

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Painting Exhibition
Artist: Soumyajit Choudhury
Venue: Radius Centre, Bay's Gallery, 57, Gulshan Avenue (5th Floor)
Date: April 2-17



Award Giving
Title: Young Poet and Writer's Award
Organiser: Kali O Kolom and HSBC
Venue: Main Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbagh
Date: April 2
Time: 6:30pm



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



Woman power honoured

AMANUR AMAN, *Kushtia*

Three women from the district were honoured in Chuadanga for their contribution to society: Sufia Khatun Lata (for promoting self-employment), Sahida Khatun (for her role in the field of literacy) and Rashida Hasnu Ara (for women's development). The women received crests and certificates. The honours coincided with celebrations of 100-years of International Women's Day.

On the occasion, a day long programme was organised. Jatya Mahila Sangstha, Chuadanga district unit arranged the programme held at Chuadanga Town Hall.

With Roufun Nahar Rina, in the chair, the programme was inaugurated by Chuadanga Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bholanath Dey.

The speakers at the programme were Chuadanga Municipality Mayor Riazul Haq Joardar as chief guest, while Chuadanga sadar upazila Women vice chairman Kohinur Begum, journalist and executive director of Palli Unnayan Sangstha Saiful Islam Pinu, Jatya Mahila Sangstha Chuadanga unit's Nurunnahar Kakali were special guests.

Thousands of women, including housewives, students and working women, took part in the programme. The programme included a rally, discussion and cultural event.

"Draupadi": A story of our times

KAVITA, *New Delhi*

The lives of mythological character of Draupadi and Maaya, a modern day woman, bear eerie resemblances in the recent play "Draupadi: We are so different now!". Both have faced rejection because of their gender. Both know the bitter truth of injustice and humiliation at the hands of men. Both have searched for vengeance. Ultimately both garner the strength to move on and end being victims of their circumstances.

The fascinating characters of Draupadi, the fiery and wronged heroine of the epic Mahabharata and Maaya sprang to life in the play, conceptualised and co-directed by Shivani Wazir Pasrich, well known actor, dancer, playwright and director.

In a contemporary twist to the story, at the start of the play Draupadi (superbly enacted by Shivani) is shown reading a newspaper, while the background a TV newscaster relates shocking stories of rape and violations against women.

Draupadi has a cross to bear: As one of the causes of the bloodshed in the fratricidal Kurukshetra war. Hovering as a lost spirit between



Victims in search of strength.

heaven and earth, she is in agonised search of moksha (liberation).

Draupadi's life is closely interlinked with that of Maaya (fleshed out by Charu Shankar). Maaya too is agonised, first at learning that her fiancé is dead and second at repeated violations by her

uncouth brother-in-law. On the verge of suicide, she is saved by Draupadi who convinces her to go on living.

While history seems to repeat itself with Maaya, ultimately the two women realise that they must not be mere victims of circumstances. Drawing suste-

nance from each other they go on to live full lives. "When you approach life as victims, you continue as victims. But if you approach it from a position of strength, life has much to offer," explains Shivani.

The production couldn't ask for a better team. While the signature has been designed by famous Indian artist Anjolie Ela Menon, renowned designer Ritu Kumar's costumes were in a class by themselves. Shubha Mudgal's three songs created an unforgettable ambience. Credit must of course go to Tina Johnson, the hugely talented director who has worked professionally in New York city, and Johannesburg and Cape Town at the Market Theatre and the Baxter theatre.

"Draupadi..." does not leave you untouched." It is not as if the play can bring about dramatic changes in your life or offer magical solutions, Life goes on afterwards but the sparks generated set you thinking in a more positive mode," says Shivani.

The proceeds of the play are to go to the Breast Cancer Patients Benefit Foundation, founded by Dr Sameer Kaul.

Awards for young poets and writers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Literary magazine Kali O Kolom and HSBC have taken an initiative to recognise young and talented poets and creative writers across the country since 2008. In such a perspective, the awards for the year 2009 are going to be announced tomorrow at the main auditorium of National Museum.

This year, the organisers will confer awards to three young poets and writers. Planning Minister Air Vice Marshal (Retd) A.K. Khandaker will be present as the chief guest

at the programme. Noted Indian litterateur Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay will be present as special guest. Educationist Professor Anisuzzaman, also president of the editorial board of Kali O Kolom, will preside over the programme.

Among others, Sanjay Prakash, chief executive officer, HSBC and Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, head of the jury for the award, will speak at the programme.

A solo musical performance by Auditi Mohsin will follow the award giving ceremony.



Leo Club of Dhaka midtown, district: 315, B2 arranged an art competition titled "Chetona-e Muktijuddho" at Luminous Kindergarten School, Rayer Bazar on the occasion of Independence Day. The school's founder and principal, Parvin Akhter, was the chief guest. A total of 42 students participated in the competition. Members of Leo Club and club president Rasheduzzaman Khan Shuvo were present at the programme.

Shamogeet releases debut album

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Musical troupe Shamogeet will release its debut album "Hawa" on April 3. The launching ceremony will be held in front of the Central Library of Dhaka University at 5pm. The album has been produced under the banner of Bahirana Audio Visual. G-Series will distribute it.

The album consists of nine songs, most of which are written and composed by troupe-leader Amol Akash and bassist of the troupe Orko.

Among others, Professor Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Professor Anu Muhammad and Kamruddin Absar will be present as the guests at the programme.

After the launching ceremony, members of the troupe will perform songs from the album.

Profile of an accomplished dancer

In conversation with Hassan Imam

A CORRESPONDENT

Noted dancer Hassan Imam stepped into the dance firmament in 1965. He received his primary lessons from GA Mannan, one of the maestros in the field. Mannan had established the Nikkon Lalito Kala Academy in Shantinagar. The institute produced many noted dancers of the country. "I am greatly indebted to Mannan," said Imam.

Imam now works as a senior instructor (dance) of Training Department, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA). He has been working on BSA projects for the last three years. "We usually arrange 15-day workshops and visits to other branches of Shilpakala Academy in the country. The training helps aspiring artistes. In earlier times, there was no efficient trainer at the



Hassan Imam

district level. Some of our students now work for different institutions. Some of them work independently," said Imam.

Besides being a senior instructor of

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Imam is also the secretary general of Surangama Sangeet Academy, Siddeshwari. The organisation offers classes on folk and classical music, Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet, classical dance and more.

Hassan Imam is a member-secretary of the Television Dance Directors and Dance Artists Association (the 11-member ad hoc committee).

"The committee wants a platform that will voice the concerns of artistes. We want to assemble enlisted dancers of Bangladesh Television. Though the artistes are the backbone of our cultural development, they often do not get what they rightfully deserve. Our prime concern is to fight for their rights," said the seasoned dancer.



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

BTV

- 10:05 Open University
- 11:00 Aamader Aangina
- 11:30 Krishi Katha
- 12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
- 01:00 Metho Shur
- 01:30 Shukhi Poribar
- 03:05 Cartoon
- 07:25 Chitra Jogot
- 07:45 Phirey Dekha
- 08:30 Ontorey Ontorey
- 09:00 Drama of the Week: Poth Akhon Ekta
- 10:25 Aajker Bishoy
- 10:50 Gaaner Jhormatolay

ATN BANGLA

- 11:10 Bangla Feature Film
- 02:30 Drama: Shesh Potro
- 03:45 Sundar Jibon-er Jonyo
- 04:25 Location
- 05:10 PCL T-20 Cup Sharjah 2010 (Live)
- 06:20 PCL T-20 Cup Sharjah 2010 (Live)
- 08:00 PCL T-20 Cup Sharjah 2010 (Live)
- 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
- 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
- 01:30 Musical Programme:

RTV

- 09:35 Sa Re Ga Ma
- 02:30 i Sports
- 03:05 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak
- 03:45 Amader Shikya Amader Shangskriti
- 04:10 Muktijuddha Protidin
- 04:30 Aalor Pothey
- 05:30 Chhayachhobir Gaan
- 06:20 Travel Show: Banglalink Banglar Pothey
- 09:35 Meril Prothom Alo Puroshkar'09 Pordaar Pichhoner Golpo
- 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro
- 12:30 Drama Serial: Shey Amar Ekla Pakhi
- 02:03 Bangla Feature Film Protidin
- 06:00 Borney Borney Rochito
- 06:45 Uttal 71
- 07:15 Tomaar Jonyo Amar Ei Gaan
- 11:30

CHANNEL i

- 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
- 01:30 Musical Programme:

BANGLAVISION

- 11:35 Amar Ami
- 12:30 Banglavisoin Top 10
- 02:30 Drama on request
- 03:35 Cinebit Shadakalo
- 05:25 Music Vision
- 06:05 Shamol Bangla
- 06:40 Point of Order
- 09:05 Media Bhuvan
- 11:20 Musical Programme: Projapoti Chhoya

DESH TV

- 04:30 Dur Durantey
- 05:30 Dur Path
- 06:30 Rupali Geeti Chhanda
- 07:45 Musical Show: Murchhonor Shabdojal

BBC WORLD

- 11:00 BBC World News
- 11:30 World Business Report
- 11:45 BBC World News
- 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)
- 03:00 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
- 05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
- 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)
- 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing

ESPN

- 11:30 Luxehills Chengdu Open Day 1

- 03:30 Cheerleading Worlds
- 04:30 Hitz 09/10
- 05:00 Football Focus With John Dykes
- 06:00 Castrol Football Crazy
- 06:30 Winter X Games 13 Classic : Snocross
- 07:30 Goals!
- 08:00 Global Football
- 08:30 Sportscenter India
- 10:30 Sportscenter India

AXN

- 01:30 Guinness World Records Smashed
- 02:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak
- 03:30 Video Zoners
- 05:30 Slamball
- 06:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak
- 06:30 Life On Mars
- 07:30 Guinness World Records Smashed
- 08:30 Caught On Camera
- 09:30 Estate Of Panic
- 10:30 Top Chef
- 11:30 Caught On Camera
- 12:30 Drop Dead Diva

Talk show

- ATN Bangla**
- 12:30am Hello Bangladesh
- Channel i**
- 09:50am Grameenphone Trilomatra
- 12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathan
- Desh TV**
- 08:15pm Ekoi Brintey
- 11:45pm Shoja Katha

Drama Serial

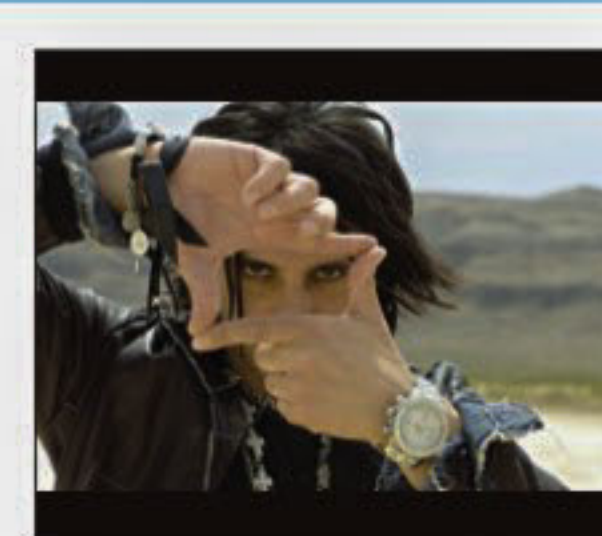
- Channel i**
- 07:50pm Gariber Kopaley Shanti Nai
- ETV**
- 04:02pm Bondhon
- RTV**
- 09:25pm Tobou Boshonto
- 10:10pm Dul Pokhkh
- BANGLAVISION**
- 08:15pm Patiganit
- 09:45pm Gulshan Avenue
- Channel 1**
- 08:15pm Garbhodhanini

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, 10:00 am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am
- 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



Dudhkhali Tiger
 On Banglavisoin at 2:30 pm
 Single Episode TV play
 Cast: Ahmed Rubel, Iresh Zaker



Criss Angel Mindfreak
 On AXN at 6:00 pm



Tobou Boshonto
 On Rtv at 9:25 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Shojol, Tisha



- RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM**
- 07:30am Hello Dhaka
- 10:00am Morning Express
- 12:30pm No Tension
- 04:00pm Dhaka Calling
- 09:00pm Full Volume
- 11:00pm Back to Back music
- RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM**
- 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
- 11:00am Musti Unlimited
- Today's Adda
- 01:00pm U Turn
- 04:00pm Tabey Tai Hok
- 08:00pm Today's Happy Moments
- 12:00am

- abc radio FM 89.2**
- 06:00am Bhorer Janalay
- 09:00am Mokhurito
- Jiboney
- 12:00pm Darun Dupurey
- 03:00pm Duranto Bikeley
- 05:00pm Shondha Tara
- 07:00pm Shajer Maya
- 09:00pm Raat-er Akashy
- 11:00pm Golper Shesh
- Nei