

Festival at the shrine of Gazi, Kalu and Champaboti

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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.

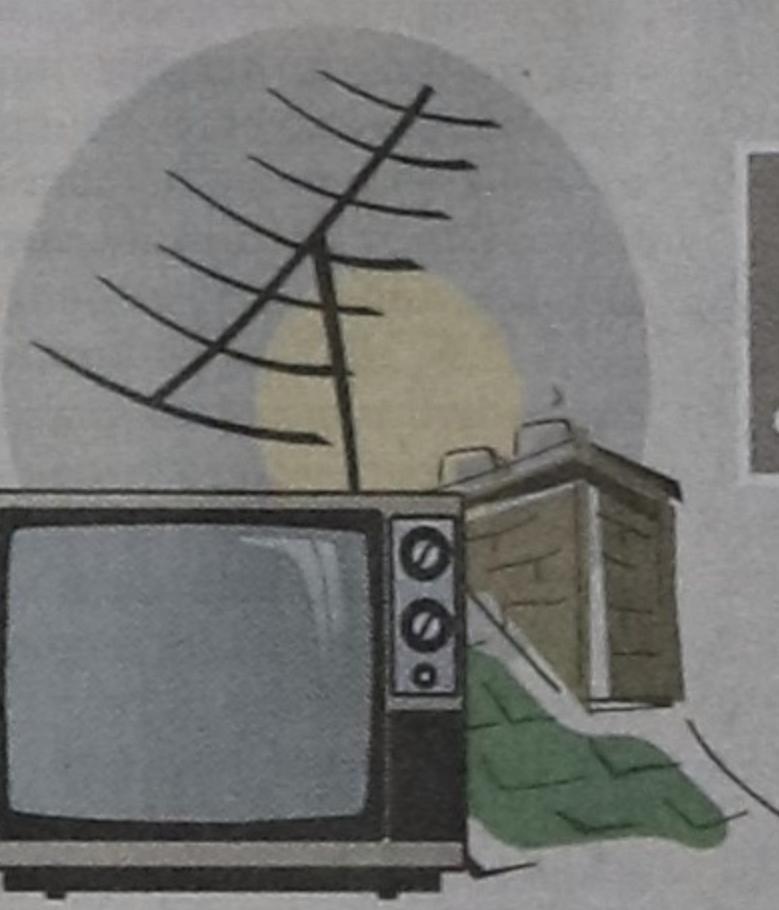
In the morning, the devotees bathed in the adjacent *dighi* (pond) and prayed for blessings from Gazi, Kalu and Champaboti. Some prayed at night, in front of the graves of the three legends.

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 Badugachha 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



All programmes are in local time.
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On Air

BTW

08:15 Shuprobhaat
08:45 Pathik Bara
09:05 Swadhinotar Gaan
09:20 Cricket
04:30 Mon-er Katha
05:05 Selected Programme
05:30 Shonar Tori
06:10 Swadhinotar Tomar Swadhinotar
06:35 Shoyer Onneshoney
06:50 Ritu Rang-ey Aka
07:30 Maa O Shishir Katha
08:30 Protidin Bangladesh
08:35 Drama Serial: Modhyoraleey Oshyaroohi
09:00 Drama Serial: Shanshaptak
09:30 Drama Serial: Kon Gramer
10:30 Swapno

05:30 Mukhijudhu Amar Ohonkaar
06:00 Tarzan
06:20 Drama Serial: Ochena 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 Ajker Shangbadpotro

ETV

08:00 Ekushey Shokal
10:30 Ekushey Business
12:00 Ekushey Dupur
12:30 Ekushey Business: Special Focus
01:30 Ekushey Business: Shophol Jara
03:30 Shomali Shada Kalo
04:00 Cartoon
04:30 Drama Serial: Hitlu
05:45 Ekushey Shondhya
06:15 Quiz Show: SMS Mania
06:30 Chhondey Shure Desh Jurey
07:45 Cookery Show: Tomi Mianr Recipe
08:15 Drama Serial: Hitlu
09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom
10:00 Ekushey Shomoy
10:50 Financial Bulletin
12:15 Ekushey Raat

RTV

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

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Ajker Shangbadpotro

08:30 Drama Serial: Chorkuthuri

09:15 Drama Serial: Alok Nogor

10:30 Talk Show: Onyondishbi

11:05 Three Stooges

12:35 Documentary Programme: Apon Shimanay

01:30 Drama Serial: Khatta Mitha

02:15 Selected Programme

02:25 Musical Programme: ATN Music

02:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House

03:15 Mega Serial: O Amar Chokhku Nai

03:45 Children's Programme: Aha Ki Anondo

04:20 Cholochitrer Golpo

05:10 Special Programme on March: Shahid Nari

05:35 Travel Show: Obiram Bangladeshi

06:20 Talk Show: Kotha Mala

06:45 Projonno Katha

08:00 Drama Serial: Mouchkay Dhil

08:45 Drama: Prosthan-er Path Nai

11:30 Rang Manchiyo Tali

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra

11:05 Cricket On Line

11:30 Amar Chhobi

12:30 Citycell Tarakakhan

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan

01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma

02:35 Ekatturer Dingull

03:05 i-Sports

04:05 Educational Programme: BSB

Cambrion Media Bikash

09:00 ntv Shamokee

09:45 Musical Programme: Shangeet Mala

11:00 11:30 Ei Shamoy

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 is also 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 Padmavati 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 Padmavati while Finnur Bjarnason in the roles of Rattan Sen and Alain Fondary as Alaudin.

Besides Bhansali, the Indian touch to the opera are in the forms of eminent choreographer Tanushree Shankar, daughter-in-law of legendary dancer Uday Shankar, fashion 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"

BANGLAVISION

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 Apnar Agami
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
02:40 Drama Serial: Tark Ali Hadar

03:05 Musical Programme

04:20 Ognijhara Din

05:30 Drama Serial: Shohorer Shesh Bari

06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey

06:20 Ebong Classer Barey

06:50 Pran-er Gaan

08:25 Drama Serial: Mohanogor

09:25 Agamir Kontho

11:25 Cinebit Shadakalo

12:00 Shangbad Protidin

BOISHAKHI

08:05 Chokh-er Aloye
08:30 Cricket World
09:10 Drama Serial: Laal Ghuri
10:30 BSB Cambrian Challenge

10:35 Tagore Song

12:05 Cartoon

12:35 Drama: Shesh Prantey

Drama Serial: Chokh-er Aloye

Drama Serial: Shobuj Gram

Shamol Chhaya

05:10 Cartoon

06:00 Baul Gaan

07:30 Cricket World

08:30 The O.C.

09:30 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 Silhouette Critical

01:30 Trapped

02:30 Built for the Kill

03:30 What Would Happen If

04:00 I Didn't Know That

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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?

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