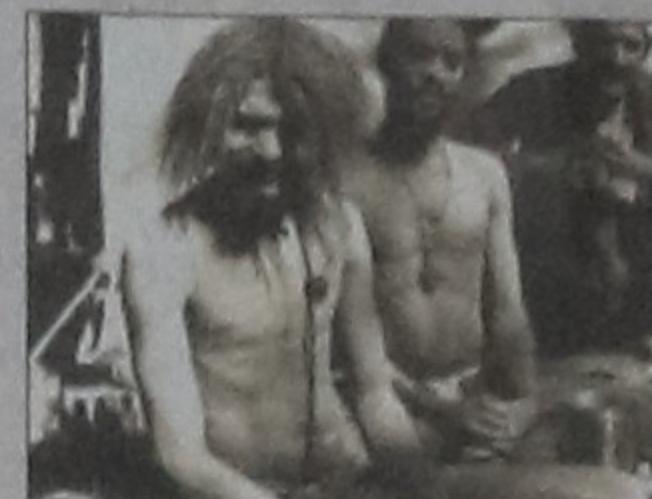


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Origins of Fruits
Artist: Oni Hossain
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F (old), Dhanmondi
Date: December 22- January 2
Time: 12pm-8pm

**Photography Exhibition**

Title: India through the lenses of Alain Danielou and Raymond Burnier
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: December 21-31
Time: 10am-12pm & 5-9pm

**Bangladesh Bridal Festival**

Organiser: United Showbiz Bangladesh
Venue: Radisson Water Garden Hotel
Date: December 18-20
Time: 10am-8pm

**Group Art Exhibition**

Artists: Nasima Haque Mitu, Kaiser Selim, Lala Rukh Selim
Title: Triad
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, R-16, Sector-4, Utara
Date: December 11-22
Time: 11am-8pm



Photography exhibition in Chapainawabganj



A bullock cart-based mobile photo exhibition was held at Chapainawabganj. PHOTO: STAR

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

A six day photography exhibition was inaugurated at the Town Club in Chapainawabganj on December 17. The aim was to inspire rural adolescents to express their views through photographs.

The exhibition, titled 'Do you see my world' has been organised by Kishori Abhijan, a project of Centre for Mass Education in Science (CMES), supported by Unicef, European Commission, Bangladesh and Pathshala, South Asian Institute of Photography.

Lawmaker Advocate Showkat Ara Begum was present as the chief guest, while K.M. Ali Azam, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Chapainawabganj; Saidur Rahman, principal of Balogram Model Collage; Sanjat Kumar Das, programme officer, Unicef, Rajshahi Division; Liton Mallick, unit organiser of CMES were present as special guests.

Kajol Rekha of Kishori Abhijan and two

participating photographers, Salauddin and Shuktara, also spoke on the occasion.

The speakers were of the view that youngsters are the hope of the nation, and therefore, even at an early age they should be properly guided. They urged the government to ensure children's rights for social progress.

The photography exhibition highlights the unique experiences of and challenges faced by adolescent boys and girls living in rural areas. The event also marks the 20th anniversary of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

A total of 61 photographs by 30 young people from three districts, including 10 photographers of Kishori Abhijan, took part in the exhibition, aiming at empowering adolescents in the country.

Earlier, the exhibition was held at Drik Gallery in Dhaka, organisers said.

Shuktara, a participating photographer said, "It is a great opportunity for me because we all live in rural areas. We got to express our views through photographs."

Solo concert featuring traditional Bangla songs in Khagrachhari

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

Ratan Debnath, a well known singer in the hill district, demonstrated his musical skills during a two and half hour long programme, held recently at the Zilla Shilpakala Academy in Khagrachhari district.

As a tribute to martyrs and the national leaders who had sacrificed their lives for the nation, Debnath started his performance through the song "O Amar Desher Mati, Tomar Porey Thekai Matha".

The artiste performed over 20 songs, including Nazrul and Rabindra Sangeet, folk, Lalon and adhunik numbers.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachhari District Administration, Gias Uddin Mogul; Additional Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati District Administration, Tapon Kanti Ghosh; Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mohammad Maksudur Rahman; Khagrachhari Sadar Upazila Chairman Mohammad Shaney Alam; Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mohammad Rahed Hossein; Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board Project Director Shahidul Islam; Khagrachhari Press Club Vice President Jiten Barua and its secretary Azim Ul Hoque were present along with hundreds of people from all walks of life.



Ratan Debnath sings at the programme. PHOTO: STAR

Dance fest at Puri Bridge held



Nipa (C) and her group performed at the festival.

A CORRESPONDENT

Shamim Ara Nipa and Shibli Mohammad with their group of 25 members performed recently at the renowned Puri Bridge Festival in India.

Nipa spoke to The Daily Star about her highly successful visit:

"It was a remarkable experience. Puri Bridge has its own heritage that dates back 15 years. There was a crowd of around 15,000 people. We were lucky that our performance was on the second day and the timing was great as well. Puri Bridge is near Bhubaneswar. It's a 12-hour journey by train from Kolkata. We travelled throughout the night."

"There were 10 groups which gave performances every day. The location was just fantastic. It was an open-air concert besides the sea and we could actually hear the waves while performing."

"We tried to present a comprehensive image of Bangladesh in the one-hour performance. We started with rural life followed by the unpredictable nature of Bangladesh that sometimes has drought and sometimes rain. At the end we raised the National Flag. This was to familiarise the thousands of tourists and the performers from different provinces with our country. This is for the first time that a foreign country was invited as before it was only the Indian provinces that took part in the festival. From next year, they plan to invite many other countries besides Bangladesh."

"We received a warm response from the crowd. It was interesting to co-ordinate such a large team. To have all of us on stage was rather difficult but at the end of the day, it was enlightening. We were also given an honourarium, which was rather rare in the case of a festival. We are grateful for this expression of respect."

Cultural programme in Magura on Victory Day

HOSSAIN SERAJ, Magura

To celebrate Victory Day, on December 16 evening, the Magura district administration held a cultural programme at the Saduzzaman Auditorium in Magura town.

The programme featured poetry recitation, patriotic songs and dance. Eminent cultural activists, political leaders

and journalists attended the event. A discussion was also held at the venue with Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Dilwar Bakht in the chair. The chief guest at the event was lawmaker of Magura-1 constituency Dr. Mohammad Serajul Akbar. AL leaders Mohammad Altaf Hossain, Abu Nasir Bablu, Pankaj Kumar Kundu and JSD leader ATM Mohabbat Ali were special guests.

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

On Air

BTV

09:05 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
09:15 Nirapad Cholachol
10:05 Open University
10:30 Swastho Sheba
11:00 Kanoyer Kushumkoli
11:30 Aagamir Swapno
12:10 Adhary Alo
12:35 Ongona
01:30 Shukhi Ponbar
02:15 Dhormo O Jibon
02:45 Campus
03:05 Projionno 71
03:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
04:05 Shufi Shadoker Bangladesh
04:30 Bidhi Bidhan
05:05 Debate
06:15 Mati O Manush
07:00 Maloncho
07:25 Cookery Show
07:40 Phirey Dekha
08:25 Shobhyotar Joyjatra
08:30 Smrityon Protidin Hey Bondhu
Hey Pro
09:20 Probash Jibon
10:25 Gaan-er Ashor
10:45 Mukti Jyothro Protidin
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ATN BANGLA

08:30 Drama Serial: Projapoti Mon

09:10 Kandey Amar Maa

09:15 Drama Serial: Pashapashi

10:30 Hello Bangladesh

11:05 Talk Show

11:35 Shat Din

12:10 Selected Programme

12:20 Musical Programme: Shur-er Madhuri

02:30 Business Week

03:10 Khelar Jagat

03:45 Chak Deyaler Kabbo

04:20 Talk Show: Proshongo

05:10 Kandey Amar Maa

05:30 Musical Programme: Bashudha

06:15 Dhaka Dhol

08:00 Law & Order

08:40 Drama Serial: Mic

09:20 Drama Serial: No Problem Dot Com

11:20 Drama Serial: Jolkona

11:30 Drama Serial: Ma Tui Kemon

Ashish

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

08:05 Tagore Song

08:30 Shokaler Gaan

08:40 Ajker Chakri

09:30 Shabandpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Trito Matra
10:15 Tele Prescription
11:30 Hridoy Mati O Manush
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka
Kathan
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong
Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme:
Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Channel i Shera Kontho'09
04:05 Mukti Jyothro Protidin
Talk Show: Amader Television
Musical Programme: Shur
Doria Bagha Gayen
07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri
09:30 LUX Channel i Superstar'09
11:30 Drama Serial: Khujej Phiri

07:50 Rtv
10:00 Swasthyo Protidin
08:55 Bangla Feature Film
12:10 Talk Show: El Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic

09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabhi
10:00 Uttoradikari
10:50 Financial Bulletin
11:30 Ekushey Business
12:02 Ekushey Duper
02:02 Market Trend
02:30 Ekushey Business
03:30 Shonamoni Shukhey
04:30 Best of Dhum Ta Na
05:25 Sports Plus
06:30 Desh Jurey Oporadh
Porikroma
07:50 Ta Na Na
08:20 Drama Serial: Ghoror Dim
09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita

10:00 Drama Serial: Dorakata
10:45 Tarokakalap
11:30 Share Update
12:30 Drama Serial: FDC

02:03 Bangla Feature Film
06:03 Protidin

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