "Sangeet Hok Shampritir Shetubandhan".

The Rangamati brigade took the initiative to hold the programme. Rangamati Hill District Council, CHT Development Board, TCI, Rangamati Municipality, district and police administration supported the programme.

Highlight of the finale included performances by *Close up 1* stars -- Nishitha Barua, Keya, Mehrab and Mahadi.



The top ten contestants seen with the chief guest at the prize giving ceremony

Manobadhiker Nattya Utshab in Jaipurhat

KONGKON KARMAKER, from Jaipurhat

A daylong drama festival on human rights, 'Manobadhiker Nattya Utshab' was held in Jaipurhat recently to educate the masses on issues regarding human rights through stage plays, recitations, songs, dances and discussions.

Deputy Commissioner of Jaipurhat, Nitai Pada Das, formally inaugurated the festival at Shaheed Doctor Abul Kashem Maidan in the town. Md. Shafigul Islam, Police Super of Jaipurhat was present as the special guest.

The programme started with a rendition of the Tagore song *Aguner Parashmoni*, performed by artistes of Jaipurhat Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad, a wing of National Rabindra Sangeet Parishad.

The festival also honoured three eminent personalities for their contribution in their respective fields -- Md Nazir Uddin Ahmed (education), Khoibar Ali (journalism) and Ajit Kumar Mondal (cultural). The DC of Jaipurhat handed over crests to the award recipients.

At the discussion, speakers demanded the trial of war criminals as soon as possible. Utpal Kumar Mondal, convener of Manobadhiker Nattya Utshab, presided over the meeting.

Five plays were staged by young artistes of Jaipurhat district highlighting the issues of human rights violation and how people are often deprived of their rights. Plays including *Shar Shankot* (Fertiliser Crisis) received warm response from the audience.

The festival wrapped up with the staging of Tagore's *Chhuti*. The play was directed by Md. Aminul Islam Babul.

The festival was jointly organised by Jaipurhat Manobadhiker Nattya Parishad and Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad.

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Cultural programme by Sammillito Sangkritik Jote

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Sammillito Sangkritik Jote's Dinajpur unit recently held a three-day cultural programme that included plays, dances, recitation and discussion marking the Victory Day.

The programme was held at Dinajpur Natya Samity Auditorium.

Mirza Anwarul Islam, Convener of Sammillito Sangkritik Jote's Dinajpur unit inaugurated the programme.

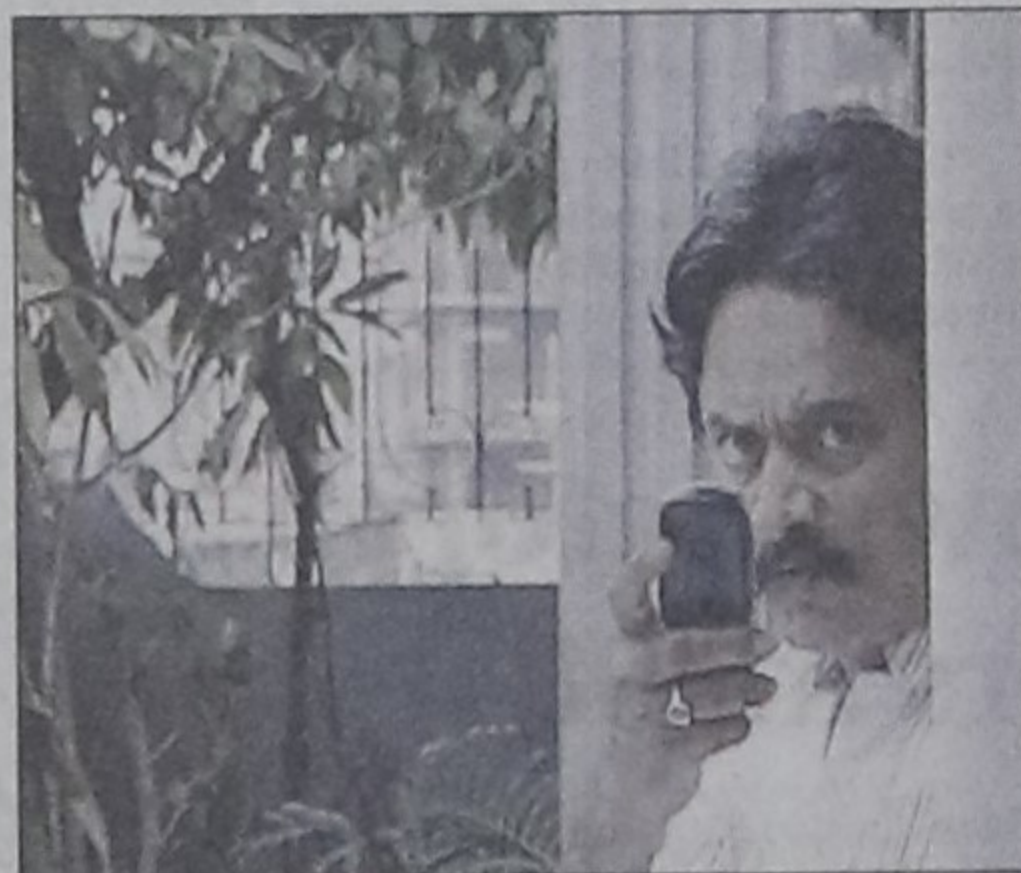
Plays staged at the programme included *Borno Chora* written by Momotaz Uddin and directed by Md. Tarequzaman Artaque.

Around 200 artistes of ten Dinajpur-based cultural organisations including Bangladesh Betar and Television Shilpi Sangtha, Amder Theatre, Moni Mela, Bhaibari, Naborupi, Dolon Chandra and Dinajpur Sangeet Niketan presented plays, recitation and dances.

The programme ended with the play *1971* written by eminent litterateur Humayun Ahmed and directed by Safi Mokshed Nuru.

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Mouchakey Dhill

On ATN Bangla at 08:00 pm

Drama Serial

Cast: ATM Shamsuzzaman, Saaluddin Lavlu



The Lost World: Jurassic Park

On Star Movies at 07:00 pm

Genre: Adventure/Sci-Fi

Cast: Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore

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, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm.
 News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm
 Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1

News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am

BANGLAVISION

News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 4:00 pm.
 News (English) at 6:00 pm

Rtv

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

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

ETV

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

ATN BANGLA

08:15 *Ajker Shangbadpoto*

08:30 Drama Serial: *Chorkuthuri*

09:15 Drama Serial: *Alok Nogar*

10:30 Talk Show: *Aktel Onyodishti*

11:05 Three Stooges

11:35 Drama Serial: *Khatia mitha*

12:15 Cinema Cinema

01:25 Musical Programme: *ATN Music*

02:30 Daily Soap: *Doll's House*

03:15 *O Amar Chokhiku Nal*

03:45 *Openli Biscupe*

04:20 Travel Show: *Obiram Bangladesh*

05:00 *Gram Gorjor Khobor*

05:40 Entertainment Show: *Shober Jonjo*

06:20 *Katha Mala*

08:00 Drama Serial: *Mouchakey Dhill*

08:45 Drama: *Golapi Ator*

11:30 *Rang Manchyo Taal*

12:00 *GrameenPhone Lead News*

CHANNEL-i

09:30 *Shangbadpotey Bangladesh*

09:45 *Public Reaction*

09:50 *Grameenphone Trilo*

11:05 *Crickit On Line*

11:30 *Amar Chhobi*

12:30 *Cityooll*

Tarokathah

Ebong Cinemar Gaan

01:30 *Sa Re Ga Ma*

02:40 Mega Serial: *Prio Bash*

03:05 *i-Sports*

04:05 *Hindoyer Gaan*

04:30 *Shangeel Mala*

06:00 *Tarzan*

06:20 Drama Serial: *Ochena Adhar*

06:40 Business Show

07:50 Musical Programme: *Amar Prio Gaan*

09:35 Drama Serial: *Neel Tepantoprey*

10:00 Drama: *Dhaka 71*

11:30 Drama: *69*

12:00 *GrameenPhone Ajker Shangbadpoto*

ETV

08:00 *Ekusher Shokal*

12:00 *Ekusher Dupur*

12:30 *Ekushay Business*

02:30 *Majhey Kichhu Bochor Chhilo*

03:30 *Shomali Shadakalo*

04:00 *Shomali Shadakalo*

04:30 Drama Serial: *Hiblu*

05:15 *Cholar Pathay*

05:45 *Ekusher Shondhya*

06:15 Quiz Show: *SMS*

07:30 *Amar Mukhi Aloy-e*

08:00 *Cookery Show: Toril Mian Recipe*

08:30 *Shurothal*

09:30 *Ekusher Shomoy*

10:30 Drama Serial: *Shukhi Manush Project*

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08:30 *Ajker Shokaa*

08:55 Drama Serial:

08:15 Drama Serial: *To-Let*

09:00 *One Eleven*

09:45 Drama Serial: *Neer*

11:25 *Ei Shomoy*

Rtv

09:05 *Heart Beat*

09:35 *Sports Carnival*

10:00 *Public Opinion*

10:30 *Probidin*

12:35 *Special Programme: Flash Back 2007*

01:00 *Gaanchi Ei Din*

01:30 *Dhallywood Beats*

02:30 *Bangla Feature Film*

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06:35 *Kathay Kathay*

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08:50 *Cookery Show: R Ranna*

09:20 Drama Serial: *Anon*

11:00 *Drishwa Keloo*