

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Francophonie Festival '10
Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: March 20-27
Time: 5pm onwards



Musical Soiree
Title: Phirey Cholo
Apon Ghorey
Organiser: Nibedon
Venue: Shahid Zia Auditorium, National Museum
Date: March 19
Time: 6:30 pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Staring Women (In Observation of International Women's Day 2010)
Artist: Nazia Andaleeb
Venue: Radius Centre-Bay's Galleria, 57, Gulshan, Dhaka
Date: March 5 to March 19
Time: 10am-8pm (Friday 3pm-8pm)



Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Anukul Mojumdar
Title: Tales of Dreams
Venue: Shilpangan Art Gallery, H-26, R-3, Dhanmondi
Date: March 19-April 3
Time: 12pm-8pm



Bangabandhu's birth anniversary and National Children's Day observed

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's 90th birth anniversary and National Children's Day were observed in Chapainawabganj on Wednesday amidst much festivity.

On the occasion, Chapainawabganj district administration and Bangladesh Shishu Academy jointly arranged a daylong programme that included competitions on painting, handwriting, essay and extempore speech for children.

The competitions were held at Green View High School in the town.

About 90 children from different schools in town took part in three groups at the painting competition.

A discussion, cultural programme and prize giving ceremony were held at Shahid Satu Hall in the town. Deputy Commissioner K.M. Ali Azam was present as the chief guest. District

and police officials, socio-cultural personalities, educationists and leaders of political parties spoke at the programme.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

To mark the 90th birth anniversary of the 'Father of the nation' Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Manikganj district administration organised a cultural function at he local Shaheed Minar premises on Wednesday evening.

Singers Nakul Kumar Biswas; Ishtiak from the TV show "Nirmaner Taroka"; local singers Maya, Zuiria Islam, Beauty Acharya, Boni, Shilpi and artists of local Shishu Academy, Shilpakala Academy and Manikganj Government Children's Home performed songs and dances. Saleha Islam, Vice Chairman of Manikganj Sadar Upazila Parishad and Siddheswar Majumdar recited poems.

Thousands of people enjoyed the cultural function.

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Marking the birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, local socio-cultural and political organisations held separate programmes in the district and upazila headquarters. The programmes included discussions, cultural shows, screenings of documentaries and competitions.

Bangabandhu Shahitya Shangkritik Parishad's district unit held a programme at Durgabari in the district town.

A group of 12 artistes from Kolkata entertained the audience with their music and dance.

Earlier, a discussion was held with Advocate Moazzem Hossain Babul, president of Bangabandhu Shahitya Shangkritik Parishad, in the chair.

The speakers said that the day is also being observed as the National Children's Day to materialise the dream of Bangabandhu. If the children of today learn the authentic history of Bangladesh, they would be worthy citizens of the country, said the speakers.

Francophonie Festival to begin tomorrow

A CORRESPONDENT

The eight-day Francophonie Festival 2010, organised jointly by the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, the High Commission of Canada, the embassies of Egypt, France, Morocco and Switzerland, will begin on March 20 in the city. To brief the media on the festival, a press conference was held yesterday at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka.



Ambassadors and representatives of the Francophonie countries speak at the conference.

Robert McDougall, Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh; Charley Causeret, Ambassador of France to Bangladesh; Ahmad Al Shourbagy, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt; Driss Hachqa, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco; Gabriele Derighetti, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Switzerland spoke on the occasion.

The festival will include film screenings, contests on French language, open-air concert and more. The programmes will be held at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, French International School of Dhaka and North South University.

At the press conference, the French Ambassador informed everyone present that 200 million people around the world speak French as their mother language, making it the 9th most spoken language in the world. He also said that French is the other language, apart from English,

to be spoken in all five continents, and the third most used language on the Internet.

Robert McDougall, Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh said, "This festival will provide an opportunity for us to celebrate not only the French language and the rich and diverse Francophonie culture, but also the values of peace, democracy, and respect for human rights, education and development. These values unite the members of the international organisation of 'La Francophonie'."

Driss Hachqa, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco said, "As a member state of the International Francophonie Organisation, the Kingdom of Morocco is determined to fulfil its commitments towards 'La Francophonie' and the universal values it represents, such as cultural and linguistic diversity."

Francophonie is a cultural and linguistic community of more than 200 million people, who use French to varying degrees in their daily lives. Francophonie is also an institutional community of 53 states and governments on five continents. For several years, the French-speaking people across the world have been celebrating the Francophonie cultural festival every March. Francophonie is an annual event meant to celebrate the diversity of the French language. The event represents a remarkable moment of cultural exchange that will strengthen communication and contacts between Bangladesh and French-speaking countries.

Prachyanat's in-house theatre festival Featuring an indigenous tradition and social satire



Scenes from "Patar Khela" (left) and Bioscope.

PHOTO: MUMIT M.

A CORRESPONDENT

On the third day (March 17) of Prachyanat's in-house theatre festival, "Mohola Magan," the troupe staged two plays -- "Patar Khela" and "Bioscope" at Studio Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

"Patar Khela" is inspired by a game [which is extinct] popular in the northern (Dinajpur, Thakurgaon,

Panchagarh and surrounding areas) part of the country. It's a competition among snake charmers to see who can get the most venom out of victims of snakebites. The game is called "Patar Khela" (literally, game of leaves) as the poison collects on banana leaves. In the play the leaves represent vulnerable people, whom the snake charmers exploit.

The play has been written and directed by Rantik Bipu. Cast includes Bipu, Rafique,

Opu, Ripon, Nobel, Shaon, Monty, Sumon, Joyita, Iti and Opi.

Nobel, Rantik Bipu, Neel, Jarnal and others did the music direction for the production.

The other play staged that day was "Bioscope". Written and directed jointly by Saiful Islam Jarnal and Monirul Islam Rubel, the play features the duo as the only characters. "Bioscope" is a satirical improvisation of everyday life

where tastes and choices of the masses are dictated by the corporate world.

Parvin Sultana Koli choreographed the production while Sharif, Gem, Nobel, Koli and Neel were in charge of music direction.

Dhamail dance festival in Maulvibazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Maulvibazar

A festival highlighting 'Dhamail' (a popular folk dance of the Sylhet region) was held at a remote village

under Srimangal upazila in Maulvibazar last Sunday. Initiated by Dhamail dance enthusiast Rama Krishna Sarkar, the festival was organised by the Naba Nagori Dhamail Sangha.

The event was held at

Rustampur village. About seven teams of Dhamail dancers from across the Sylhet region took part in the festival. Chief guest Abdus Shahid distributed prizes among the winning teams.

ON AIR

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

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12:10 Musical Programme
 02:30 Tele-film
 04:25 Cookery Show
 06:10 Shubho Shondhya
 09:00 Dance Show
 11:30 Washington Barta

ETV

11:30 Shangkriti Shomachar
 01:30 Bangla Feature Film
 05:25 Shapthao Jurey
 05:45 Sports Plus
 06:30 Spondon
 07:50 Dance Programme
 12:02 Phono Live Studio Concert

RTV

02:03 Documentary

DESH TV

10:30 Khelar Shokal
 12:15 Dur Paath
 01:02 Cartoon
 03:02 Bangla Feature Film
 07:45 Maa-er Bhash Pran-er Bhasha
 11:45 Closeup Call-er Gaan

BANGLAVISION

12:05 The Spirit of Islam
 02:30 Tele-film/Drama On Request
 04:05 Music Together
 05:25 Din Bodoler Manush
 06:20 Drama/Programme On Request

ZEE STUDIO

01:30 Just a walk in the Park
 03:30 Get shorty on Campus
 05:00 Sweet Revenge
 07:00 The Pacifier
 09:30 Ladder 49
 12:15 Chocolat

HBO

12:30 The Invasion
 02:30 See Spot Run
 04:30 Punisher: War Zone
 06:30 No Country For Old Men
 09:00 Tmz 194
 09:30 Eagle Eye
 11:45 The Time Machine

AXN

12:30 So You Think You Can Dance
 01:30 Caught On Camera
 02:30 Wipeout
 03:30 Top Chef
 05:30 Slamball
 06:30 Cyril: Simply Magic
 07:30 Top Chef
 08:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak
 09:00 Ebuzz
 09:30 Nightmares And Dreamscapes
 Gridiron Gang

BBC WORLD

12:30 World Business Report
 12:45 BBC World News
 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 The Bottom Line (r)
 04:00 BBC World News
 04:35 Simpson's World
 05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
 06:00 BBC World News
 06:30 World Business Report
 06:45 Sport Today
 07:00 World News Today with Lyse Doucet
 08:30 World Business Report
 08:45 Sport Today
 09:00 BBC World News
 09:30 Click
 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing

ESPN

02:30 Anz Ladies Masters 2010 - Day 4
 05:30 Goals!
 06:30 2010 Winter X Games All Access

07:30 Football Asia 2009/10
 08:00 First Edition
 08:30 Sportscenter India
 09:00 Sportscenter Asia
 09:30 Premier League World
 10:00 First Edition
 10:30 Sportscenter India
 11:30 Football Forecast

STAR SPORTS

12:30 FIA F1 World Championship Highlights 2010
 02:00 FIM Mx3 World Championship 2009 - Highlights
 02:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Bolton Wanderers vs. Wigan Athletic
 04:30 Supa Strikas
 06:30 TNA Sikander 09/10
 07:30 Umac
 08:30 Classic Boxing: Roberto Duran- The Early Years
 09:30 Score Tonight
 10:00 TNA Sikander 09/10
 11:00 Trans Tasman Touch Rugby Test Series - Women

Talk show

Channel i

09:50am Grameenphone Trilomatra
 ntv
 12:10am Ei Shomoy
 RTV
 06:45pm Dhrujadi Kahini
BANGLAVISION
 11:25pm Anno Nayan

Drama Serial

ATN Bangla
 11:30pm Drama Serial: Maa Tui Kemon Achhish
 ntv
 08:15pm Drama Serial: FnF
 09:40pm Drama Serial: Dhupchhaya
ETV
 09:30pm Drama Serial: Bhabhi
 10:10pm Drama: Modhuchondrima
Desh TV
 08:15pm Drama Serial: Mayer Doa Paribahan
 09:45pm Rangmistiri Show: Talmisri
BANGLAVISION
 08:15pm Drama Serial: Patiganit

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 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
 Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i
 News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am

ATN BANGLA
 News (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am
 News (English) at 6:00pm
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

Talent Hunt

ATN Bangla
 08:00pm Talka National Dance Star

Channel i
 05:30pm Surdoria Bagha Gayen
 07:50pm Meridian Channel i Khudey Gaan Raaj

Rtv
 09:25pm Black Horse RTV Golden Key

FnF
 On ntv at 8:15 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Ahmed Rubel, Mosharrar Karim

On HBO at 9:30 pm
Action/Thriller

Rangmistiri Show
 On DESH TV at 9:45 pm
Today's Play: Talmisri
Cast: Dr Enamul Haque, Lara Lotus

RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM
 08:00 Addabazi
 12:00 Boiler Poka
 02:00 Foorti Unlimited
 06:00 Bumper to Bumper
 10:00 Club Foorti
 01:00 Back to Back music

abc radio FM 89.2
 06:00 Bhoror Janalay Mukhorito
 09:00 Jiboney

RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM
 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
 05:00 Shondhatara
 07:00 Shajer Maya
 09:00 Raat-er Akashy
 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei

07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
 11:00 Musti Unlimited
 01:00 Today's World Music
 04:00 U Turn
 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
 11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan