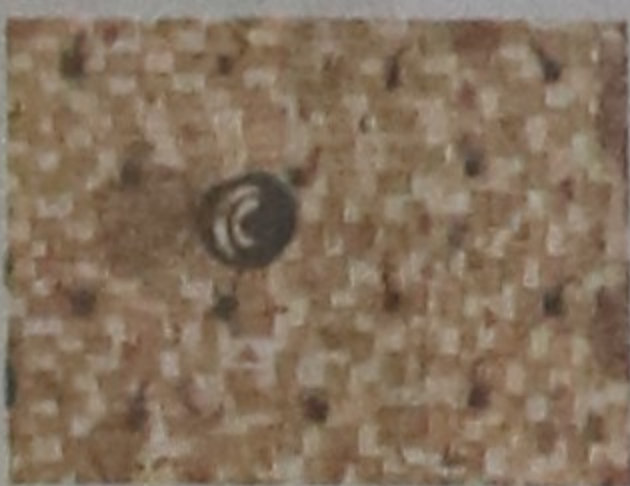


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Dhrupad Recital
Artists: S Nafeesuddin Dagar and S. Aneesuddin Dagar
Organiser: High Commission of India and Indian Council for Cultural Relations
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
February 10 at 7pm



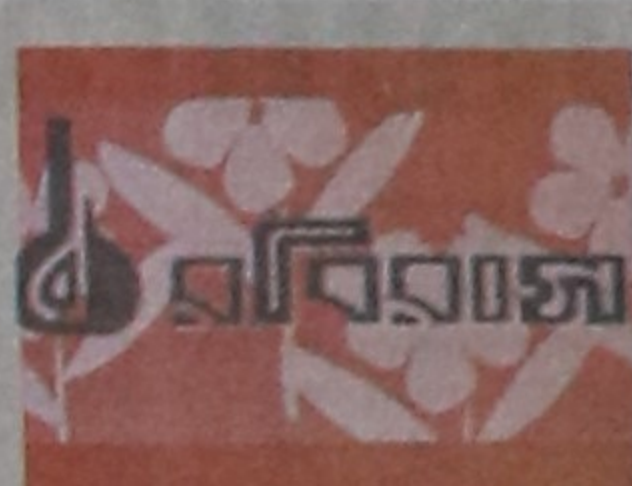
Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Palolok Dinilpi
Artist: Kalidas Kamakar
Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-275F, R-27 (old) Dhanmondi
Date: February 15-28
Time: 12pm-8pm



Book Launch
On 200th birth anniversary of Louis Braille
Books: "Chharar Taley Monty Doley" and "Chharar Mala"
Organiser: Prerana and Child Sight Foundation
Venue: National Music and Dance Centre, BSA, February 15 at 4:25pm



Musical Soiree
Title: Bhalobashar Gaan
Organiser: Rabi Raag
Venue: Natmandal, Dhaka University
Date: February 14
Time: 6:30 pm



SSJ opens 'Amar Ekushey' commemorative programmes

MAINUL HASSAN

To observe 'Amar Ekushey' (February 21), Sammilita Sanskritik Jote (SSJ) -- a platform for cultural organisations -- has launched special programmes at Central Shaheed Minar, Dhaka University campus. The event opened on February 8. National Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui inaugurated the programme.

Ramendu Majumder, president of ITI Worldwide; cultural personality and member of the parliament Asaduzzaman Noor; M Hamid, chairman, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation; Dr. MD Samad, vice president, Jatiyo Kabita Parishad; Golam Kuddus, general secretary, SSJ; Nasiruddin Yousuff, president, SSJ; Selim Shamsul Huda Chowdhury; Fakir Alamgir, convenor of the programme and Hassan Arif, member secretary of the festival were present at the inauguration.

This year, SSJ is holding special programmes at two venues -- Central Shaheed Minar, Dhaka University campus (February 8-18) and Rabindra Sarobar, Dhanmondi (February 19-21) -- as part of the 'Ekushey' commemoration. The event aims at generating social awareness through cultural activities. Slogan of this year's programme is "Ekushey Prerona Aushmprodaik Chetona."

SSJ has been holding



At the discussion, speakers urged to ensure the use of Bangla in every sphere of life.



Members of Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad sing at the programme.

programmes to mark 'Amar Ekushey' since 1982. The programme on February 8 started with placing wreaths at the Shaheed Minar. Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, accompanied by SSJ leaders and other noted personalities, placed a wreath at the alter of Shaheed Minar. Artistes of Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad, Dhaka unit, rendered the National Anthem.

A one-minute silence was observed in memory of the Language Movement martyrs. Members of Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad rendered the ever-familiar 'Ekushey' song, "Amar bhai-er rokter rangano." Ashrafur Alam recited "Amakey ki maljo debe dao," a poem by Nirmalendu Goon.

At the discussion, speakers urged introducing Bangla to

children on a mass level and ensuring use of Bangla in every sphere of life.

Ramendu Majumder said, "In a recent survey it has been noticed that a large percentage of school-going children above class 5 aren't as skilled in Bangla, as they are in English. This is an alarming trend and should be addressed right away."

Golam Kuddus said, "Bangla remains our national

language officially, but quite often, at government institutions, Bangla is not given priority when it comes to official work. This is unfortunate."

Kuddus appealed to the government to take immediate steps to ensure the use of Bangla at all levels of government institutions.

The issue of trial of the war criminals was also discussed at the event.

Nasiruddin Yousuff, president, SSJ, presided over the programme.

The first day's cultural programme started with a dance performance by Sukanya Nrittyangan. The performance was choreographed by Sultana Haider.

Artistes of Dhrubotan presented group renditions. A group recitation was presented by Baikantha Abritti Academy.

The programme ended with the staging of a street play "Naramedh" by Shubachan Natya Sangsad.

Ojanar Shandhaney Rabindra Sangeet by Himadri Shekhar and Lily Islam

A duet album of Rabindra Sangeet titled "Ojanar Shandhaney" -- featuring artistes Himadri Shekhar and Lily Islam -- was launched at Natmandal, Dhaka University on February 7, says a press release. Noted media personality Atiqul Haque Chowdhury unveiled the cover of the album. Among others, AKM Arifur Rahman, chairman and Mazharul Islam, managing director, of Laser Vision were present.

Atiqul Haque Chowdhury lauded the artiste duo for their effort to popularise Rabindra Sangeet.

At present both Himadri and Lily teach at the Shanto-



The duo perform songs after the album launch.

Mariam University of Creative Technology. In the album the artistes have presented popular Tagore songs "Akash

bhora," "Phuley phuley," "Shedin dujoney," and more. The album is produced and distributed by Laser Vision.

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ATN BANGLA
08:15 Ajker Shanbadpotro
08:30 Showa Paanch Arai Lane
09:15 Vision 2020
10:30 Talk Show: Hello Bangladesh
11:05 Amar Ekushey Boimela
12:15 Musical Programme: Shomali Shadakalo
01:25 ATN Music
02:30 Health Show: Jotoney Ratan
03:15 News (Bangla): Chokhkhui Nai
03:45 Children's Programme: Openly Bioscope
04:20 Agricultural Programme: Shomali Din
05:10 Ononya
05:35 Obiraam Bangladesh
06:20 Talk Show: Kathamala
06:45 Projomno Katha
08:00 Drama Serial: Baksho
08:40 Drama Serial: Hetmundu Urdhopaad
09:20 Drama Serial: Joyotsnakaal
11:30 Drama Serial: Choto Choto Koshto
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL 1
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tintio Matra
11:05 BBC Bangladesh Shangleap
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Hindoyer Gaan
03:05 I Sports
03:30 Boi Ebong Boi
04:05 Saangeetmala
04:30 Boimela Protidin
05:30 Shoamoeki
06:00 Talk Show: Khola Akash
06:30 Business Show
07:50 Musical Programme: Meridian Channel i Khudey Gaan Raaj'08
09:35 Drama Serial: Central Mental Hospital
10:00 Western Union Probashi
11:30 First Minister

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-1
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 a.m, 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, 7:30pm, 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): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
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
abc radio
News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am

BANGLAVISION
05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha
06:10 Shubho Shondha
06:45 Frankly Speaking
08:15 Drama Serial: Eit Kaath-er Kacha
09:45 Drama Serial: Palolik Mon
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
BANGLAVISION
08:00 Shubho Shokaal
08:30 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla
09:00 Drama Serial: Swapnochura
10:10 Khelaar Bhubon
10:40 Amar Ami
11:35 Apnaar Agami
12:30 Bikel Bela Boi Mela
02:40 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney
03:20 Drama Serial: Jog Phol
04:10 Protidin-er Boimela
05:20 X Crime

BBC WORLD NEWS
08:00 BBC World News
08:30 Asia Business Report
08:45 Asia Today (r)
09:00 World News Today
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 HARDtalk
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
12:00 BBC World News
12:30 World Business Report
01:00 BBC World News
01:30 World Business Report
01:45 Sport Today
02:00 BBC World News
02:30 World Business Report
02:45 Sport Today
03:00 BBC World News
03:30 HARDtalk (r)

DIGANTO TELEVISION
08:30 Ochlin Pakhi
11:30 Chena Ochena
12:30 Oporajita
03:00 Paathshala
04:30 Selected Programme
05:30 Eye Witness
06:30 Shorol Path
08:05 Drama Serial: Djin-er Badsha
08:30 Dokhin Haowa

STAR MOVIES
08:30 You Got Served
10:05 There Will Be Blood
05:25 Alvin And The Chipmunks
07:00 Son Of The Pink Panther
08:35 The Hoax
10:30 Sisters
12:00 Mystery, Alaska
STAR WORLD
08:30 Friends
09:30 According To Jim
10:00 Scrubs
10:30 La Femme Nikita
11:30 Eureka
12:30 The 51st Annual Grammy Awards
03:30 Murder She Wrote
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 La Femme Nikita
06:30 Eureka
07:30 Friends
08:30 According To Jim
09:00 Scrubs
09:30 The Moment Of Truth
10:30 Heroes
11:30 Most Shocking
12:30 Friends
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
08:30 Crocodiles: Under the Skin
09:30 Mission Navy
10:00 Rough Trades
10:30 Creative Vision
11:30 Taboo
12:30 Al Qaeda Calling
01:30 The Real Serengeti
02:30 War Photographer
03:30 Street Monkeys
04:30 Lets Get Inventin
05:00 Big Bang
05:30 Paris
06:30 Monster of the Milky Way
07:30 World's Deadliest Animals
08:30 Super Croc
09:30 Rivers And Life
10:30 Perilous Journeys
11:30 Death of the Universe
12:30 Bombay Calling
ZEE STUDIO
08:30 Down by Law
10:50 Storm Catcher
12:50 Dungeons and Dragons
03:20 Snow Dogs
05:30 Hollywood's 10 Best
06:00 Pinocchio
08:30 A Simple Twist of Fate
11:00 Enemy of the State

HBO
09:30 Desh Mohadesh
10:00 Diganto Prime Time
11:05 Diganto Shangleap
12:00 The Truth About Charlie
12:30 Elizabeth: The Golden Age
02:45 Hollywood Spotlight : Will Smith
03:15 Jennifer Eight
05:45 Max Knight: Ultra Spy
07:30 Bring It On: All Or Nothing
09:30 Spider-Man 3
12:15 Children Of Men

RTV
09:30 Amader Apon Thikana
10:03 Drama Serial: Mayeti Ekhon Kothaye Jabey
11:03 Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: Priodarshini
01:03 R U Ready

ntv
08:30 Ajker Shokaal
08:55 Drama Serial: Aim in Life
10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
10:30 Music Jam
11:30 Ranna Banna Adda
12:10 Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Ondhokaar-er Phul
03:15 Music Express
04:10 Ispahani Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey
05:25 Iltashar Ei Din-ey

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06:30 Bhorer Janalaya
08:30 Mokhuto Jiboney
12:00 Darun Dupurey
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07:00 Saajer Maya
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12:30pm My Time
01:00pm No Tension
04:00pm Dhaka Calling
09:00pm Night Rider
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Mass Unleashed
Today's Adds
04:00pm U-ban
08:30pm Toin Ter Hol
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan

Hetmundu Urdhopaad
On ATN Bangla at 8:40 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Iresh Zaker, Mithila

Spider Man 3
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Action/ Sci-fi
Cast: Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst