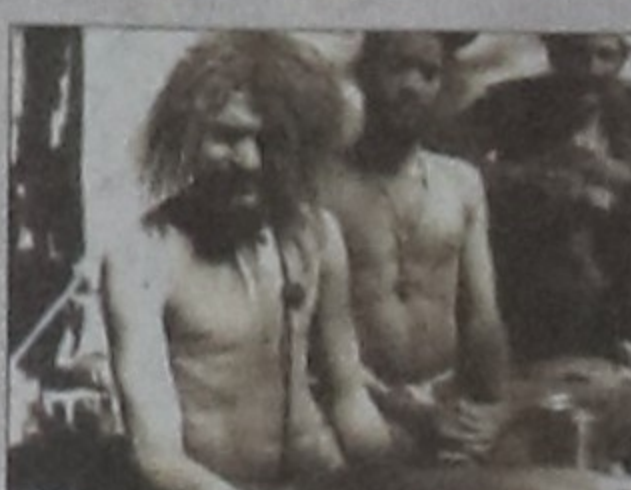


WHAT'S
ON THIS
WEEKSolo Painting
Exhibition

Title: Origins of Fruits
Artist: Onil 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 Daniélou and Raymond Bumier
Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: December 21-31
Time: 10am-12pm & 5-9pm



Theatre

Play: Hargoj
Troupe: Swapnadal
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: December 30
Time: 7pm

Sculpture
Exhibition

Sculptor: Nasima Haque Mitu
Venue: Gallery Chitrak, H-21, R-4, Dhanmondi
Date: December 25-31
Time: 11am-8pm



Nostalgia and melody at a school reunion



Rafiqul Alam (top) and Anup Bhattacharya render songs at the event.

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ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

The five and a half hour cultural evening at Rajshahi Bholanath Bishwar Hindu Academy was abuzz with nearly 2,000 of former and present students of the 111-year old school and almost all were immersed in nostalgia.

Although performances by noted vocal artiste Rafiqul Alam and composer Anup Bhattacharya, who were students of the school in the '50s, were the main attraction, presentations of current students like Pial, Sangeeta Pal and Mousumi seemed no less important to the cheerful audience.

The academy organised the cultural evening, to celebrate its 111 years of glory and heritage at the school premises. Beginning at 6pm, the programme ended at 11:30pm on December 26.

The evening began with "Karna Kunti Sangbad" where young student Mousumi Moitra played the role of Kunti and Shukhen Mukhopadhyay performed as Karna.

Former student Tarun Kumar Das, a disciple of Pundit Raghunath Das, and music director of Rajshahi Betar enthralled the audience with his violin rendition while his brother Arun Kumar Das assisted him on the flute and son Tarun Kumar Das on

tabla.

Anup Bhattacharya sang two songs and informed that there are at least three artists from the academy who worked at Swadhin Bangla



Betar Kendra during the Liberation War. They are -- Rafiqul Alam, his elder brother Sarwar Jahan and Anuphimsel.

Rafiqul Alam came to the stage with a Shyama Sangeet, "Ma Tor Koto Rongo Dekhbo Bol", which was his first stage performance and it was at a function at the school in the early '60s.

Listening to the Shyama Sangeet, one of Alam's teachers expressed amazement and blessed him saying, "You will go a far way in music," recalled Alam.

Alam continued by saying that the education system of the Academy was different where teachers looked after every student personally.

At the programme Alam performed, "Ekti Doel Bon-e Dakle", "Kobey Shadhu Charan Dhuli", "Boishakhi Megher Kachhe" and "Bhalo Achhi Bhalo Theko".

Two day fair for children in Chapainawabganj

RABIUL HASAN,
Chapainawabganj

A two-day long 'Shishu Mela' ended at the bungalow of Rohonpur municipality area under Gomostapur upazila in Chapainawabganj last Saturday.

District Information Office of Chapainawabganj organised the fair with assistance of Gomostapur upazila administration. The programme was aimed at generating awareness in children's issues so that they can grow up as worthy citizens.

Lawmaker Ziaur Rahman inaugurated the fair. Nazibul Islam, additional deputy commissioner (rev) of Chapainawabganj; Khurshid Alam, chairman of Gomostapur upazila parishad and Sardar Aminul Islam, director of mass communication department and its deputy director Nizamul Kabir were present as special guests. Sazzadul Hasan, upazila nirbahi officer presided over the programme. Among others, Wahiduzzaman, information officer delivered the welcome speech and a student Sohel Rana also spoke on the occasion.

Children from different schools and kindergartens along with their guardians and teachers gathered at the fair premises in the morning. From there a large procession paraded the streets with slogans while playing musical instruments.

Speakers said that the mela would encourage the creativity of children, as well as initiate an exchange of views, boosting self-confidence.



PHOTO: NELOY HOSSAIN

On the occasion of the 75th birth anniversary of writers Syed Shamsul Haq and Rabeya Khatun, Bangla Academy arranged a discussion along with honouring the litterateur duo on December 27. Noted writer Imdadul Haq Milon spoke on the life and works of Syed Shamsul Haq and poet Asad Chowdhury discussed the life and works of Rabeya Khatun on the occasion. Cultural and literary personalities Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, poet Habibullah Siraji and others greeted the litterateur duo. National Professor Kabir Chowdhury presided over the discussion. Mita Haq and Khairul Anam Shakil performed at the programme. Managing Director of Impress Tele-film Ltd Faridur Reza Sagar was also present among others.

Christmas celebrations in Dinajpur

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Fun and frolic marked Christmas celebrations in the district. Christmas trees and balloons were in evidence at churches and homes in the district town and all 13 upazila headquarters. Candles and Christmas carols added to the spirit of the Yuletide. Churches were beautifully decorated and people began making a beeline for them from Christmas Eve.

The Dinajpur Missionary Church was crowded with impeccably turned out devotees who came to offer special prayers. The pastor, who described Jesus Christ as an apostle of peace, rendered select chapters from the Holy Bible. He called upon the members of the Christian community to

coexist with camaraderie and brotherhood to spread peace, tolerance and compassion for fellow human beings.

After the sermon the congregation sang traditional and new carols in Bangla.

When this correspondent visited various areas of the town, he found gaily decorated houses, terraces, gardens and compound walls. Christmas trees, naturally, found their place in every home and garden.

Dining tables at every Christian household remained flooded with cakes, sweets and other dishes on Christmas day.

Numerous popular restaurants had made elaborate arrangements to serve sumptuous meals, sweets, cakes and dips with music and dance as accompaniments.



News Bulletin

BTV
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am.
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm 8:00 pm.
News (English) at 10:00 am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-1
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
Jonopad-er Khoror: 5:15 pm

ATN BANGLA
NEWS (Bangla): 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am
News Every Hour: 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.
Gram-Ganjher Khoror: 5:00 pm

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): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 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, English Bulletin: 1:30pm, 7:30pm

RADIO TODAY
News: 08:45 am, 01:45pm, 06:45pm, 09:45pm, 11:45pm

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

On Air

BTV

08:15 Desher-e Gaan
09:05 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
10:05 Open University
10:30 Nabo Anandey Jaago
11:30 Quiz Quiz
12:10 Cartoon
12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
01:00 Olthiya-r Chalcitra
01:30 Hijol Tomal
02:15 Debate
03:00 Gharey Bairey
03:30 Shukhi Ponbar
04:30 Dolon Chapa
05:05 Sisimur
05:35 Special Programme on Abbas Uddin

06:15 Mati O Manush
07:40 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
09:00 Drama Serial: Eito Jibon
09:30 Ranna Gharey Bairey
10:20 Rupali Dheu

ATN Bangla

08:30 Drama Serial: Kothay Pabo Tarey
10:30 Hallow Bangladesh
11:05 Asian City Vision 2020
12:15 IT Zone
01:25 Band View
03:15 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush
05:15 Kandey Amar Ma
06:15 Special Talk Show on Family Planning
08:40 Drama Serial: Gharjamai
09:20 Drama Serial: Kothay Pabo Tarey
11:30 Talking Point
12:00 Gramphone Lead News

CHANNEL 1

08:05 Tagore Song
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Trityomatra
11:05 Sports Time
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathon
02:30 Channel 1 Shera Kantho '09
05:30 Saat Goyenda
07:50 Drama Serial: Tulir Telesmati
09:35 Lux Channel 1 Superstar '09
12:00 Grameenphone Aajker Shongbadpatra

ETV

09:30 Drama Serial: Jahur Ali Jahuri
10:02 Galpo Shalpo Gaan
11:30 Ekushey Business

12:30 Ekushey Business
01:30 Ekushey Business
03:30 DW Global 3000
04:02 Drama Serial: Bishkata
05:25 TV South Asia Munmun Moments
06:00 Ekusher Shondhya
07:45 Total Music
08:20 Drama Serial: Poster
09:30 Drama Serial: Jahur Ali Jahuri
10:10 Ciney Hits
12:02 Ekusher Raat

ntv

08:30 Shasthya Protidin
08:55 Drama Serial: 1920
09:30 Frankly Speaking
10:05 Drama Serial: Ekta Kinley Ekta Free
11:00 The Challenge
11:30 Glamour World
12:10 Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
03:15 Drama Serial: Shanto Kutir
04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Acchey

01:30 Mega Serial: Gulshan Avenue
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:25 Amar Ami
06:40 Point of Order
08:15 Drama Serial: Megh Bondhu
09:05 Shoundarja Kotha
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 Biponno Janopod
12:00 Shangebad Protidin

DESH TV

12:15 Dur Path
04:30 Dur-er Janala
05:02 Cartoon
05:30 Bati Ghar
06:02 Concert
06:30 Shangebad Shondhya
07:45 Kothay Kothay Raat Hoya Jaay
08:15 Galpo Thekey Natok: Kuashar Ondhokar
09:45 Bindu Theke Brityo
10:30 Total Sports
11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha

RTV

08:00 Ei Din



Kancher Putul
On Channel 1 at 9:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Manosh Bandyopadhyay, Shirin Bakul



05:30 Bolar Achhey
06:10 Apnar Jiggasha
06:10 Shubho Shondhya
06:40 Bajo Ebong Bajao
08:15 Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
09:00 Kisu Katha Kisu Gaan
09:45 Drama Serial: Manush Bodol
11:30 Tomader Peto Bangladesh

BANGLAVISION

08:30 Drama Serial: Rupnagorer Koinya
09:00 Drama Serial: Diba Ratni Khola Thakey
10:10 Chaturanga
11:35 Onno Nayan
12:30 Positive Bangladesh

09:00 Black Horse RTV Golden Key
10:00 Very Filmy
10:45 Tarokalap
11:30 Share Update
12:30 Cookery Show: R Ranna
01:00 Dhallywood Beats
02:03 Bangla Feature Film
06:03 Protidin
06:45 Amader Dhaka
07:30 Road to Democracy
09:25 Drama Serial: Mon Kora
10:10 Drama Serial: Shey Amar Ekla Pakhi

11:30 Musical Programme: Kumar Bishwajit
12:00 Star and Sports

Channel 1

08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
09:10 Events of the Day
10:30 Nongor
11:00 Bangla Feature Film
03:30 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul
04:00 Drama Serial: Gahor Baidya
04:30 Doctor's Voice
05:15 Cine Tune
06:00 Saanjh Bela
08:15 Drama: Hammuj-er Insaaf
09:00 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul
09:45 Events of the Day
11:00 Baul Fusion Ingoma

ZEE STUDIO

09:30 Peaceful Warrior
12:05 Scream 2
02:40 Get shortly
03:20 Wing of the dove
05:15 Casanova
07:45 Goal
10:30 The Greatest Game Ever Played
01:15 Shes The Man

09:30 Review 2009: We Remember (r)
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 HARDtalk Ehud Olmert
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 The Race To Space (r)
02:00 BBC World News
02:30 My Country: Afghanistan (r)
03:00 BBC World News
03:30 HARDtalk (r)
04:00 BBC World News
04:30 The Race To Space (r)
05:00 BBC World News
05:30 World Business Report
05:45 Sport Today
06:00 BBC World News
06:30 My Country: Afghanistan (r)
07:00 BBC World News
07:30 Thinking Big (r)

12:30 X Games Classic : Inside X
01:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Arsenal vs. Aston Villa
03:30 Perak Amanjaya International Eco Adventure 2009
04:30 F1 Classics - 1998 Belgian Grand Prix
05:30 F1 Classics - 1998 British Grand Prix
06:30 F1 Classics - 2000 Italian Grand Prix
07:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Liverpool vs. Manchester United
08:30 Fina World Swimming Championships
09:30 Sportscenter India 2009
10:00 Sportscenter Asia
10:30 Goals!
11:00 Global Football
11:30 Sportscenter India 2009
12:00 Sportscenter Asia

STAR SPORTS

08:30 Max Power 2009/10
09:30 TNA Impact 09/10
11:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Bolton Wanderers vs. Hull City
01:30 Best Of Roland Garros 2009 - Men's Singles Highlights
Match: Andy Murray vs. Fernando Gonzalez
02:30 Best Of Roland Garros 2009 - Men's Singles Highlights
Match: Gael Monfils vs. Roger Federer
03:30 Best Of Roland Garros 2009 - Ladies' Singles Highlights
Match: Dinara Safina vs. Dominika Cibulkova
04:30 Best Of Roland Garros 2009 - Men's Singles Highlights
Match: Robin Soderling vs. Fernando Gonzalez
05:30 Best Of Roland Garros 2009 - Ladies' Singles Highlights
Match: Samantha Stosur vs. Svetlana Kuznetsova
06:30 Nike Football Locker Room 2009/10
07:00 FIA F1 World Championship Highlights 2009
08:30 Score Tonight
10:00 FIA F1 World Championship Highlights 2009
10:30 Best Of Roland Garros 2009 - Men's Singles Highlights
Match: Juan Martin Del Potro vs. Roger Federer
11:30 Best Of Roland Garros 2009 - Ladies' Singles Highlights
Match: Samantha Stosur vs. Svetlana Kuznetsova
12:30 Best Of Roland Garros 2009 - Men's Singles Highlights
Match: Roger Federer vs. Robin Soderling



On HBO at 10:30pm
big FAT Liar

HBO

11:15 The American President
01:30 Mumbai Calling 05: Dating Season
02:00 Mumbai Calling 06: My Mate
02:30 The Foot Fist Way
04:00 Tmz 136
04:30 Jan '10: HBO Central (SA)
05:00 Rescue Dawn
07:30 Romeo Must Die
10:00 Tmz 137
10:30 Big Fat Liar

BBC WORLD

09:00 BBC World News

08:00 Ditching the Dollar
08:30 BBC World News
08:30 HARDtalk (r)
09:00 Ehud Olmert
09:30 BBC World News
10:00 Fast Track (r)
10:30 BBC World News
10:30 My Country: Afghanistan (r)
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
11:45 Sport Today

ESPN

11:30 Cey Beach Volleyball
European Championship Tour - German Masters