


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Musical Soiree
 Title: Bhasha O Shadinotar Gaan
 Organiser: Bangladesh Loko Sangeet Parishad
 Venue: Shawakat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbagh
 Date: March 30
 Time: 5pm



Musical Soiree
 Title: Praner Khela
 Artists: Fahim Hossain Chowdhury and Sharmin Shathi Islam
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
 Date: March 31
 Time: 7:30pm



Cultural Programme
 Organiser: Bangladesh-India Friendship Society
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: April 3
 Time: 7pm



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




Introducing 'Robi'

24-hour programme at Suhrawardy Uddan draws sizeable turnout

CORRESPONDENT

The brand name of the mobile phone operator Aktel changed to Robi. To launch the brand, a 24-hour-long programme (from 6 pm, March 27 to 6 pm, March 28) was held at Suhrawardy Uddan.

Bhatioli, Bhawaiya, Jatra, theatre (by Prachyanat), fire dancers, fire spinners, mime, songs and magic were just some of the highlights of the event.

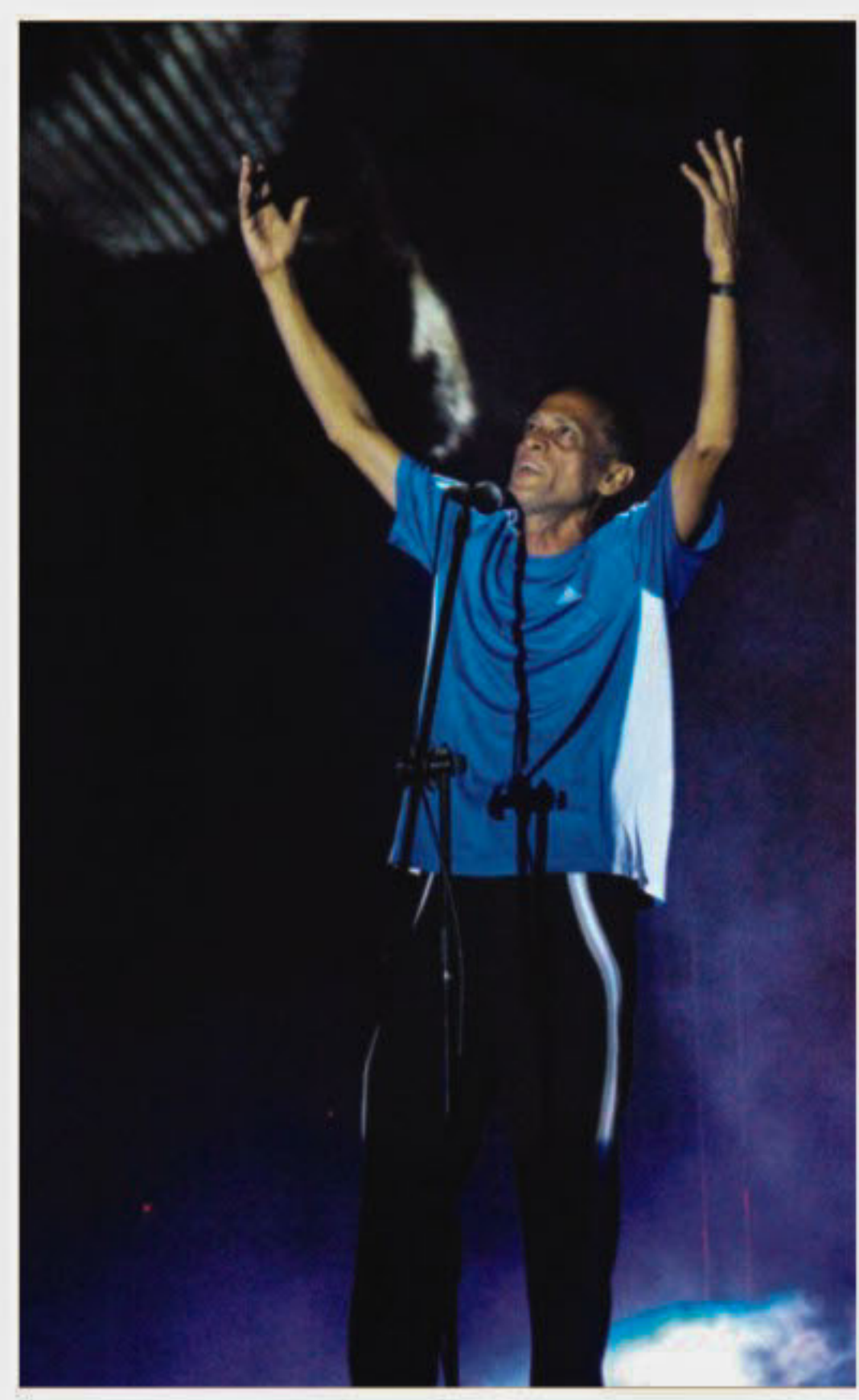
"The turnout was amazing even at 3 am. We were on stage for half an hour. There were people from all walks of life. It was an amazing experience!" said Jahan of the band Black. The band performed just before the launch.

Other bands who performed at the event were Souls, Renaissance, Maksud 'O' Dhaka, Shironamhin, Lalon, Brigade 71, Powersurge, Metal Maze, Aurthohin, Warfaze and Artcell.

Axiata Bangladesh Ltd's Chief Commercial Officer Bidyut Kumar Basu and MD of Channel i Faridur Reza Sagor launched 'Robi' with the rise of the new sun yesterday.

Jahangir Baul came from Savar to sing "Jibonta Purailam Prem Agun-e" on the show. From Moulvibazar, a group of Manipuri dancers came to perform "Mridong Cholum".

Media partners of the event were Channel-i and abcradio.



Clockwise (from top-left) Performances by Music Ensemble of Prachyanat, Azam Khan, Reza Fakir and a scene from Prachyanat's production "Circus Circus".

Desh TV celebrates its first anniversary

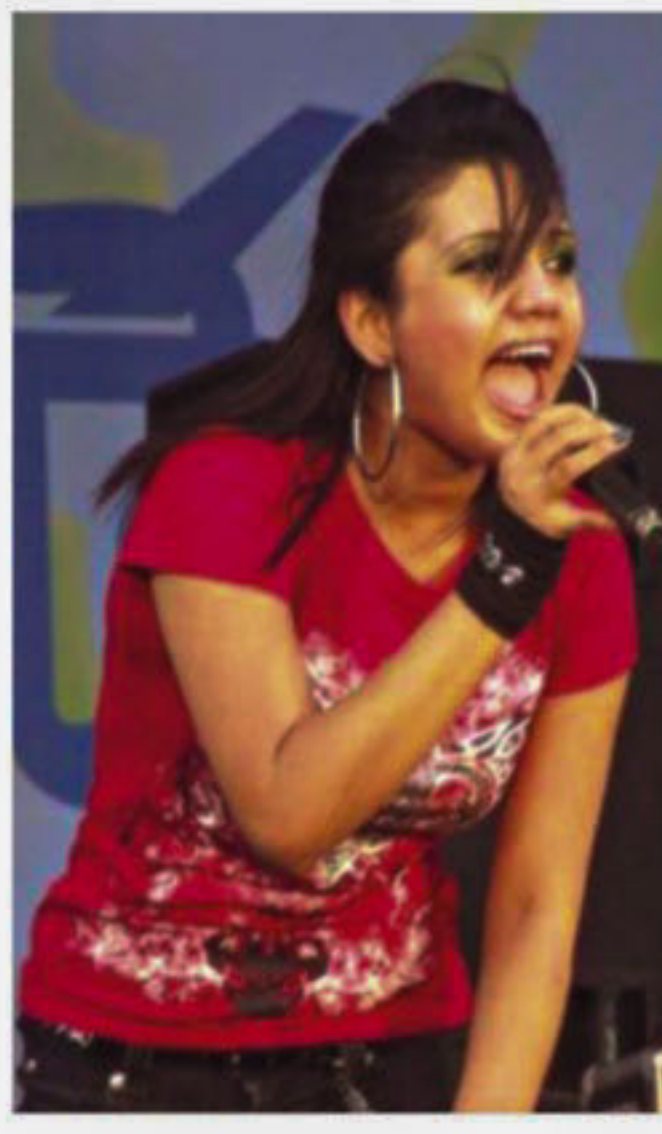
A CORRESPONDENT

Desh TV organised a concert at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex in Dhanmondi on March 27, celebrating the Independence Day and also the first anniversary of the channel. The event featured performances by Feedback, Souls, Mila, Aurthohin, Warfaze and Nogorbaul.

The concert started with Feedback at 3 pm. The band performed their hits -- "Moushumi", "Majhi", "Diner Alo" etc.

"We look forward to organising more such concerts on others occasions," said Alamgir Hossain, producer, DeshTV.

The programme was sponsored by Grameen Phone.



Mila sings at the concert in Dhaka (left); a view of the audience. PHOTO COURTESY: FOCUS BANGLA

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

A two-day programme was

observed by Desh TV Forum in the district headquarters to mark the channel's first anniversary. A painting competition for children was

held last Thursday with the participation of over 100 children from different schools.

A colourful rally was brought

out on Friday morning.

A discussion, cultural programme and prize distribution among children was held at a hotel on Friday noon. Veteran politician Mohammad Saidul Haque Chunnu; secretary, Human Rights Organisation, Pabna, Shahidur Rahman; secretary of Pabna Press Club, Utpal Mirza; veteran journalist A.B.M. Fazlur Rahman and noted cultural activist Gopal Shannal spoke on the occasion.

The speakers demanded that the satellite channels should focus on the cultural heritage of the country. Through these channels the cultural heritage has to be strengthened, they said. The speakers also called for an end to the proliferation of western culture on the channels.

Music festival in honour of Satyen Sen

A CORRESPONDENT

The two-day 'Satyen Sen Gono Sangeet Utsab' by Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Gosthi at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) ended yesterday. The event was homage to Satyen Sen, founder of Udichi, on his 103rd birth anniversary (March 28).

Veteran artiste Sudhin Das inaugurated the festival on March 27 by hoisting the national flag at the BSA open stage (*mukto moncho*). Golam Mohammad Edu, president of Udichi, hoisted the flag.

Veteran Indian *gono sangeet* artiste Protul Mukhopadhyay attended the inauguration programme as the chief guest. Among others, Nasiruddin Yousuff, president, Shommito Shangkritik Jote; Habibur Alam, general secretary, Udichi; former presidents of the organisation, Syed Hassan Imam and Jatin Sarkar; Ratan Majumdar, general secretary, Bhasha Shangkriti Shadhikar Moncho, West Bengal were present at the inauguration programme.

Speaking at the event, Nasiruddin Yousuff congratulated Udichi and hoped that in coming years the organisation will continue its

contribution to the cultural arena by promoting *gono sangeet* and bringing forward new artistes and songs.

This year Udichi held 'Jatiyo Gono Sangeet Protijogita 2010' in 55 districts across the country. The two-month event aimed at discovering a new generation of *gono sangeet* artistes and promote the genre. The best competitors from the divisional level were brought to Dhaka, where they took part in the finals, held at the BSA open stage on March 27 morning. The contest was held in two groups -- *Ka* (up to 15 years) and *Kha* (15 years and above).

Mahzabin Sultana from Sunamganj won the first prize in *Ka* group. Babul Krishna Saha from Tangail won the top spot in *Kha* group.

Sudhin Das and Protul Mukhopadhyay gave away the prizes and certificates to the winners and other finalists.

The inauguration and prize-giving ceremony was followed by a cultural programme. Wrishiz Shilpi Gosthi, Sargam and Shangkritik Union staged group performances.

Fakir Alamgir, Rupu Khan, Oishika Nodi and winners of the *gono sangeet* contest staged solo renditions.



ON AIR

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

ETV

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 Tomi Miyar Recipe
 11:45 Amar Boimela

Rtv

02:03 Bangla Feature Film Protidin
 06:03 Crime Focus
 07:30 Road To Democracy
 09:25 R Music
 11:30 Drishyokalpo

DESH TV

05:02 Cartoon
 05:30 Dur Paath
 06:02 Bazarey Notun
 10:30 Total Sports
 11:45 Shoja Katha

BANGLAVISION

11:35 Shoundarjo Katha
 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
 06:05 Sports Time
 06:40 Point of Order
 09:05 Cookery Show: Amader Ranna Ghar
 11:20 Anyo Nayan
 12:00 Shangbad Protidin

Channel 1

11:00 Bangla Feature Film
 04:00 Gaan-er Khata
 05:15 Shuktara
 09:45 Events of the Day

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 Black light
 10:40 Matilda
 01:30 Campus Confidential
 03:30 Downfall
 07:00 Zodiac
 09:30 Capote
 12:00 How To Lose Friends & Alienate People

HBO

09:45 Changeling
 12:30 Intersection
 02:30 Kung Fu Panda
 04:30 The Hi-Lo Country
 06:45 Changeling
 09:30 Pitch Black
 11:45 Kung Fu Panda

BBC WORLD

12:00 BBC World News
 12:30 World Business Report
 12:45 Sport Today
 01:00 BBC World News
 01:30 World Business Report
 01:45 Sport Today
 02:00 BBC World News
 02:30 HARDtalk (r)
 Nigel Farage Mep
 BBC World News
 03:30 World Business Report
 03:45 Sport Today
 04:00 BBC World News
 04:30 World Business Report
 04:45 Sport Today
 06:00 BBC World News

06:30 World Business Report
 06:45 Sport Today
 07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain
 08:30 World Business Report
 08:45 Sport Today
 09:00 BBC World News
 09:30 HARDtalk (r)
 Nigel Farage Mep
 The Hub with Nik Gowing
 11:30 World Business Report
 11:45 Sport Today

AXN

11:30 Masters of Illusion
 12:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak
 01:30 Bad Boys
 04:00 Ebuzz
 05:30 Slamball
 06:30 Step It Up And Dance
 07:30 Ebuzz
 08:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak
 08:30 Scare Tactics
 09:30 Masters of Illusion
 10:30 The Amazing Race
 11:30 Scare Tactics

Talk show

ATN BANGLA
 11:30pm Jey Katha Keu Boley Ni

CHANNEL i
 09:50am Grameenphone Trilomatra
 07:50pm Shomoyer Shanglaap

ntv
 12:00am Ei Shomoy

ETV
 10:10pm O Bondhu Amar

Drama Serial

ATN BANGLA
 08:00pm Chhannochhara

CHANNEL i
 09:35pm Money Bag Fantasy

ntv
 08:15pm Mamuli Ekta Manush

ETV
 08:20pm Gunin

DESH TV
 08:15pm Shimanto

BANGLAVISION
 09:15pm Diba Raatri Khola Thakey

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 Every Hour: 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm
 News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.

BANGLAVISION
 News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.

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



Diba Raatri Khola Thakey
 On Banglavisian at 9:45 pm
 Drama Serial, Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Nisha



Kung Fu Panda
 On HBO at 11:45 pm
 Animation



Noditey Ondhokaar
 On ntv at 9:45pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Jitu Ahsan, Richi

abc radio FM 89.2

06:00 Bhorer Janalay
 09:00 Mukhonto Jiboney
 12:00 Darun Dupurey
 03:00 Duranto Bikeley
 05:00 Shondhatara
 07:00 Shaier Maya
 09:00 Raat-er Akashe
 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei

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