

## Nationwide celebration of Udichi's 40th anniversary

### Vow to fight aggression on cultural activities



A scene from 'Abiram Jatra'.

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Udichi Shilpi Goshthi, an organisation that considers cultural revolution to be the decisive factor in social change, celebrated its 40th anniversary on October 29 at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Founded by writer-journalist and political activist Satyen Sen, Udichi formally started its journey in 1968. The root of the organisation traces back to the mass upsurge against an autocracy. Throughout the decades, Udichi always has been a part of the major political and cultural movements.

Tebhaga Movement veteran, Kamakhya Roy Chowdhury, inaugurated the event by lighting 40 candles at National Theatre Stage premises. President of Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Goshthi, Jatun Sarkar, hoisted the organisation's flag while artists of the organisation rendered the National Anthem and the anthem of the organisation.

With the slogan "Banchabo Amar Desh, Jabena Ta Shotur Dokholey," (we'll protect our country, won't let enemies take over), the anniversary programme included a reunion of the current and former members and well-wishers of the organisation, discussion, documentary

screening, music, drama and recitation. On the occasion, artists Pradip Ghosh, Shakti Noman, Zahid Mustafa and Anwar Hossain presented four artworks on the theme of the organisation's commitment to cultural practices. The paintings were done at the event.

Eminent personalities Hayat Mamud (former president of Udichi), Nasiruddin Yousuff and M. Hamid were present at the inauguration. A documentary featuring the history and activities of the organisation was screened after the inauguration. The documentary addressed the heinous grenade attack on the artists of Udichi in 1999. In the discussion that followed, CPB president Manzurul Ahsan Khan, former general secretary of Udichi, Rezaul Karim Siddiqui, general secretary of the first central committee of Udichi, Golam Mohammad Idu and Udichi's current general secretary Mahmud Selim spoke on the organisation's contribution to our cultural arena.

A vow to fight the present rise of fundamentalism and aggression on arts in the country as reflected by the destruc-

tion of the baul sculptures recently, was also expressed in the speeches.

"Through ongoing cultural activities, people try to uphold their heritage that speaks of humanity. It is the responsibility of every cultural activist to speak out against any attempt to damage this heritage," said Jatun Sarkar in his speech.

Designer of Udichi's flag, artist Anwar Hossain and the logo designer late Amin Hossain were also honoured at the event.

The cultural programme began with a performance by Wrisht Shilpi Goshthi. Artists of Wrisht inspired the enthusiastic audience with their popular ganosangeet titled "Rakto diye kinlam Bangla" and "Bhoy ki moroney." Udichi then staged their musical play "Jatra Abiram," a vibrant performance featuring songs, recitation, acting and video clips depicting the views and activities of the organisation. "Jatra Abiram" has been written by Mahmud Selim and directed by Amit Ranjan Dey and Ratan Deb. Cultural organisation Kranti also performed at the event. Udichi's Narayanganj branch presented Lalon songs.



Artists of Udichi perform at the programme.

## Jhenidah

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Jessore Udichi unit has organised a five-day programme on the occasion of the organisation's 40th anniversary. On Wednesday morning Udichi members placed wreaths on the Shaheed Minar. Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Jessor, Nepur Ahmed, inaugurated the ceremony.

Wednesday's programme included discussion, poetry recitation, dance, "geetnaksha," and a play "Guptabidya" at the BD hall.

According to Jessore Udichi secretary Sukumar Das, yesterday's programme included "Biralantana" staged by Bagerhat Rudra Natyadal, "Juddho Shadhinota" by Narail Chitra Theatre, and "Phool-er Biye" by Magura Udichi.

Today Khirna Udichi will stage "Chauvasta," Chuadanga Darshana Anirban Theater will stage "Bee," Jessore Hallabai will stage "Shekor," and Jessore Udichi will stage "Jodi Amra Shobai."



Artists of Jessore Udichi perform at the anniversary programme.

## Dinajpur

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Dinajpur unit of Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Goshthi kicked off a two day long celebration programme on the occasion of the organisation's 40th anniversary with discussion, procession and plays.

The programme began at Dinajpur Natya Samity Auditorium on Wednesday night. Md. Abdul Kalam Azad, local cultural personality and chief adviser of Dinajpur Udichi unit inaugurated the programme.

Md. Azizul Imam Chowdhury, president of Dinajpur Udichi unit, attended the discussion as chief guest. Dr. Masudul Haque, professor of Dinajpur Government College; Sunil Kumar Majumdar, Advocate Liaquat Ali; Mirza Anwarul Islam Tanu, convener of Dinajpur Samillito Sangskritik Jote and vice-president of Dinajpur Udichi unit and Md. Azadullah Sarkar, joint general secretary of Dinajpur Udichi unit were special guests.

The recent surge of assault on the arts and cultural practices was the highlight of the discussion. Speakers urged the government to take a definitive stance against this aggression.

They also criticised Dinajpur Deputy Commissioner's stance as he declined to let Dinajpur Udichi bring out a procession on its anniversary. Speakers also urged the caretaker government to restore the "baul sculpture" in front of the Zia International Airport.



Performance by the artists of Udichi's Dinajpur Branch.

Udichi started its journey in 1968 and now has around 300 branches across the country.

A cultural programme featuring performances by artists of Dinajpur Udichi unit followed the discussion.

The programme started with a choral rendition of an 'adhunik' song. Anna Adhikary sang a Lalon Geeti, Laxmi Kanta Roy rendered "Ki korey bolibo ami," a song popularised by Sabina Yasmin. Shikriti Das sang "Amar du chokh bhora shapno." Pallab and his troupe performed three dance compositions.

The first day's programme ended with a play featuring the shutting down of Adamjee Jute Mill, rendering thousands of workers jobless.

## Artist Tarun Ghosh goes solo, finally

SHARIEF KHAN

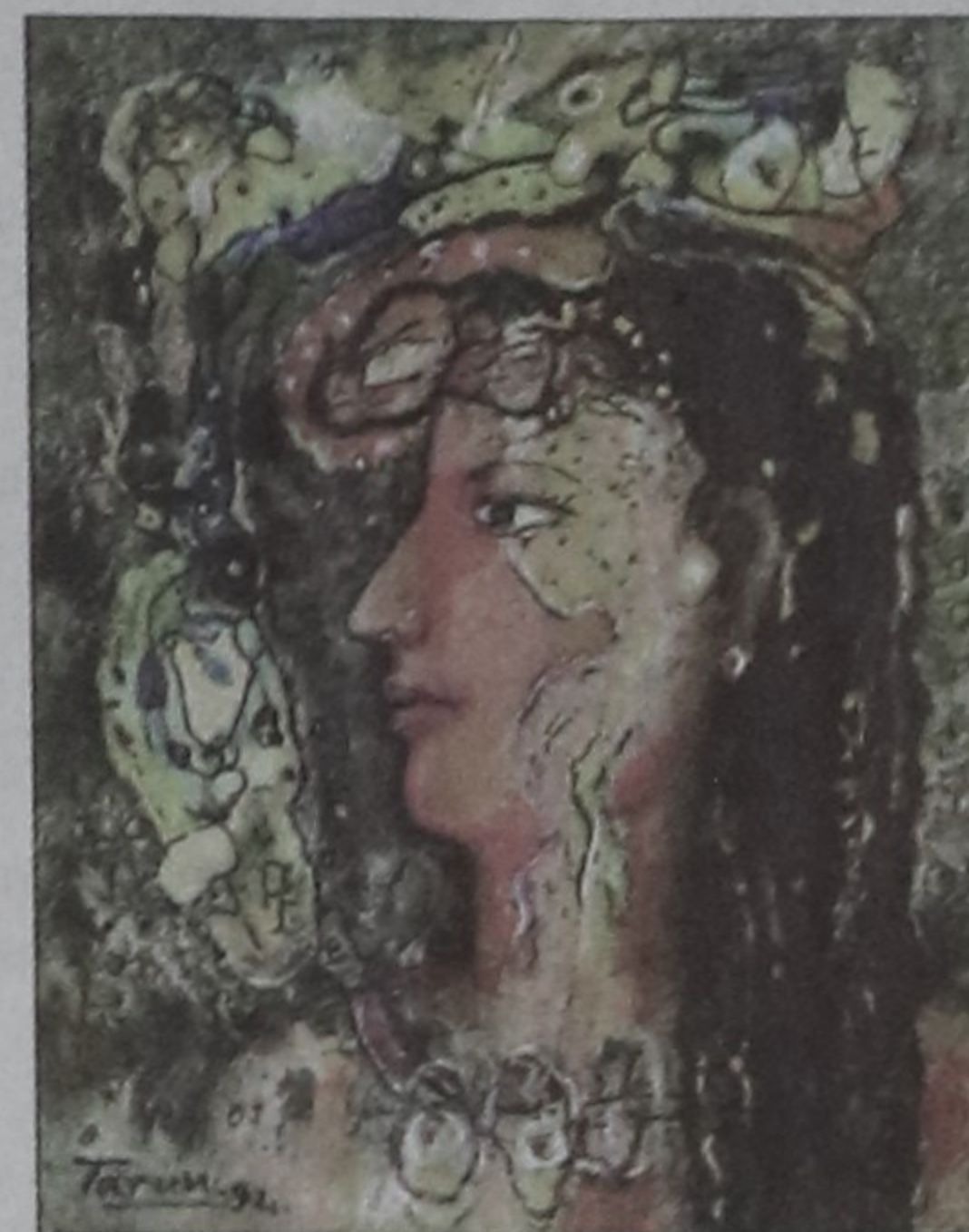
Who would believe that a national award-winning artist like Tarun Ghosh has never had a solo exhibition in his career spanning 35 years? And it probably would not have happened, if the modest Tarun's artist friends Goutam Chakraborty and Kazi Rakib had not pushed him to shed off his reluctance.

Art connoisseurs behold, Tarun is finally holding his solo exhibition at Galleri Kaya (House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara), starting today.

Titled "Myth, Memory and Motherland," the exhibition showcases five sculptures made of stone, wood and metal, 10 large paintings and 87 other paintings. Tarun completed these between 1973 and 2008, using oil, acrylic, ink, gouache, watercolour and mixed media.

"I didn't hold a solo exhibition before because I was not satisfied with my past series of artworks. I always wanted to hold my exhibition with a series of works," Tarun says. Though this exhibition does not exclusively focus on a single series, visitors will see a number of his works on the series of Behula myth and the Liberation War.

"From the beginning of my career till 1989, I have painted a series on the Liberation War on 6 ft x 8 ft canvases. I made some 60 to 70 paintings. Then I



Artwork on display.

worked on another 100 or so paintings -- part of a series on the mythical character 'Behula,' he recalls.

After these, Tarun turned to painting birds, portraits, various aspects of nature and his personal feelings.

"Many of these works have been sold out and taken to places I don't know of (and therefore these works could not be included in the exhibit). Some series are no longer intact," he says.

Tarun's exhibition will be inaugurated by the Ambassador of Denmark, Einar H Jensen at the Galleri Kaya premises this evening. Among others, eminent artist Monirul Islam is set to attend the inaugural.

One of the first students to enroll in the College of Arts (now the Faculty of Arts, Dhaka University) after the country's independence, Tarun was inspired to follow a new direction in art. He exhibited his first works in 1974 at the Art College Gallery. By 1977, he finished Art College. After working at the Rajshahi Art College as a teacher for a few years, he went to the MS University in Baroda, India in 1982 to obtain his masters degree. Tarun won the best prize at the National Art Exhibition in 1996 and a Gold Medal at the seventh Asian Art Biennial, 1997.

The exhibition at Galleri Kaya will end on November 14.

## Altaf Mahmud remembered

JAMIL MAHMUD

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged a discussion and cultural programme at its Music and Dance Centre on October 29 in memory of the martyred music composer Altaf Mahmud. Renowned singer Syed Abdul Hadi and noted theatre personality Nasiruddin Yousuff -- both of whom worked with Altaf Mahmud -- rem-

inisced on his life and works at the programme. "Altaf Mahmud inspired Bengali nationalism through his compositions," said Nasiruddin Yousuff.

In his speech, chief guest Syed Abdul Hadi said, "Altaf Mahmud popularised gono-sangeet along with few other artists." Sunil Chandra Das, director, Music and Dance Centre, BSA gave the welcome speech, while Bhuiyan Shafiqul Islam, director general, BSA, presided over the programme.

At the cultural programme, artists of BSA rendered several songs composed by Mahmud. The

programme started with a group rendition of "Aamar bhai-er roktey rangano." Though the song was first composed by the late Abdul Latif, Altaf Mahmud re-composed the song which became popular.

Students of Altaf Mahmud Sangeet Bidya Niketan performed "Ghumer deshey ghum bhagatay" and "Aami ek Spartacus." Biplob Sarkar and Maliha Matin rendered a duet, "Ogo sundari." Theatre personality Shimul Yousuff also rendered songs at the programme.

Altaf Mahmud was born in Patarchar village, Barisal. He studied at BM College before he went to Calcutta to study painting at Calcutta Arts School.

In 1950, Mahmud came to Dhaka and joined Dhumketu Shilpi Shingho. During the '50s, he sang gono-sangeet to inspire the activists of the Language Movement. During the Liberation War, Mahmud assisted the freedom fighters actively and was arrested by the Pakistani army on August 30, 1971.

Altaf Mahmud was awarded the Ekushey Padak (posthumous) in 1977.



Students sing at the event.

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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

**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.  
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).  
**CHANNEL-4**  
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, 11pm. News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.  
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 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 8:00 pm.  
**Rtv**  
News (Bangla) at 7:00 pm, and 10:30 pm.

**BTB**  
08:20 Shuprobhaat  
08:45 Ei Shoplader Bangladesh  
09:05 Sisimpur  
10:05 Selected Programme  
10:30 Ei Pritibi  
10:55 Jantey Chai Janatey Chai  
11:20 Haldey Pakhir Palok  
11:45 Anushilon  
12:10 Mati O Manush  
01:25 Islamic Programme  
03:15 Bangla Feature Film  
06:30 Apnaar Doctor  
07:30 Din Bodoler Din  
08:40 Selected Programme  
09:00 Ilyadi  
10:30 Selected Programme

**ATN BANGLA**  
08:15 Aiker Shanbadpotro  
08:30 Talk Show: Onyodishti  
09:20 Education Programme: BSB  
Cambrian Education Zone  
10:15 Selected Programme  
10:30 Islamic Programme: Jibon  
Jigyasha  
03:15 Bangla Feature Film  
05:00 Gram Gonjor Khobor  
06:25 Amra Korbo Joy  
08:00 Special Programme on 400 years of Dhaka  
09:20 Drama Serial: Amader Nunul Huda  
10:40 Bibek-er Kachhey Proshno  
11:30 Daily Soap: Dol's House  
12:05 Grameenphone Lead News  
**CHANNEL 1**  
08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan  
09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Grameenphone Tritomatra  
10:30 Grameenphone Teleshomoy  
11:30 Islamic Programme: Islam Ki Boley  
12:05 Talk Show: Kora Alap  
12:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
01:30 Grameenphone Tritomatray  
02:35 Selected Programme  
04:05 Special Programme  
05:30 Mutujudhyo Proidin  
06:00 Aloye Bhuvan Bhora  
07:50 Musical Programme: Meridian

**ntv**  
08:30 Aiker Shokaal  
08:55 Ei Khaney Amar Desh  
09:30 Concert for Children  
10:30 Apnar Jigyasha  
11:30 Musical Programme: Amar O Gaitey Ichhchhey Holo  
12:10 Music Jam  
01:05 Chetonaeye Islam  
01:25 Islamic Programme: Darse  
01:55 Hadish  
02:30 Tele-film  
04:25 Cookery Show

11:30 Washington Barla  
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
**ETV**  
09:30 Selected Programme  
10:02 Shonamoni Shukhey Oshukhey  
11:30 Job Line  
12:00 Ekusher Dupur  
12:30 Ekusher Chokh  
01:20 Dhum Tana  
02:15 Bangla Feature Film  
05:30 Sports Plus  
06:30 Mukto Khobor  
07:45 Binodoner Bishwa

**BANGLAVISION**  
08:30 Agricultural Programme: Shamol Bangla  
09:00 Nodi O Jibon  
09:30 Ebong Class-er Bairey  
10:10 Health Show: Bhalo Thakun  
11:05 Housing Barla  
11:35 Career Show: Visa Apnar Agami  
12:30 Islamic Programme: Mohioshi Nari  
01:00 Selected Programme  
02:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura  
03:05 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue

09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue  
12:00 Shongbad Proidin  
**RTV**  
08:40 Griho Sholli  
09:00 Shomoyer Mokhumukhi  
09:30 Tomaar Jonyo Amar Ei Gaan  
11:03 Taroka Aalap  
11:30 Drama Serial: Naor  
12:24 Drama Serial: Ghar Shongshaar  
01:03 Proidin  
02:03 Bangla Feature Film  
06:00 Proidin  
08:00 Fashion Show

02:45 The Associate  
05:00 Making Superman: Filming The Legend  
05:45 The Amazing Panda Adventure  
07:30 Failure To Launch  
09:30 Mars Attacks!  
11:45 Aeonflux  
**STAR MOVIES**  
11:45 My Silent Partner  
01:15 Vip Access: High School Musical 3  
01:45 Edge, The  
03:40 X-Men: The Last Stand  
05:25 Butterfly On A Wheel  
07:00 Sunshine  
08:45 Whisper  
10:20 Mortuary  
11:55 Breaking And Entering  
**STAR WORLD**  
10:30 Grey's Anatomy  
11:30 Are U Smarter Than 5th Grader  
12:30 Ghost Whisperer  
01:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live  
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres  
03:30 Fashion House  
04:30 Cold Case  
05:30 Grey's Anatomy  
06:30 Friday Night Lights  
07:30 Friends  
08:00 Seinfeld  
08:30 How I Met Your Mother  
09:00 Samantha Who?  
09:30 The Simpsons  
10:00 The Simpsons  
10:30 Brood Ties  
11:30 The Unit  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL**  
11:30 Street Monkeys  
12:30 Crossing The Himalaya  
01:30 Naked Science  
02:30 Inside Afghan Heroin  
03:30 Top 30-Last Chance Journeys  
04:30 World's Deadliest Animals  
05:30 Gabon Thrump Of The Wild  
06:30 Mega Factories  
07:30 Venom Harvest  
08:00 Swimming With Sea Snakes  
08:30 Dangerous Encounters  
09:30 Most Extreme Moments  
10:30 Taboo  
11:30 Gone To Save The Planet



Bijli Moholla  
On Banglavisian at 9:05 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Nadia

09:35 Channel I Khudey Gaan Raa'08  
10:00 Drama Serial: Dolnik Tolpaar  
11:30 Drama Serial: Shongshar  
12:00 Drama Serial: Chhaya Bithi Toley  
Grameenphone Aajker Shanbadpotro

05:25 Iltashar Ei Din-ey  
05:35 Tiffin Phakey  
06:45 Cookery Show  
08:15 Drama Serial: Houseful  
09:30 Musical Programme: Closeup 1  
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08:15 Aaina Ghar  
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market  
Shabag, Dhaka 1000  
10:10 Bhaboghurey dot com  
11:40 Musical Programme: Spondon  
12:10 Phone O Live Studio Concert

04:20 Dhomo O Jibon  
05:15 Confidence Salt Amader Ranna Ghar  
05:45 Ghyell Din-er Sheshey  
06:25 Banglavisian Cafe  
08:25 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor  
09:05 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla

08:30 Hello Love  
09:00 Drama: Shomporko  
11:30 Bomey Bomey Rochito  
**HBO**  
11:00 Look Who's Talking Too  
12:30 The Tailor Of Panama



On HBO at 11:45 pm; Genre: Action/Sci-fi  
Cast: Marton Csokas, Charlize Theron