

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Cultural Programme

Organiser: Shurer Dhara
Venue: Lalmitia Girls High School, Lalmitia
Date: April 13
Time: 6 pm
Sponsored by Ward Telecom



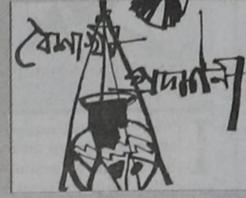
Baishakhi Exhibition

Organiser: Nitya Upahar
Venue: Gallery Nitya Upahar, 50, Aziz Co-operative Super Market, Shahbag
Date: April 6-30
Time: 10am-8pm



Baishakhi Exhibition

Designs by Nahida Sharmin
Organiser: Shilpangan
Venue: Gallery Shilpangan, House 26, Road 3, Dhanmondi
Date: April 4-13
Time: 10:30am-8:30pm



Inter University Drama Festival '08

Organiser: IUB Theatre and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Theatre Stage, BSA
Time: 6:30pm, Date: April 13
Play: The Proposal
Troupe: East West University



Rajshahi University gears up for Pahela Baishakh



Students of the Fine Arts Department of Rajshahi University (RU) making masks and paper flowers for Pahela Baishakh

RU CORRESPONDENT

Students and cultural organisations of Rajshahi University (RU) are getting ready for the Pahela Baishakh (the first day of the Bengali New Year) celebrations.

The students and teachers of Fine Arts Department have chalked out a week-long colourful programme to celebrate the biggest secular festival in the country. Towards the end of last week, many students of the department were seen working -- painting pictures, making replicas of animals and more -- on campus.

Biplob, a 4th year student of the department said, "We started getting ready for the Baishakhi celebration from the beginning of this month. Every year, the Pahela Baishakh programme arranged by the Department of Fine Arts is the main attraction on campus."

Professor Amirul Momenin Chowdhury said that this year the Pahela Baishakh celebration will start with a grand procession at 8:00am at the department premises. Vice-Chancellor, RU, Professor Altaf Hossain will inaugurate the procession, according to sources.

This year the department will also arrange a three-day long Baishakhi fair -- offering food and traditional items -- at its premises.

During the fair, *Gombhira* -- a genre of folk songs -- will be presented.

Other departments are gearing up for the celebration as well. According to sources, the Marketing Department and their cultural organisation 'Biborton' are all set to arrange musical programmes featuring contemporary band songs and folk music at the Business Studies Building premises.

'Badhon' and 'Swajon', two voluntary blood donation organisations will arrange 'Panta and Pitha Utshab' at the Folklore Department premises on Pahela Baishakh.

Bishwa Shahitya Kendra will arrange a two day-long book exhibition on campus on the occasion. Sammitilo Sanskritik Jote will hold a two day-long cultural programme.

Group of Liberal Debaters will arrange debate for teachers and students at the Mass Communication Department; eminent litterateur Professor Hassan Azizul Haque is set to attend the debate as the moderator.

SPECIAL TV PLAYS

"Baishakh elo ananda niye"- on Baishakhi TV

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A special play *Baishakh elo ananda niye* will be aired on Baishakhi TV on April 14, at 09:00 pm. The play is written by Rokeya Islam and directed by Sadeque Siddique.

A retired government official Mallik leads a comfortable life with his wife Maya, two sons Siam and Tarun and daughter Srabonti. Siam is busy running his business while Tarun feels threatened by the female population at all times and is part of a committee of bachelors. Siam and his girlfriend

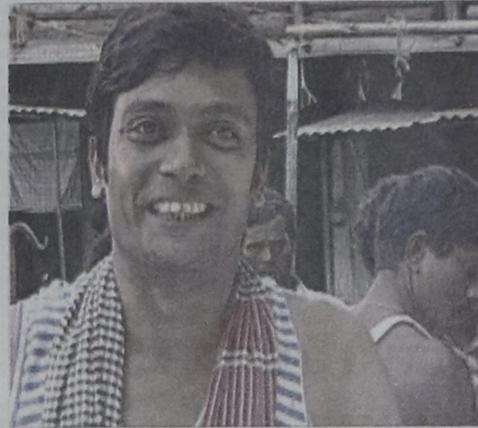
constantly fight over petty matters. On the other hand, Srabonti spends most of her time at beauty parlours. Another member of the family is Mallik's brother. He leads an idle life and romances Maya's sister Yasmin, who is a women's rights activist. On the day of *Pahela Baishakh* they overcome all their worries and their lives take a new turn.

Shahed, Sakiba, Nupur Islam, Soheli, Shyamoli, Mir Selim, Tushar, Zebunnesa, C. B. Zaman and Badshah play the various roles in the play.



Shahed and co-artist in the TV play

TV play "Ilish" on ntv



Anisur Rahman Milon in a scene from the play

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of Pahela Baishakh ntv will telecast a special single episode TV play *Ilish* on April 14 at 9:00 pm.

Written by Arif Hossain and directed by Bikram Khan the play focuses on the plight of a poverty stricken community. The central character in the play is Manik, a day labourer. He has an old grandmother whom he loves very much. One day his grandmother calls him and tells him to bring home a wife, as she wants to see her grand daughter in law before she dies.

To fulfil her wish Manik brings home a wife. Everything was going fine. The story starts to unfold when after becoming pregnant his wife has a craving for Hilsa Fish (*Ilish Machh*). Manik goes to the market but can't manage to buy one as the price of Hilsa is well beyond his reach. Determined to fulfill his beloved wife's wish for the delicacy, Manik goes to the sea with the local fishermen to catch Hilsa.

Anisur Rahman Milon, Jayanta Chatyopadhyay, Joy Raj and Maya Ghosh play the central characters in the play.

Saris with a floral flare

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Just as other artists use canvas to paint over, Nahida Sharmeen uses saris to paint on. Her collection of Baishakhi saris -- worked on with paints, block and embroidery -- are now on display at Shilpangan. These are displayed along with three-piece sets for women in various colours and designs, and also "fatuous".

Sharmeen's interest in clothes grew from seeing her mother design and embroider the children's clothing in the home. She was taught to note the changes in colour of the sky at sunset, during autumn and observe the variations of the leaves and petals in the garden. "I even appreciated the colours of the dead and dried stalks

and leaves," says Sharmeen. She learnt to stitch herself and make delightful sets of clothes for herself and her friends who requested her to make clothes for them too.

She ultimately grew up to study Fine Arts, loving to draw and colour as a little girl. She put its use in steady sale of painted and embroidered garments so as to increase the family income. "I always wanted to paint something beautiful and different," says Sharmeen. "What fascinates most is nature and I try to put my observations of it in my work, including the motifs on the saris," she says.

Her first exhibition was in 1998 in Chittagong. It being a success, she went ahead to have many more in Dhaka at Chitrag and Chittagong Shilpakala Academy, during Eid and other such festive occasions.



A buyer selecting sarees at Shilpangan

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

On Air

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

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, 11:00pm

BTV

08:20 Shuprobhat
08:45 Bishwa Bichitra
11:15 Documentary Programme: Swadeshv Desher Gaan
11:30 Gaaner Jhama Tolay
12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
01:00 Drama
02:15 Educational Programme Shilpa Prangan
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Amader Ranna
03:50 Third ODI Bangladesh vs Pakistan Live

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aiker Shanbadpotro
08:30 Drama Serial: Ochin Pakhi
09:15 Top Spin: Special Talk Show on BAN-PAK Cricket Series
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
11:05 Drama: Kuddus Alir Pratibad Prapok
12:15 Khelar Jogol
01:30 Take Care
02:30 Special Concert
05:10 Kaler Jatra Dhoni
05:45 Tal Patar Pakha
06:20 Three Slogoes
08:00 Drama Serial: Alonogor
08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Banir Bou
09:20 Drama Serial: Orehid
11:30 Special Programme on Chaitra Sangkranti

CHANNEL-i

08:05 Tagore Song
08:30 Shokaaler Gaan
09:30 Shangbadpotro Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Gramsephone Trilomatra
11:05 Apollo Tele Prescription
11:30 Agricultural Programme: Hridoye Mati O Manush
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Sa Re Ga Ma

02:35 Ekattor er Dinguli
03:30 BBC Bangladesh Shonglaap
04:40 Hridoyer Gaan
05:30 Mukhti Judho Amar Ohonkaar
06:00 Ward Basanter Gaan (1st episode)
06:30 South Asian Music
07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum
08:20 Drama Serial: Noukadubi

09:35 Special Programme
10:00 Drama Serial: Ochena Nesel Kontho
11:30 Ward Basanter Gaan (2nd episode)
12:00 Gramsephone Aiker Shangbadpotro
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08:30 Aiker Shokal
08:55 Bangla Feature Film

12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:10 Swapnojal
03:30 Drama: Ojotha
04:25 Drama Serial: 111 A Nelson Number
05:30 Apnar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondha

06:45 Joto Modhur Bhul Guli
08:15 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob Janey
09:00 Crime Watch
09:45 Drama Serial: Dhaka Nibash
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
ETV
08:30 Special Ekusher Shokal
09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000
Ekusher Business
12:00 Special Ekusher Dupur
12:30 Ekusher Business: Special Focus
01:30 Ekusher Business: Shaphol Jara
02:20 Feature Film
05:30 Ekusher Bishesh
05:45 Special Ekusher Shondhya
06:15 SMS Mania
06:30 Dash Jurey
08:15 Special episode of Tini
09:30 Concert
10:00 Ekusher Shomoy
11:40 Ekusher Jatrothoey
12:00 Phono Live Studio Concert

08:40 Shubrohaat Bangladesh
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Biswa Jurey Saal Din
03:30 Drama Serial: Ochena Apon
04:00 Tal Shebika
04:30 Cookery Show: Shomoyer Swad
05:15 Shamprotik
06:00 Sajbela
07:00 Shondhikhoney
08:15 Drama Serial: Ochena Apon
09:00 Shomoyer Aynar Rajniti
09:30 Cine Tune
11:00 Musical Programme: Gaaney Gaaney Bohudur Swadhinota Concert

STAR MOVIES
10:45 Casino Royale
01:10 Eight Below
03:10 Die Hard
05:20 Sky High
07:00 Step Up!
08:45 Dale Movie
10:05 Ild Orchid
11:45 Blood Monk
STAR WORLD
10:00 Smallville
01:00 Friends
01:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
03:30 Table For Three
03:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
05:30 Love You To Death
06:00 Travel Asia
06:30 Ugly Betty
07:30 For Better Or For Worse
08:30 Life
09:30 Grey's Anatomy
10:30 Criminal Minds
11:30 J.A.G.

HBO
11:30 RV
01:30 Nahny McPhee
03:30 Failure To Launch
05:30 Sinking Distance
07:30 Monster House
09:30 Harry Potter And The Sorcerer's Stone
AXN
12:00 Whacked Out Sports
12:30 Csi: Crime Scene Investigation
01:30 Dante's Peak
03:30 Sports Disasters 4
04:30 Fear Factor

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
11:15 Sauna Belt
11:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius
12:00 Magical Andes
12:30 World Cyber Games
01:30 Robo Humans
02:30 Mystery of the Wolf
03:30 Dubai's Palm Island
04:30 Chimp Diaries
05:00 Madrid
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Blue Whales
06:30 Colosseum
07:30 Raptor Force
08:30 Short Circuit
11:30 Human Ape



Amar Bou Shob Janey
On ntv at 8:15 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Tarana Halim, Humayun Faridde



Grey's Anatomy
On Star World at 9:30 pm
TV Series
Cast: Ellen Pompeo, Sandra Oh