

Celebrating Int'l Women's Day in Dinajpur

KONGKON KARMAKER, *Dinajpur*

A cultural programme and play were staged in Dinajpur to mark International Women's Day. A colourful procession and discussion were organised to disseminate the significance of the day.

UK based NGO, Oxfam and local NGO Palli Shree jointly organised the programme at the Dinajpur Institute premises on Friday evening.

Md. Suzayet Hossain, acting Police Superintendent of Dinajpur, was present at the programme as chief guest while Mirza Anwarul Islam Tanu, convener of Dinajpur Shammilito Sangskritik Jote; Azadi Hye, a women rights activist and Shamima Akther, director of Palli Shree spoke at the discussion as special guests.

Chitta Ghosh, president of

Dinajpur Press Club, chaired the discussion.

The speakers opined that mindsets of men toward women have improved, but many still remain in the dark despite extensive campaigns.

They vowed to attain a change in their mindset towards women -- a dream of the trailblazers like Begum Rokeya and Sufia Kamal who fought hard to establish women's right.

Children from various cultural organisations performed songs, dances and recitation featuring the state of women in the country.

Later, an activist group, under the theme 'we can do it', lit around 1000 candles at Dinajpur Institute premises with a promise to spread the lights to curb the attitude towards women in the society.



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Krishnokoli: Talking about a revolution

MAINUL HASSAN

"The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world," William Ross Wallace wrote the poem praising motherhood as the pre-eminent force for change in the world. Written in the 18th century, the poet pointed out a very important fact -- no nation or society can prosper with the sole contribution of man, women need to play a major role as well.

"International Women's Day recognises women's economic, political and social achievements," said singer, Kazi Krishnokoli Islam.

Krishnokoli is involved with Biplabi Nari Shanghati, an organisation working for women's rights.

"In our country women often face discrimination -- at home and work," said Krishnokoli.

"Women should have all the rights enjoyed by men -- to be allowed to live

with dignity, to have the option of expressing themselves, to have equal opportunities at work etc.

"The change in mindset is very important. Men will have to see women as their equal companions, and not inferiors."

Krishnokoli seemed displeased about the way International Women's Day is observed nowadays.

"If we trace the roots, it all started as a socialist political event in 1910 to establish women's right. But now it has been thoroughly commercialised," said Krishnokoli.

"Music can always play a major role in raising social awareness, but to make the people truly aware everyone has to play a part -- a wonderful painting by an artist, a good essay from a writer and above all contributions from the people all around us can make a huge difference in bringing about a change," concluded Krishnokoli.



Kazi Krishnokoli Islam

Songs of the soul

Three day 'Baul Utshab' concludes

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, *Pabna*

A three-day folk festival (Baul Utshab) concluded in Pabna on Saturday. The event organised by Gonoshilpi Shangshtha Pabna (GSSP) was inaugurated on March 4 in Pabna town hall premises. The folk festival resonated with the songs of mystic bards Fakir Lal Shah, Hason Raja and Shah Abdul Karim.

This is the first of such festival in Pabna that includes the works of the three greats simultaneously. A discussion was held every day along with the songs of the three bards.

A colourful rally was brought out from Pabna town hall premises. Artistes, cultural activists and people from all walks of life participated in the rally and paraded the main streets of the district head-quarter clad in Baul attire.

Later, the noted folk artistes of the district inaugurated the festival by lighting candles. Baul Tofazzal Hossain Boyati, Abdul Aziz Boyati and Bolai Chandra Boyati lit the candles in front of the portrait of Shah Abdul Karim, Lal Shah and Hason Raja.

A discussion focusing on the life and works of Shah Abdul Karim and his compositions was held on the inaugural day. President of GSSP, Professor Shibojit Nag chaired the discussion while former

principal of Pabna Govt Bulbul College and noted educationist Professor Md. Nurunnabi was the key speaker on the occasion.

Among others, folk artistes from different organisations of the district and cultural activists of GSSP spoke. The speakers said that Shah Abdul Karim had devoted his life to music. Most of his verses evoke the metaphysical urge and also mirror real life.

Abdul Aziz Boyati, Tofazzal Hossain Boyati, Bolai Boyati, Abdus Salam Boyati along with their teams performed songs of Shah Karim at the inaugural.

The works of Hason Raja were center stage on the second day. A discussion was held on Friday evening. Professor Mohammad Kamruzzaman, former head of Bangla Department of Pabna Edward College was the key speaker. Journalist Habibur Rahman Shopon; president of GSSP Professor Shibojit Nag and secretary advocate Moshfeka Jahan Konika spoke.

"Hason Raja, son of a landlord, left a legacy of spiritual songs. Hason Raja is one of the leading metaphysical writers. He uses imagery, allusion and other literary terms in his metaphysical works. His works can be compared with the prominent metaphysical works of the world. The philosophy of his songs needs to be comprehended," said the speak-

ers. Among the artistes Khepa Babul, Mohan Sardar, Kalu Shadhu, Shrishti Baul Daal performed Hason Raja songs.

On the concluding day a discussion was held on the life, work and philosophy of Fakir Lal Shah. President of GSSP, Professor Shibojit Nag chaired the concluding day programme. Professor Monwar Hossain Jahedi, former head of Bangla department of Pabna Edward College spoke as the chief guest. Among others Dr Sarwar Jahan Fayaz; folk artiste Tofazzal Hossain Boyati and Sifat Rahman Sanam spoke on the occasion.

"Lalon is not only a name but also a institution. Lalon's works are no doubt masterpieces. His metaphysical works are also philosophical. Lalon teaches us to be devotional through music. His works are no doubt world class. We have to do more research on his metaphysical works," said the speakers.

Later the artistes of Kushtia Lalon Academy led by Baul Abdur Rob Boyati and artistes of Pabna Bonoful performed songs of Lalon. Several hundred people had assembled at the festival.

"The assemblage of a large number of folk music enthusiasts at the festival is obviously encouraging for us," said Biplab Bhoumik, former secretary of GSSP.



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

On Air

ATN BANGLA

- 08:30 Tatka National Dance Star
- 09:45 Kandey Amar Maa
- 10:30 EBL Longer Version National Cricket League 2009-10
- 11:30 Asian City Top Spin
- 04:25 Agricultural Programme: Matir Shubatash
- 05:15 Kaandey Amar Maa
- 05:15 Ainar Shamney
- 06:15 The Lost World
- 08:00 Drama Serial: Chhondochhara
- 08:45 Shah Cement Nirmaner Taroka
- 11:30 Talk Show: Jay Katha Keu Boley Ni
- 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

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- 08:05 Rabindra Sangeet
- 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
- 08:40 Aijker Chakri
- 09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
- 11:05 Educational Programme
- 11:30 Docu Drama: CSR
- 12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan

- 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan
- 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Noukadubi
- 03:05 Medha Bikash
- 04:05 FCT Business Talk
- 04:30 Trust Bank Boimela Protidin
- 07:50 Drama: Sho Okaar-ey Shukh
- 10:00 Drama: Radhuni Kriti Mati Nari
- 12:00 Grameenphone Aijker Shangbadpotro

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- 08:25 Swastho Protidin
- 08:45 Drama Serial: Graduate
- 09:30 Joto Modhur Bhulguli
- 10:05 Gallery
- 10:30 Rup Madhuri
- 11:00 The Challenge
- 11:30 Tifiner Phakey
- 12:10 Ei Shomoy
- 01:05 Japan Video Topic
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Chakkar
- 03:15 Drama Serial: Dhupchhaya
- 04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey
- 04:10 Bolaar Achhey
- 05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha
- 06:40 Unnoyoner Jonyo Shouhardo
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Mamuli Ekta

11:30 Ekusher Business

- 02:02 Desh Jurey
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- 03:30 Deho Ghari
- 04:30 Street Magic
- 05:25 Kobi O Kobita
- 06:30 Desh Jurey
- 07:50 Cookery Show: Tommy Mianr Recipe
- 08:20 Drama Serial: Neelanjana
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita
- 10:10 Talk Show: O Bondhu Amar

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- 09:00 Trade Talk
- 09:30 Just Band
- 10:45 Taroka Alap
- 11:30 Share Update

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- 05:30 Baati Ghar
- 06:02 Prem Bhalobashi Boley
- 07:45 Jago Nari
- 09:45 Ami kebo-ei Shopon Korechi Bopon
- 10:30 Total Sports

BANGLAVISION

- 08:00 Projapoti Chhoya
- 08:30 Drama Serial: Meghbondhu
- 09:00 Drama Serial: Ranger Dunia
- 10:10 Music Together
- 11:35 Shoundarjo Katha
- 01:30 Drama Serial: Patigonit
- 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 06:05 Sports Time

10:30 Drama: Gaanwala

- 11:00 Bangla Feature Film
- 03:30 Drama Serial: Probhati
- Shobuj Shangha
- 04:30 Musical Programme
- 05:15 Shuktara
- 06:00 Saanjh Bela
- 06:45 Dance Programme
- 08:15 Talk Show: Jaya Konya Jononi
- 09:00 Drama Serial: Kaanch-er Putul
- 09:45 Events of the Day
- 11:00 Tumi Kon Gogoner Tara

ESPN

- 09:00 PBA All STAR Shootout
- 09:30 Sydney Running Festival 2009

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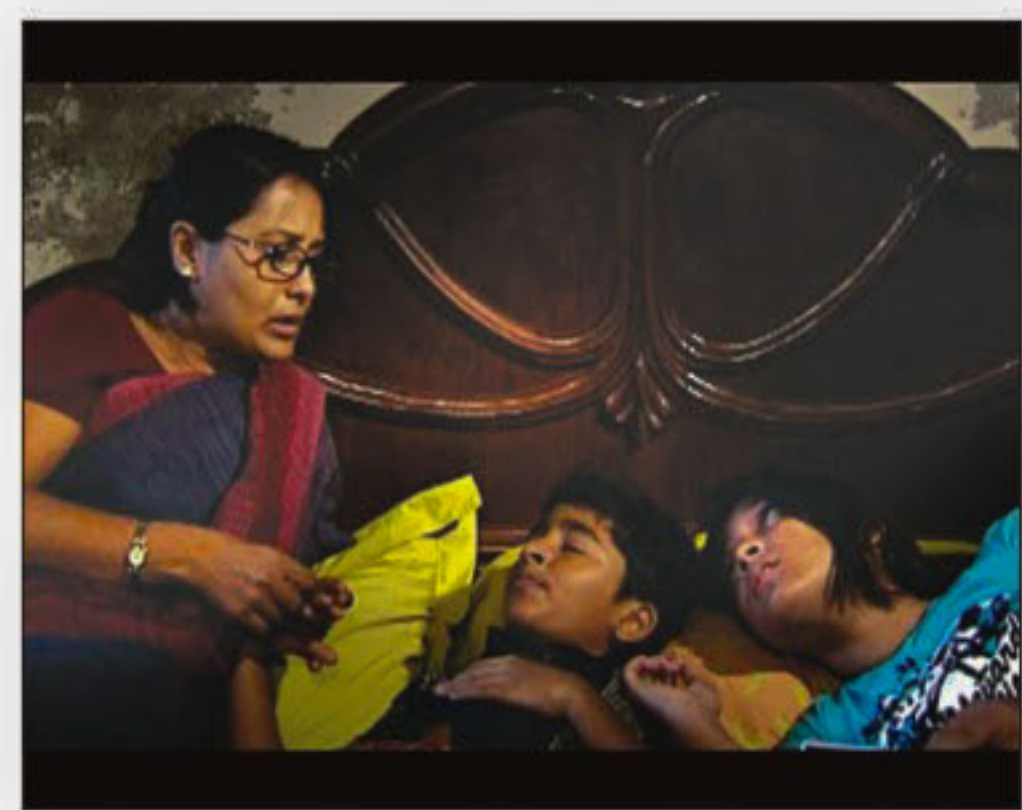
- 07:30 Premier League Highlights
- 08:30 Sportscenter India
- 09:00 Sportscenter Asia
- 09:30 Jet Sprint World Championships
- 10:00 Sportscenter India
- 11:30 Vancouver 2010 - Day 1 - Afternoon H/L

STAR SPORTS

- 08:30 Cagewars
- 10:00 FIM Mx3 World Championship 2009 - Highlights
- 10:30 Hot Water 2009/10
- 11:30 K1 World Grand Prix 2009 - Seoul - Final 16
- 02:00 FIM Mx1 Motocross World C'ship 2009 - Highlights
- 02:30 Maybank Malaysian Open
- 05:30 KFC Malaysia World Band Competition 2009 - Highlights
- 06:30 TNA Xplosion 09/10
- 07:30 Australian Open 2010, Presented By KIA Motors
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- 10:00 TNA Xplosion 09/10
- 11:00 Australian Open 2010, Presented By KIA Motors

AXN

- 08:00 So You Think You Can Dance
- 09:00 Slamball
- 11:00 Masters Of Illusion
- 12:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak
- 01:00 Covenant, The
- 03:30 Ebuzz
- 05:00 Slamball
- 06:00 Step It Up And Dance
- 07:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak
- 08:00 Scare Tactics
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- 09:00 Masters Of Illusion
- 10:00 The Amazing Race
- 11:00 Scare Tactics
- 12:00 Csi: Miami



Shoye-Ukar-ey Shukh On Channel i at 7:50 pm Special TV play on Int'l Women's Day Cast: Aupi Karim, Parho Barua

abc radio FM 89.2

- 06:00 Bhorer Janalay
- 09:00 Mukhorto Jiboney
- 12:00 Darun Dupurey
- 03:00 Duranto Bikeley
- 05:00 Shondhata
- 07:00 Shajer Maya
- 08:00 Raai-er Akashhey
- 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei

RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM

- 07:30 Hello Dhaka
- 10:00 Morning Express
- 12:00 My Time
- 01:00 No Tension
- 04:00 Dhaka Calling
- 09:00 Night Rider
- 01:00 Back to Back music

RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM

- 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
- 11:00 Musti Unlimited
- 01:00 Today's Adda
- 04:00 U Turn
- 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
- 11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan
- 12:00 Today's Happy Moments



Bir Konya Preetilota On Desh TV at 5:00 pm Special Talk Show on Int'l Women's Day Anchor: Muntasir Mamun Guest: Selina Hossain, Syed Abul Maksud

- 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