

Festival at the shrine of Gazi, Kalu and Champaboti

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

A few miles off Jhenidah, at Barobazar, lies the *dargah* (shrine) of legendary Gazi, Kalu and Champaboti, who lived in the region about seven hundred years ago.

Each year in the Bangla month of Falgun, devotees gather at the *dargah* to pay homage to the legends and to receive their blessings. The venue takes on a festive

look on the occasion. This year's festival was held on March 13.

At the festival, some devotees offered *batasha* (sweet) and candles, while some brought along cattle to be sacrificed there.

In the morning, the devotees bathed in the adjacent *dighi* (pond) and prayed for blessings from Gazi, Kalu and Champaboti. Some prayed at night, in front of the graves of the three legends.

As Gazi and Kalu supposedly had miraculous powers, their myth is well known all over the country. Gazi was the son of King Shah Sekandar Ali and Azufa Sundari. Kalu was their adopted son. Champaboti was Gazi's wife.

The charismatic Gazi revealed his powers at an *astana* at the village of Badurgachha in the Sundarbans. Gazi, Kalu and Champaboti's stories have been circulated from generation to generation.



Viewers gaze at the devotee performing at the fair

Fans await the return of "Star Wars"



A sequence from *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*

AP, Las Vegas

Fans never seem to get their fill of *Star Wars*, and George Lucas is happy to oblige.

Lucas offered a glimpse into the latest creation in his sci-fi universe at the theatre-owners convention ShoWest last Thursday, showing a sequence from *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, a computer-animated movie due in theatres August 15. It will be followed by a TV series of the same name, to air on the Cartoon Network and TNT this fall.

The movie came about as an afterthought while Lucas was developing an animated TV show of the same name. That show debuts this fall, but Lucas figured it was ripe for big-screen treatment, too.

"You've got the whole assembly line built, and then you say, 'Hey, we can make up something,'" Lucas said in an interview. "It was like old-time movie making. What I love about television, it's like Monogram Pictures or the old studio system, where a couple of guys come to work and they sit and have some coffee and go, 'Why don't we make a movie about such and such?' OK, fine." And at the end of the day, it's

pretty much on its way.

Set in the years between episodes II and III -- *Attack of the Clones* and *Revenge of the Sith* -- of the big-screen "Star Wars" chronicle, the movie and series present fresh adventures of Jedi warrior Anakin Skywalker, his mentor, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and other colleagues.

The movie introduces a female Jedi, Ahsoka, who is Anakin's young apprentice.

"It's like 'Band of Brothers' in space, with Jedi," Lucas, 63, said. "You can tell lots of stories. They come up all the time."

Lucas said he plans to produce at least 100 hours worth of TV episodes of *Clone Wars*.

He also is moving forward with a live-action *Star Wars* TV show focusing largely on new characters removed from the Skywalker family. That show will be set in the decades between *Revenge of the Sith* and the period when the original film, 1977's *Star Wars*, takes place.

So can fans ever get enough of *Star Wars*?

"I don't know," Lucas said. "I'm thankful every year that it keeps going."

Source: Internet

Bhansali dabbles with opera

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bollywood director Sanjay Leela Bhansali is apparently unfazed by the fact that his latest movie "Saawariya" starring debutants Ranvir Kapoor and Sonam Kapoor failed to set the box office on fire.

Bhansali has a new art medium to dabble with -- opera. He has directed the opera ballet "Padmavati", based on the life of Rajput queen Padmini of Chittorgarh in Rajasthan, which opened at the prestigious Theatre Du Chatelet in Paris on the evening of March 14.

The opera, based on the writing of Albert Roussel, not only provided Bhansali a break from film-making but threw up the challenge of working on a new medium and connecting to an European audience so different from viewers of his films back home.

The opera has an all-French cast with Sylvie Brunet, a well-known soprano, playing the role of Padmini while Finnur Bjarnason in the roles of Rattan Sen and Alain Fondary as Alauddin.

Besides Bhansali, the Indian touch to the opera are in the forms of eminent choreographer Tanushree Shankar, daughter-in-law of legendary danseuse Uday Shankar, fashion costume designer Rajesh Pratap Singh and Omung Kumar who had been the art director in Bhansali's movies.

Why did Bhansali, who has directed Bollywood hits like "Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam", "Devdas" and "Black", choose to direct an opera?

"Well, I needed a break from movies. Besides, opera has always been my favourite forms of musical



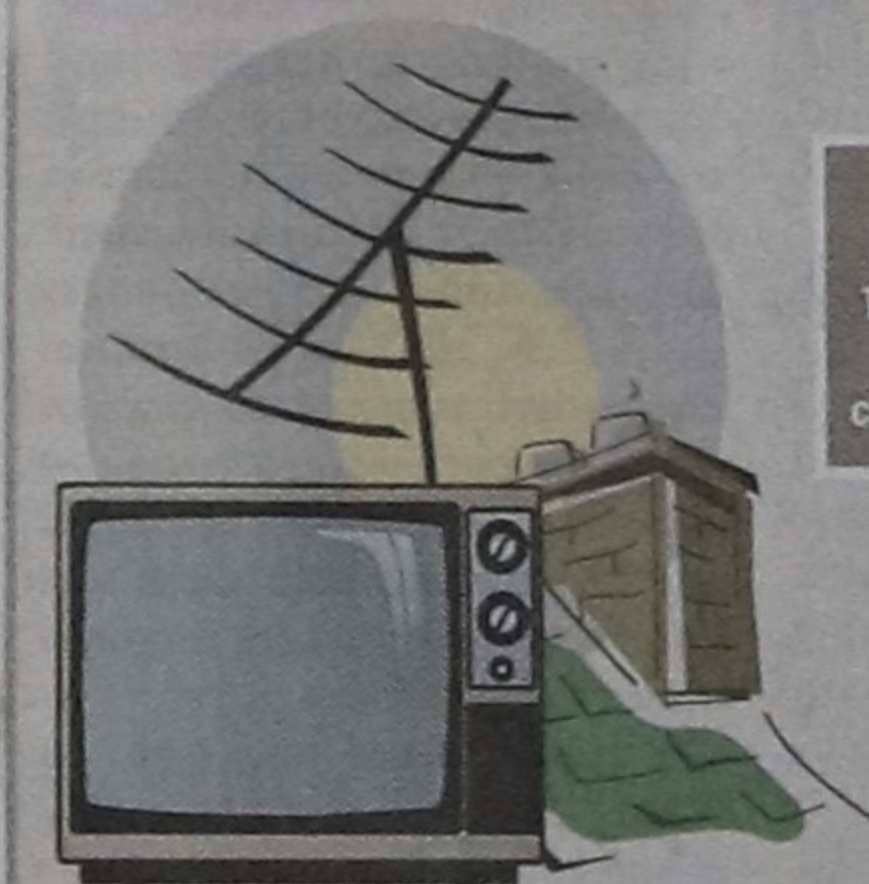
Sanjay Leela Bhansali

expression and when the offer came from the French opera company long before the release of 'Saawariya', I lapped it up", Bhansali said.

"Padmavati" the opera will have six shows through the month of March at Theatre Du Chatelet and Bhansali is keen to gauge the audience assessment of his new venture on foreign soil.



A still from the opera ballet "Padmavati"



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On Air

News Bulletin

BTB

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, 11:00 pm. News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.

Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 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.

05:30 Mukhtijudho Amar Ohonkaar
06:00 Tarzan
06:20 Drama Serial: Ochna Adhar
06:45 Business Show
07:50 Amar Prio Gaan
09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Tepantoprey
10:00 Drama: Dhaka 71
11:30 Astey Astey Astey
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

ETV

08:00 Ekusher Shokal
10:30 Ekusher Business
12:00 Ekusher Dupur
12:30 Ekusher Business: Special Focus
01:30 Ekusher Business: Shophol Jara

03:30 Shomali Shada Kalo
04:00 Cartoon
04:30 Drama Serial: Hitlu
05:45 Ekusher Shondhya
06:15 Quiz Show: SMS Mania
06:30 Chhonhey Shure Dese Jurey
07:45 Cookery Show: Tomi Mian Recipe

08:15 Drama Serial: Hitlu
09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom
10:00 Ekusher Shomoy
10:50 Financial Bulletin
12:15 Ekusher Raat

RTV

08:30 Gaanchil Ei Chil
09:00 RTV Exclusive
09:05 Heart Beat
09:35 Documentary Programme: Prachir Ghara Chin

10:00 Drama Serial: Poroshpor
11:00 Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: Aguntak
12:15 Look at Me
12:35 Documentary Programme: Apon Shimanay

01:30 Dailiwood Beats
02:30 Bangla Feature Film Protidin
06:00 Apon Shimanay

08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntak
08:35 Cookery Show: R Ranna
09:20 Drama Serial: Anon
11:00 Drishyo Kalpo
11:30 News Watch
11:40 Editor's Comment
12:00 Rtv Exclusive

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08:30 Aker Shokail
08:55 Drama Serial: Shantokutir
09:30 Rupali Pordar Golpo
10:05 Kichhu Kaltha Kichhu Gaan
10:30 Music Express
11:00 Alochon

11:30 Dondor Chhonhey
12:10 Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Shanto Kutir
03:15 Crime Watch
03:50 Drama Serial: Nabila Chori

04:25 Gallery
05:30 Apon Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:45 Nirityo Lohori
08:15 Drama: Ei Khatheer Khancha

09:00 ntv Shomoy
09:45 Drama Serial: Neer
11:30 Ei Shomoy

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08:30 Shurer Bhuboney
09:00 Cookery Show: Amader Ranna Ghar
09:30 Drama Serial: Swapnochura
10:10 Cinebit
10:40 Talk Show: Amar Ami
11:05 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor
11:35 Apan Agami
12:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
12:40 Drama Serial: Tanik Ali Hadari

03:05 Musical Programme
04:20 Ognijhora Din
05:30 Drama Serial: Shohorer Shesh Bari
06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Ebong Classier Bailey
06:50 Ranna-er Gaan
08:25 Drama Serial: Mohanagar
09:05 Vocab
09:25 Agami Kontho
11:25 Cinebit Shadakalo
12:00 Shangbad Protidin



Amar Prio Gaan

On Channel i at 7:50 pm

Musical Programme

Today's Guest: Momtaz



Tomtom

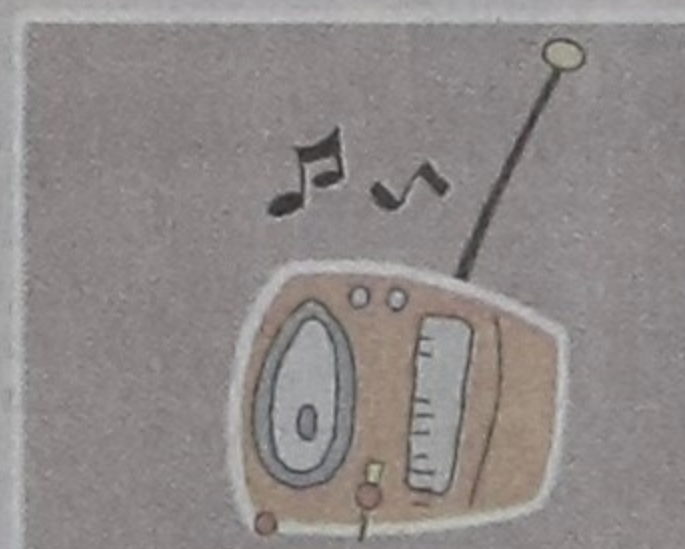
On ETV at 9:30 pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Mita Noor, Ahmed Rubel

BOISHAKHI

08:05 Chokher Aloye
08:30 Cricket World
08:10 Musical Programme
09:10 Drama Serial: Shobuj Gram
10:05 Shamol Chhaya
10:35 Tagore Song
12:05 Cartoon
12:35 Drama: Shesh Pranley
02:10 Drama Serial: Chokher Aloye
04:05 Drama Serial: Shobuj Gram Shamol Chhaya



Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:00am Hello Dhaka
11:00am Amar 88
03:00pm Dhaka Calling
07:00pm Seven Eleven
12:00a Back to Back music

Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Biplob)
07:45 am Today's Happy Moments

08:45am Shokaler Khabor
12:00pm Today's Adda (Nudrat)
01:45pm Dupurer Khabor
04:00pm U-tum (Kibria & Tania)
06:45pm Shondher Khabor
08:00pm Tobo Tai Hok (Sayem)
09:45pm Raater Khabor
11:45pm Moddho Raater Khabor
12:00am Today's Happy Moments

05:10 Cartoon
06:00 Baul Gaan
07:30 Cricket World
08:10 Musical Programme
09:10 Drama Serial: Laal Ghuri
10:30 BSB Cambrian Challenge

HBO

08:30 Mad City
10:30 Stay Alive
12:30 Flight Of The Intruder
02:45 Must Love Dogs
04:45 Casper
06:45 The Legend Of Zorro
09:30 Wedding Crashers
11:45 Frankenfish

STAR MOVIES

09:00 Shaggy Dog, The
10:30 Lost City, The
12:50 The Joy Luck Club
03:10 Minotaur
04:40 Vip Access: Horton
05:10 Devil Wears Prada, The
07:00 Down In The Valley
08:50 Invinible
10:35 Escape From New York
12:15 Thr3e

STAR PLUS

08:30 Sangam
09:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
10:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
10:30 Saibaba
11:30 Grahasti
12:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat
12:30 Bidaai
01:00 Kis Desh me Hai Meraa Dil
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
03:00 Grahasti
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kayamath
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08:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
09:30 The O.C.
10:30 Last Comic Standing
11:30 According To Jim
12:00 The Simpsons
12:30 Seinfeld
01:00 Friends Sr 8
01:30 Desire: Table For Three
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Desperate Housewives
06:00 King Of The Hill
06:30 The Simpsons

07:00 My Wife And Kids
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 The O.C.
09:00 Heroes
10:30 Bionic Woman
11:30 Day Break

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

08:30 Big Bang
09:00 Pit Viper/Pioneer Crocs
10:30 Palau
11:30 Air Crash Investigation
12:30 Situation Critical
01:30 Trapped
02:30 Built for the Kill
03:30 What Would Happen If
04:00 I Didn't Know That
04:30 I Didn't Know That
05:00 Copperhead Cannibals
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Black Waters
06:30 Anamalai
07:30 Built for the Kill
08:30 What Would Happen If
09:00 I Didn't Know That
09:30 Naked Science
10:30 Is It Real?
11:30 What Would Happen If
12:00 I Didn't Know That
12:30 Is It Real?

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

08:30 Hunters: Dangerous Sea
09:30 Discovery Atlas
11:30 Man Made Marvels
12:30 Amazing Baby Videos
01:00 Finest Hotels In The World
01:30 Jessica The Hippo
02:30 Into Alaska With Jeff Corwin
03:30 African Adventures
04:00 Zach's Ultimate Guide
04:30 Hunters: Dangerous Sea
05:30 Man Made Marvels Construction Of
06:30 Future Is Wild
07:30 Little Big Cats
08:30 Into Alaska With Jeff Corwin
09:30 Deadliest Catch
10:30 Futureweapons
11:30 Weapon Masters

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

08:30 North Africa
10:30 St. Moritz
11:30 Creative Vision
12:30 Helen of Troy
01:30 Monday Night Classics
03:30 J.P. Morgan
04:30 Corn
05:30 Firebird
06:30 Helen of Troy
07:30 Escape from Liberia
08:30 Operation Market Garden
09:30 Dogfights Season 2
11:00 Modern Marvels
12:00 Life and Death of a Star

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 Reservoir Dogs
10:40 Van Wilder
12:30 Asterix And Obelix: Versus Caesar
02:55 One Fine Day
05:30 In The Name Of The Father
08:30 Eraser
11:00 7 Seconds