CULTURE

Sultan Mela in Narail

SM Sultan's 83rd birth anniversary observed

AZIBOR RAHMAN, back from Narall

pay homage to SM Sultan. Hundreds of stalls are erected all around an open stage and cultural got admitted at Narail Victoria functions are performed at the Narail Victoria College premises. The programme, thronged by everyday. This year the fair will end admitted in the Art College in

Collegiate School in 1928. In 1938, Sultan went to Kolkata and met Shahid Suhrawardy, an art thousands, continues till 11 pm critic. Suhrawardy got him



Artwork by SM Sultan

Kolkata. In1943, he joined in One of the pioneer painters of "Khaksha' movement. In 1943, his VERY year devotees from far Bangladesh, Sultan was born at and wide gather at the Masimdia village, on the outskirts Sultan Mela (fair), Narail, to of Narail town in August 10, 1923. His father was Meser Ali (a mason) and his mother Maju Bibi. Sultan

solo art exhibition was held in Simla, India. In 1948 Sultan's solo art exhibition was inaugurated in Lahore, Pakistan, by Fatima Jinnah. In 1950, as a representative of Pakistan government, he participated at an international conference of artists in America. At the time his artworks were exhibited in NewYork, Boston, Chicago and in various other cosmopolitan cities. His works were on display beside those of the renowned artists Pablo Piccaso and Salvador Dali.

SM Sultan known as Lal Mia in 5 his native Narail, was a lifelong bachelor devoting his life to the well being of the people. Pursuing his dreams, he created his domain of painting embedded in purity, pleasure, fortitude and romanticism. In almost all his boatmen, potters and the struggling lives of the workers serve been built here. as motifs.

In 1953, Sultan came back to his "Man of Achievement" award by motherland. Subsequently he the Cambridge University. SM established three schools, Sultan won the "Ekushey Padak" in including Nanda Kanon primary 1982; Bangladesh Charu Shilpi school, Nando Kanan secondary Sangsad award in 1986 as well as Mancho.



A view of the Narail Victoria College premises, the venue of the fair

school and Nando Kanon Fine Arts the "Independence Award" in 1993. College in 1973 in Jessore.

In commemoration of his paintings farmers, fishermen, memory, a Shishu Swargo, a Sultan museum and a Sultan Stage have

In 1982, he was conferred the

He established the Fine Art Institute at Narail in 1969 and another institute "Charupeet" in Jessore in 1973. His last days were spent as a free-lance artist at Narial.

SM Sultan passed away in February, 10, 1994.

On the occasion of his 83rd birth anniversary, this fair has been arranged at the premises of Sultan

ITI Theatre Festival '08 Three plays to be staged today

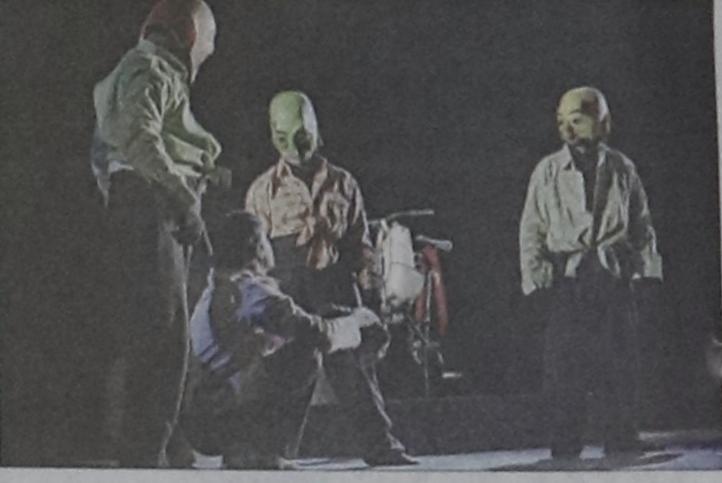
ERSHAD KAMOL

Three plays will be staged at the opening day of the theatre festival titled 'Whither theatre' arranged by Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute (BCITI). Moreover, dance troupe Nrityadhara will perform at the National Theatre Stage after the opening ceremony, which will be inaugurated by Rasheda K. Chowdhury, adviser to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

Today, Natyachakra will stage Cyclewala at the Mahila Samity Stage, Bibortan from Jessore will stage Koibartagatha at the Experimental Theatre Stage and Department of Theatre and Music will stage Urubhangam at Natmondal, University of Dhaka.

Natyachakra's production Cyclewala, translated by Professor Abdus Selim from Vijay Tendulkar's The Cyclist, features the adventure of life through a cyclist's journey. But the play is more than a mere journey of a cyclist rather a metaphysical journey: A journey of the mind in search of the elusive truth. Cyclewala is directed by Irin dynasty is highly glorified by the Pandavas are treated as the heroes. Parveen Lopa.

Bibortan's production the history of oppression of the featured as evildoers in the plays.



A scene from the play Cyclewala

Koibartogatha, written by Abdullah Hel Mahmud, questions the documentation process of history, where the losers are often misrepresented. The aim of the play is not to rewrite the history of Pala Natmondal. The play is set against Bihar for about four centuries part of the Kurukshetra war men-(starting from the middle of 8th tioned in the Mahabharata.

rulers of the dynasty. Faiz Zahir is

the director of the play. Department of Theatre and Music will stage Sanskrit playwright Bhasa's Urubhangam at Dynasty that ruled Bengal and the backdrop of the concluding

century). Though the reign of the In the epic Mahabharata, the historians, Mahmud's play depicts However, Pandavas have been

Celebrating 35 years of BRAC Cultural programme at Army Stadium

anthem. BRAC founder and

chairperson Fazle Hasan Abed

observed in memory of the

brave employees of BRAC who

died in the performance of their

set off with a dance perfor-

The next performer was

Salma, winner of Closeup1, 2006

contest and also a former stu-

dent of BRAC School. Salma

rendered -- Ami chailam jarey

ami pailam na tarey Bondhu

Performance by popular

aaio aaio re bondhu and more.

singer Syed Abdul Hadi fol-

lowed. Hadi opened his perfor-

mance with a patriotic song --

lokkho mukti shena -- in hon-

our of the martyrs of our libera-

dancer Lubna Marium.

then inaugurated the event.

MAINUL HASSAN

To mark its 35th anniversary, BRAC (Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee), one of the leading NGOs in our country held a grand cultural programme at the Army Stadium on February 15. The event transformed the stadium into one single giant gathering of BRAC officials and employees across the country, with about mance choreographed by noted 15,000 present on the occasion.

Founded in 1972, shortly after liberation, by Fazle Hasan Abed, BRAC today has grown to be one of the largest NGOs in the world, touching the lives of millions. Today an estimated 110 million people across Bangladesh have been reached by the organisation. Apart from Bangladesh BRAC also operates





Samina Chowdhury and Momtaz sing to a receptive audience

with students from BRAC tionwar. School singing the national

Other songs performed by Hadi included Chole jay jodi keu badhon chhirey, Jonmo theke Jolchhi mago and the all time hit A minute of silence was Jeonasathi.

Samina Chowdhury opened her performance with the song Shadhinota tomakey niye ganta likheychhi. Next she rendered the popular number Amar buker The cultural programme was moddhokhane -- hridoy shekhaney, Bhalolagey chand, a Kabir Bokul number and finally the hit number Shath bhai chompa jagorey.

Next was Kumar Bishwajit. Bishwajit performed some of his hit numbers including O daktar, Putuler moto korey sajiye, Tumi roj bikele and Ekdin Banglai chhilam rey.

A performance by comedian Pappu also formed part of the programme.

Folk artiste Momtaz amazed the audience with her wonderful performance. A dance performance by Sohel and Ria also received appreciation.

The main attraction of the programme was the solo performance by the noted singer Runa Laila, which was the final performance of the day. Runa Laila performed some of her hit numbers, starting with the song Shilpi ami tomader gaan shonabo. Other songs performed by Laila included --Estation er rail garita, Shadher lau, O bondhu teendin tor barit gelam and more.

The event was wrapped up with Dr Mahbub Hossain, executive director, BRAC giving the formal vote of thanks followed by a laser light show.



On the occasion of Valentine's Day, Concord Entertainment Co. Ltd. (CenCL) organised the 'Shark Energy Drinks Valentine's Celebration' and a Fashion show on February 15 at the Water Kingdom, says a press release. The daylong event was attended by a huge crowd, where LRB was the main highlight. Along with LRB's evergreen numbers, popular bands and musicians such as Yaatri and Mila also performed much to the delight of the music lovers. Meanwhile, DJ Rahat was rocking the day with his hip mixes and popular numbers. Visitors of all ages were seen enjoying themselves at the Water Pool the whole day as well. There were also a raffle draw, a few game shows and an acrobat show for the audience. Sponsored by 'Shark Energy Drinks', the show was hosted by Neda Shakiba

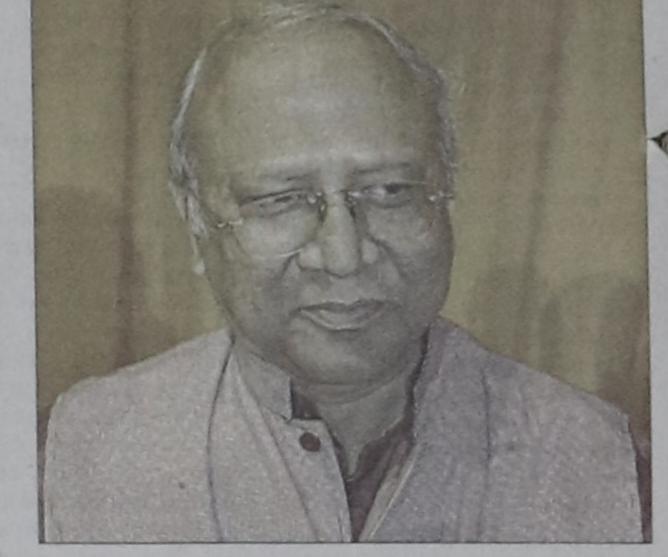


Bondhon Chirokaler, a live concert, was organised on Valentine's Day by the mobile operator company Aktal on February 14, says a press release. Held at Rabindra Sharobar, well known bands and musicians namely Souls, Black, S.I. Tutul, Mila and Mahadi (Close Up 1 contestent) performed at the concert. "It is the love of our customers that always inspires us to do a little extra for their delight," said Zafrul Hassan, AGM Marketing of Aktel on the event

"Bangladeshi theatre is well appreciated in international arena -- Ataur Rahman

General Secretary of Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute (BCITI), Ataur Rahman discussing the activities of the organisation said, "The International Theatre Institute is a common platform for the activists of performing art forms like drama, dance and others." He said that because of the successful publication (World of Theatre) by BCITI, we have bagged many prestigious posts in the ITI World Committee, including vice president and chairperson of different important sub-committees. The 125th session of ITI Worldwide Executive Council will be held in Dhaka during the festival." "Our activities have created a positive

image of Bangladeshi culture overseas. The foreigners label our theatre as 'theatre of passion'. We are also working on a theatre encyclopaedia in 12 volumes, which will be a remarkable endeavour in the history of world theatre," he said.



Ataur Rahman

Musical soiree by Prachya Shilpocharcha Parishad

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The second arrangement of Ghoroa Gaaner Ashor, a regular musical soiree arranged by Prachya Shilpocharcha Parishad (Centre for Oriental Art Appreciation) was held on February 14 at the Alamgir Kabir Film Centre Auditorium. Prameela Chakraborty, Arjumand Ara Bakul and Tapan Mojumdar performed songs of three poets; DL Roy, Rajanikanto Sen and Atul Prashad; songs of Pagla Kanai and Radharaman and some old numbers at the event.

To create a bond between the singer and the audience in an interactive musical soiree, Prachya Shilpocharcha Parishad will continue to arrange similar programmes on every second Thursday of the month.

The evening started with Kirtan

rendition, Esho Pranosokha, esho praney. She sang some romantic songs ranging from the different shades of love, keeping in her mind

Prameela Chakraborty at the function

artiste Prameela Chakraborty's the simultaneous effect of ongoing spring and Valentine's Day. She also rendered Hridoy amar gopon korey and E jiboney Purilona sadh, Moloy o ashiya and Bela boye jai from DL Roy.

Tapan Majumdar started with a Lalon Geeti, Manushey shei manush achhey. That was followed by Pagla Kanai's Ki phul phutilorey Mokkay, a song on Prophet Mohammad (sm). Several rare songs like Kangal Harinath's Bhabi din ki bhoyonkor, Ramesh Sheel's Jodi bhojon pothey jabi, Monomohon Dutt's Prem bajaarey poroshmoni and others were also included in his presentation.

Arjumand Ara Bakul rendered songs of yesteryears at the event. Abhijit Ray accompanied the artistes on Tabla and eminent Tagore artiste Neelotpol Sadhyo was the moderator of the event.

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

07:00am Hello Dhaka

03:00pm Dhaka Calling

07:00pm Seven Eleven

12:00am Back to Back

Radio Today 89.6 FM

07:15am Good Morning

07:45 am Today's Happy

12:00pm Today's Adda

01:45pm Dupurer Khabor

04:00pm U-turn (Kibria &

Tania)

06:45pm Shondher Khabor

(Sayem)

Khabor

Moments

08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok

09:45pm Raater Khabor

11:45pm Moddho Raater

12:00am Today's Happy

03:30 Mega Machines

05:30 Opium, Morphine &

Heroin

06:30 Witness to the Mob

04:30 Marijuana

10:30 Hippies

12:30 Che Guevara

08:45am Shokaler Khabor

(Nudrat)

music

Dhaka (Biplob)

Moments

11:00am Amar 88

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY

All programmes are in tocal time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTV

pm.8:00 pm.

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

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,

News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm.

12:15 am.

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 a.m, 10:00

am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm.

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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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06:10 Ekush Amar

08:35 Drama Serial:

Talk Show

Geeti Malyo

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Aloknogor 08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou Programme 09:20 Drama Serial Maa O Shishur Katha Prothom Shokal 01:00 Drama 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's 02:15 Amader Angina House 02:40 Educational 12:00 Grameenphone Lead Programme

CHANNEL i 08:05 Tagore Song 08:30 Shokaaler Gaan

09:30 Shangbadpotrey

Shukhi Manush

05:00 Gram Gonjer Khabor

Three Stooges

05:45 The Sword of Tipu

Sultan

08:00 Drama Serial:

Bangladesh 09:45 Public Reaction 09:50 Grameenphone 07:25 Selected Programme Tritiomatra 08:30 Protidin Bangladesh 11:05 Apolo Tele Prescrip-Shohorer Sheshbari 11:30 Hridoye Mati O 09:00 Drama: Chondrahoto Manush 10:30 Musical Programme; 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan

11:00 Talk Show: Date Line

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	Pakhi
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	Amader Nurul Huda
10:30	Talk Show:
	Onyodnshti
11:05	Drama; Gopal Bhar-
	er Bati Chalan

12:15 Char Deval-er Kabyo

Take Care

Tele-film: Ek Jon

01:30 Khelar Jogot

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01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma 02:35 Selected Programme 03:30 BBC Bangladesh Shonglaap 04:15 Hridoyer Gaarr 05:30 Boimela Shorashori 06:00 Drama Serial: Alor Khonjey Kojona 06:30 South Asian 07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum 08:20 Drama Serial:

Noukadubi

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06:20 Shubha Shondha

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On ntv on 6:45 pm

Entertainment Show

Guests: Ferdousi Majumdar, Subir Nandi 06:45 Jolo Modhur Bhulguli 10:00 Drama Serial: Ochena Neel Kontho 08:15 Drama Senal. Shantokutir 09:00 Crime Watch 09:45 Drama Serial: Nabila Chorit 11:35 Talk Show: El Shomoy CHANNEL 1 08:40 Shuprobhaat

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05:15 Shamprotik



On Star World at 10:30 pm TV Series Cast: Hayden Panettiere, Jack Coleman

08:15 Drama Serial Ochena Apon 09:00 Shomoyer Aynay Rajniti 09:30 Cine Tunes 11:00 Gaaney Gaaney Bohudur 11:30 Nirbachita Khobor 08:00 Ekush-er Shokal

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Shophol Jara

03:30 Cine Heats

04:00 Cartoon

06:00 Saajbela

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09:30 Prithvirai Chauhan Baa Bahoo Aur Baby 10:30 Salaam-e-Ishq STAR WORLD 09:30 According To Jim 10:00 My Wife And Kids 10:30 Two & A Half Mon

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12:00 Shangbad Protidin

09:30 Starship Troopers 2:

Deja Vu

Kittles

09:00 Maid In Manhattag

09:30 Krishna Kathaiyen

10:30 Star VOI Chhote

Ustaad

05:30 Kaho na yaar hai

06:30 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat

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08:15 Whispers: An

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er Shesh Bari

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