

Rangamati Charukala Academy

Providing much-needed art education to children in the hill district



Rati Kanta Tangchangya (right) with the late S.M. Sultan.

and secondary level schools. However, enthusiastic college students have also been admitted.

To expand the institution and create more classrooms for the students, CHT Development Board constructed a three-storied building. The Academy imparts training in painting, songs and dances, while instrumental recitals are a common feature.

On the personal front, Tangchangya has received several honours from various socio-cultural organisations and government departments for his contribution to the society.

At first, he opened the doors of the Academy free of cost. Now he charges a meagre monthly fee of Taka 100 from each student to cope with management expenses. Some 13 teachers are teaching on the basis of a monthly honorarium of Taka 700 to 1500.

The teachers at the Academy

see their mission as a commitment rather than a job. "Our reward is to provide our services to a group of cheerful kids. Also it helps to know that through our work, these young ones would grow up in a creative and stimulating environment," said Rezaul Karim, a teacher.

There has been many an obstacle to surmount. As Tangchangya asserted to *The Daily Star* correspondent, "Many students used to go home frustrated as they could not get admission in the Academy due to lack of accommodation." He, however, said that huge government support was necessary to meet the growing demand of admission seekers.

He also added that with advancing years it has become difficult to continue in his present capacity. "I have the plan to hand over charge of the Academy to an honest, dedicated and active person."

Stevie Wonder to receive Gershwin Prize

Stevie Wonder is already one of the most decorated artists in pop music history, a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer with 25 Grammy Awards, the Kennedy Center Honours, an Oscar and multiple lifetime achievement awards among his many accolades.

Now, the Motown legend will need to carve out a little more space in his crowded awards room: The Library of Congress recently named Wonder the winner of its second Gershwin Prize for Popular Song.

Wonder will receive the award in the library's Great Hall on February 23. The soul singer, composer and multi-instrumentalist has been commissioned by the library to write a song for the celebration.

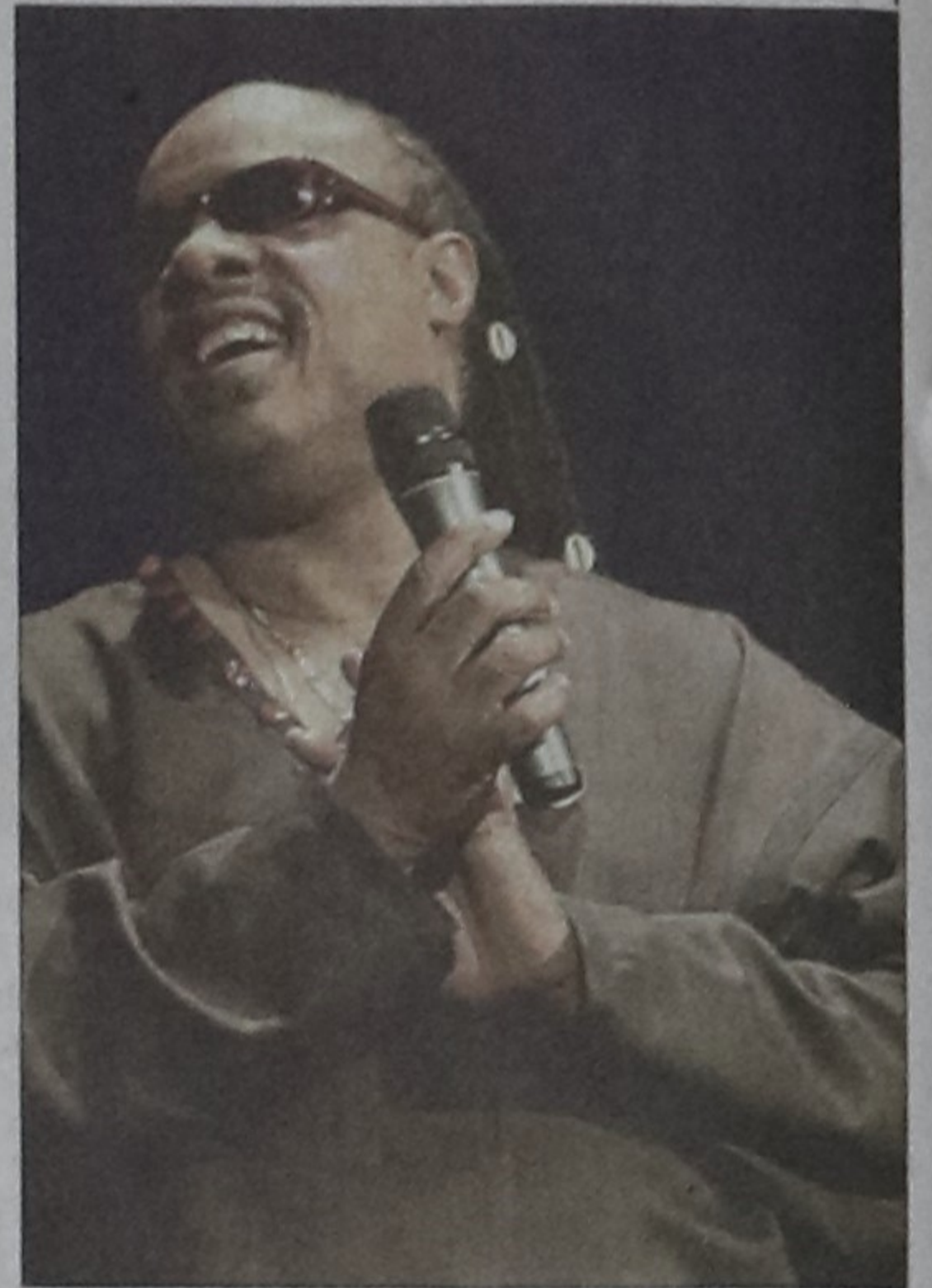
"The Gershwin Prize was created to honour an artist whose creative output transcends distinctions between musical styles and idioms, bringing diverse listeners together, and fostering mutual understanding and appreciation," James H. Billington, the Librarian of Congress, said in a statement. "Stevie Wonder's music epitomises this ideal."

Said Wonder: "I am touched to receive this honour." Named in honour of George and Ira Gershwin, the Gershwin Prize was established last year to honour an American composer or performer, making it the pop music corollary to the Mark Twain Prize for American Humour.

Paul Simon received the inaugural prize, with Wonder among those performing Simon's songs at the gala concert.

Wonder's own work has been recognised by the Library of Congress before: Three years ago, his 1976 double album, "Songs in the Key of Life," was added to the National Recording Registry, which notes recorded works that are "culturally, historically or aesthetically important, and/or inform or reflect life in the United States."

Wonder, who is 58, was born Steveland Judkins in Saginaw, Michigan. He has been on the Motown Records roster since he was 12, writing and recording dozens of hits for his Hitsville label mates ("The Tears



of a Clown" for Smokey Robinson and the Miracles) and, especially, for himself, including "Living for the City," "Superstition," "Higher Ground" and "You Are the Sunshine of My Life."

Source: Internet

Georgia museum director fled to save Stalin items

The director of the Stalin Museum, in Gori, Georgia, says he saved items from the museum by fleeing to the capital, Tbilisi, during the Russian bombing of his country last month, Reuters reported.

"Thank God, they didn't bomb the museum, but there was no guarantee," Robert Maglakelidze,

the director, told Reuters. "We said, 'Let's preserve these things for future generations.' These personal things can't be replaced." Maglakelidze said he loaded his car with some 50 items -- including Stalin's military greatcoat, pen, glasses, sword and pipe -- for the trip from Gori, Stalin's birthplace.

In addition to portraits of Stalin, the museum, which opened in 1959, includes the house in which he was born, in 1879, on its grounds. The museum was not significantly damaged in the bombings and is expected to reopen soon.

Source: The New York Times

Convict offers to be an artwork

A convict on death row in Texas has agreed to let his body be made into a work of art if his final appeal fails, *The Guardian* of London reported.

Gene Hathorn, who was convicted of killing his father, stepmother and stepbrother in 1985, has given his consent for the

Danish artist Marco Evaristti to use his body as an art installation.

Evaristti said he hoped the piece would contribute to a wider project against capital punishment. He told *The Art Newspaper*: "My aim is to first deep freeze Gene's body and then make fish

food out of it. Visitors to my exhibition will be able to feed goldfish with it." Evaristti said lawyers in the United States doubted whether Hathorn's testament, which bequeaths his body to Evaristti, would be valid.

Source: Internet

Rangamati Charukala Academy

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

With will, hard work, dedication and perseverance, each of us can make a contribution to society and the nation. This is exemplified by Rati Kanta Tangchangya, 66, of village Boradam under Bilaichhari upazila in Rangamati. What sets Tangchangya apart from others is his single-mindedness in working amidst the small children the last 28 years to create an enlightened new generation through his art school in Rangamati town.

The reclusive Tangchangya is the principal of an art school called Rangamati Charukala Academy. Along the way he has

weathered many a storm: His home and land went under the waters of the Kaptai lake during the damming of Kaptai Hydroelectric Power Plant in the 1960s.

After that he settled at Balaghata in Bandarban where his wife died in 1968. Then he came to Rangamati and decided to engage himself in philanthropic work. On his return to Rangamati, Tangchangya founded the art school on a 10 decimal piece of land at Kathatali Moitre Bihar area in 1979. The then Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Shafiqul Islam, leased him the land to construct a permanent institution.

At first, he managed to attract

only a few students. Gradually the number has swelled to 350 students. The Academy has great goodwill among the community. And with reason: students have so far bagged a total of 1,000 prizes, at divisional, national and international levels of exhibitions and competitions over the last 26 years.

Many eminent artists and poets, including internationally acclaimed S.M. Sultan, Kanak Chanpa and Murtaza Bashir have visited the school and were impressed to see this crusading initiative and art works in a place so far from the hubbub of big cities like Dhaka and Chittagong.

The Academy admits students mostly from the primary

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

On Air

<p>CHANNEL-i</p> <p>08:30 Shokaaler Gaan 09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh 09:45 Public Reaction 09:50 Talk Show: Grameenphone Tritiomatra 11:05 Selected Programme 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma 02:35 Special Programme 03:05 Agricultural Programme: Hridoye Mali O Manush 04:05 Shilpa O Shangsukti 05:15 Muktiudho Protidin 05:35 Kaafela 06:25 Pushti Monohaar Iftar 07:50 Mon Poboner Nao 08:20 Drama Serial: Chhayabari 09:35 Drama Serial: Doink Tolpaar 10:00 Travel Show: RC Travel On 11:30 Musical Programme: Citycell Sa 2 Sa 12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpotro</p> <p>ntv</p> <p>08:30 Aker Shokaal 08:55 Drama Serial: Eit Kather Khacha 10:30 Drama 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy 01:05 Cartoon 02:35 Drama Serial: Eit Kaacher Khancha 03:20 Drama Serial: Teen Purush 03:50 Drama Serial: Neer 05:25 Islamic Programme: Hridoye Ramjan 06:25 Apnaar Jigyasha 06:45 Musical Programme: Amaro Gaitey Ichhey Holo 08:15 Drama Serial: House Full 09:00 Glamour World 09:45 Drama Serial: Brishir Jonyo 11:35 Musical Programme: Music Jam</p> <p>BANGLAVISION</p> <p>08:30 Drama Serial: Swapnochura 09:00 Media Bhubon 09:30 Raat Biratey 10:10 Agamir Kontho 11:35 Musical Programme: Nana Rang-er Dinguli 12:30 Health Show: Home Care 02:00 Cinebit Shadakalo 02:30 Cookery Show: Confidence Salt 03:05 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue 04:20 Top Story</p>	<p>06:05 Eid-er Haoya 06:40 Citycell Din-er Sheshey 06:50 Eid-er Haoya 08:25 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jal 09:05 X Crime 09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue 11:25 Musical Programme: Bengal Music Unplugged 12:00 Shanbad Protidin</p> <p>CHANNEL 1</p> <p>10:30s Bangla Feature Film 02:00 Music Wagon 03:30 Char Bioscope</p> <p>03:35 Bhalobasha Jodi Bolo 05:00 Kishore Mon-er Bhabna 05:30 Hridoye Romjan 08:00 Music Time 09:05 Drama: Bhoi 10:05 Musical Programme: Prio Shilpi Shera Gaan</p> <p>HBO</p> <p>10:45 Earthstorm 12:30 Longford 02:30 Fire Serpent 04:30 The Making Of Over The Hedge 05:15 Philadelphia 07:45 Zoom</p>	<p>STAR WORLD</p> <p>08:30 Seinfeld 09:00 Friends 09:30 That '70s Show 10:00 Hope And Faith 10:30 Koffee With Karan 11:30 America's Got Talent 12:30 Bones 01:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live 02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show 03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 04:00 General Hospital 05:00 Koffee With Karan 06:00 Life As We Know It</p> <p>10:30 Telemal- Sauna Belt 11:30 Assault On The Megaherd 12:30 World's Deadliest Animals 01:30 Grassland 02:30 Costa Rica 03:30 Mega Factories 04:30 Cambodia Pit Vipers 05:00 I Didn't Know That 05:30 Lizard Kings 06:00 Big Bang 06:30 I Didn't Know That 07:00 What Would Happen If 07:30 Built for the Kill 08:30 Monster Moves 09:30 Mega Factories</p> <p>12:30 David Copperfield 01:30 Investigating History 02:30 Human Weapon 03:30 The Doors 04:30 Corn 05:30 Alpha Romeo 06:30 David Copperfield 07:30 Digging For The Truth 08:30 Fast Food Tech 09:30 The Doors 10:30 Human Weapon 12:30 Bataan Death Camp</p> <p>ZEE STUDIO</p> <p>10:45 Man Of The House</p>
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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, 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, 10:00pm, 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 7:00pm, and 10:30pm.

ntv
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

Amader Nurul Huda
On ATN Bangla at 9:20 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Humayun Faridee, Afzal Hossain

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

Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Masti Unlimited
01:00pm Today's Adda
04:00pm U-tun
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok Moments
12:00am Today's Happy Grooves
02:00am Back to Back

WEEK TWENTY EIGHT: NO ESCAPE

28 WEEKS LATER

On Star Movies at 8:50 pm
Genre: Horror/Sci-fi
Cast: Robert Carlyle, Catherine McCormack

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

08:30 Grassland
09:30 World's Deadliest Animals

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

10:30 BMW Coupe
11:30 Eye Max
11:45 Dent King

10:30 China Circus
11:30 Mega Factories

12:45 When A Man Loves A Woman
03:30 The Waterboy
05:30 Charlie Chaplin
06:00 Batman Returns
08:45 101 Dalmatians
11:00 Con Air