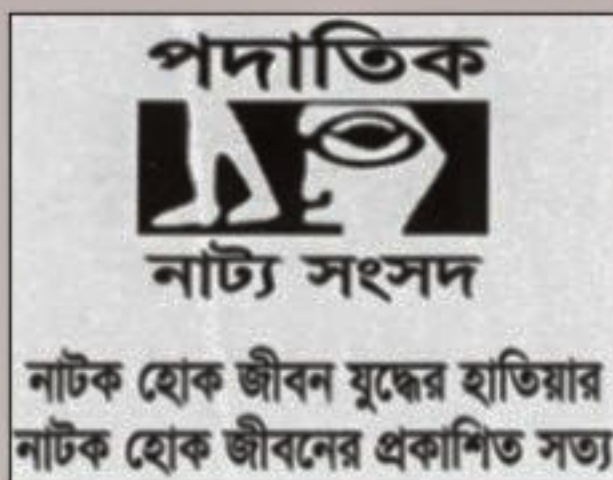


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Theatre Festival
 Title: Syed Badruddin Hossain Memorial Theatre Festival
 Organiser: Padatik Natya Sangsad (TSC)
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: April 7-11
 Today's Play: Kathal Bagan
 Time: 7pm



17th Young Artists Art Exhibition 2010
 Venue: National Art Gallery, Bangladesh
 Shilpakala Academy
 Date: April 2-19
 Time: 11am-7pm



Theatre
 Play: Norar Tinkonia
 Directed by: Aminur Rahman Mukul
 Venue: Experimental Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Date: April 11
 Time: 7pm



Chaitrosankrantir Book Fair
 Organised by: Adorn Publication
 Venue: Central Public Library Premises, Shahbag
 Date: April 1-13
 Time: 10am 8pm



Meril Prothom Alo Awards

Lifetime honour goes to Nazrul exponent Shudhin Das



Celebrating the leading lights of culture.



ZAHANGIR ALOM

Serpentine queues formed outside the Hall of Fame of Bangabandhu International Conference Centre on April 9 where the Meril-Prothom Awards 2009 was to be declared.

The evening began with editor of Prothom Alo, Matiur Rahman delivering a welcome speech, followed by that of managing director of Square Toiletries Limited, Anjan Chowdhury.

Dhallywood star Ferdous who has previously anchored this event twice over, along with five Bangladeshi artistes -- Monalisa, Momo, Badhon, Munmun, Prova; four foreign artistes -- Sofi, Adwina, Jessica, Diana and a number of professional dance artistes participated in a show mingling both eastern and western tunes.

Followed the spirited performance, Ferdous unveiled two 'Bagher Bachcha' (tiger cubs) -- Chanchal Chowdhury and Mosharraf Karim and assigned them to anchor the programme. The fun-loving audience gave them a hearty round of applause. Lux-Channel i stars Ishana and Orsha assisted them in anchoring.

Subtle humour, satire, jokes and even poetic anchoring, nothing was left out from the bags of the witty anchors.

Spectators were at the edge of their seats as eminent artist Qayyum Chowdhury with Matiur Rahman and Anjan Chowdhury was about to declare the Lifetime Achievement Award. In a welcome end to the suspense Shudhin Das was declared the personality of the year. The lucky winner was awarded a cheque for Taka 100,000, a crest and *uttaro*.

Though born in Bikrampur (Munshiganj), Shudhin Das

had a close cultural affinity with Comilla. The veteran artiste has dedicated his entire life to promoting Bangla music. Aside from promoting the songs of Panchakobi, he has popularised the songs of mystic bard Lalon by authoring two books. However, he stands out for his accomplishment of notations of songs of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam in more than 20 volumes. He is also an Ekushey Padak recipient (1988).

"While Rabindranath led a life of affluence our National Poet Nazrul led an impoverished life. Yet we fail to find any limit to Nazrul's creations. Nazrul is credited with creating more than 3,000 songs. That is almost impossible for a litterateur to grasp," said Shudhin Das

Meril-Prothom Alo Awards-2009 were distributed among TV and film stars, musicians and singers amid a union of cultural personalities. The nominations for the popular awards were open to public voting while the prestigious critic awards were there in line with.

Renowned Tagore singer Rezwana Chowdhury Bonya and noted Nazrul artiste Fatema-Tuz-Zohra rendered "Esho shyamol o shundor o" and "Shukno patar nupur paye" respectively with a dance performance by Aupe Karim and her troupe.

Habib Wahid and Nancy were named the best male and female singers for the song "Bahir boley durey thakuk" from their album "Dwidha" while anchor Mosharraf Karim and Joya Ahsan bagged awards for the best TV play acting in "Houseful" and "Tarpur O Angurlata Nando Ke Bhalobashey" respectively in the popular choice category.

Dhallywood star Shakib Khan with model-actress Shokh

and Lux-Channel i superstars Bindu and Mim performed an eye-catching dance number with traditional Bangla tunes.

Nurul Alam Atique received two critic awards (best scriptwriting and best directing) for his TV play "Bikol Pakhir Gaan", while actor Fazlur Rahman Babu for "Panjabiwala" and actress Nowha Munir Dihan for "Bikol Pakhir Gaan" received the best critic awards for TV play acting.

Later Habib-Nancy with Topu-Tisha, Sajal-Sarika and Fardin-Nowshin performed the song "Bahir boley durey thakuk."

Awards for acting in films in the popular choice category went to anchor Chanchal Chowdhury for the film "Monpura" and actress Shabnoor for the film "Bolbo Katha Bashor Gharey".

"Third Person Singular Number" bagged the best critic award for film. Faridur Reza Sagor received the award on behalf of Impres Telefilm while Mostafa Sarwar Farooki was adjudged the best director for the same film in the same category.

The best critic award for acting in films was shared by famed artiste Mamunur Rashid for the film "Monpura" and singer Topu for the film "Third Person Singular Number." Actress Tisha also bagged the best critic award in film acting for the film "Third Person Singular Number."

At the end of the day, popular singer Kumar Bishwajit, along with cricketers from the Bangladesh National Cricket Team, children and several award winners rendered "Jejey Otho Bangladesh", composed by Shawkat Ali Emon.

Bijhu festival begins

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

The indigenous people in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) have begun the joyous celebrations of 'Bijhu Utsab' with a variety of programmes.

Meanwhile, several socio-cultural organisations have also chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the festival.

Bijhu, the biggest social festival of the 11 ethnic minorities in CHT, is being observed since time immemorial. It is basically observed over three-days, namely the last two-days of the Bengali year just gone by and the first day of the New Year.

The first day is called 'Ful-bijhu', the second day is 'Mul-bijhu', the main function, and third day is 'Gojya Pojya Din'.

Though the festival is widely called 'Bijhu', the ethnic people have distinct names for the occasion. The Chakmas call it 'Bijhu', the Marmas 'Sagrain', the Tangchanyas 'Bishu', the Tripuras 'Boisuk' and the Ahmia call it 'Bihu'.

To celebrate Bijhu, the Rangamati Tribal Culture Institute (TCI) has launched different programmes including a display of different types of ornaments, an art competition of indigenous people and a cultural function.

On Thursday, a cultural function was held at the TCI auditorium.

Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council Nikhil Kumar Chakma was present as the chief guest and distributed prizes to the winners.

ADC (Gen) Biswajit Bhattacharya attended as special guest. Acting director of TCI Runel Chakma was also present at the function.

Indigenous artistes performed different traditional songs and dances, which captivated the audience.

Apart from this, Bijhu, Sangrain, Bishu, Boisuk and Bihu Celebration Committee in Rangamati also chalked out different programmes including floating of flowers on the river and traditional sports.

The recent violence at Baghaihat and Khagrachhari has cast a cloud on the Bijhu festival. Hundreds of indigenous families who are victims in those areas have boycotted the festival in a gesture of protest against the attacks on ethnic people by Bengali settlers.



Ethnic people observe 'Bijhu Utsab'.

PHOTO: STAR

Oprah Winfrey's new show coming to India

Oprah Winfrey's new show, "Oprah's Next Chapter", will take her to India, China and elsewhere, it has emerged.

According to a Oprah Winfrey Network spokesman, scheduling and details for the new prime-time series have not been finalised as yet, but the show likely will air two to three times a week and debut in late 2011, reports The Telegraph.

In the programme, the talk show queen will be seen interviewing a range of people from celebrities to politicians to newsmakers in other countries.

It was in November that Oprah announced on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that she would end her popular daytime show, which has been running for 25 years because it "feels right."

Source: Internet

ON AIR

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

ATN BANGLA

01:25 Musical Programme: Sur-er Madhuri
 02:30 Business Week
 03:10 Khelar Jogot
 03:45 Char Deyalar Kabyo
 05:00 Kandey Amar Maa
 05:30 Bashudha Dhak Dhol
 05:45 Destiny Group National Cricket League T-20
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL i
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re

04:05 Ga Ma
 04:05 Mukti Judhyo Protidin
 04:30 Arshinnagar
 06:20 Superman
 11:00 RC Travel On
 12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro
ntv
 12:50 Swastho Protidin
 04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey
 05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha
 06:10 Shubho Shondha
 06:45 Aainer Chokhey
 09:00 Drama: Edur O Ghuno Pokaar Golpo

ETV

02:02 Market Trend
 04:30 Best of Dhum Tana
 05:25 Sports Plus
 06:30 Deshjurey
 07:50 Musical Programme
RTV
 02:03 Bangla Feature Film
 06:00 Protidin
 06:45 R Ranna
 07:30 Road to Democracy
 11:30 Trade Talk
 12:00 Just Band

BANGLAVISION

02:30 Bangla Feature Film
 06:05 Positive Bangladesh
 06:40 Point of Order
 11:25 Musical Programme

DESH TV

05:30 Durpaath
 06:30 Shangskriti Bangladesh
 07:45 Dekhao Apon Protibha

HBO

11:45 The Dark Knight
 02:15 Bats: Human Harvest
 04:00 Live Once, Die Twice
 05:45 The Addams Family
 07:45 The Making Of Get Smart
 08:00 Entourage S611: Scared Straight
 08:45 Entourage S612: Give A Little Bit
 09:30 The Dark Knight

AXN

11:30 Numb3rs
 12:30 CSI: Miami
 01:30 Guinness World Records Smashed
 02:30 Masters of Illusion
 03:30 Estate of Panic
 04:30 So You Think You Can Dance
 06:30 Masters of Illusion

VIDEO ZONKERS

07:30 Mummy, The
 08:30 VIDEO ZONKERS
 11:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak
 11:30 So You Think You Can Dance
STAR SPORTS
 11:00 2010 Masters Tournament
 02:30 Maxis Football Extra
 04:00 Engine Block 2010
 04:30 Simply The Best
 04:55 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Wolverhampton Wanderers vs. Stoke City
 07:00 2010 Masters Tournament
 07:30 Hitz 09/10
 07:55 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Liverpool vs. Fulham
 10:00 US Men's Clay Court Championship
 11:30 2010 Masters Tournament
 12:00 Masters Tournament

ESPN

10:30 ICC World T20 2009 Match 18 H/L Match: New Zealand vs. Pakistan
 11:30 H20 Sports International
 12:00 Fina Aquatics World
 12:30 Sportscenter Week In Review
 01:00 Andalusia Tennis Experience - Semifinal 1
 02:30 Andalusia Tennis Experience - Semifinal 2
 04:00 Andalusia Tennis Experience - Final
 06:00 Super Sunday
 06:25 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Blackburn Rovers vs. Manchester United
 08:30 Super Sunday
 08:55 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Manchester City vs. Birmingham City

Talk show

ATN BANGLA
 04:25pm Talk Show: Proshongo
CHANNEL i
 09:50am Grameenphone Trilomatra
 12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathan
ntv
 12:10am Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
BANGLAVISION
 09:05pm Amar Ami

Drama Serial

CHANNEL i
 05:30pm Meyeti Dhaka Jachchhey
 09:30pm Goriber Kopaley
 Shanti Nai
 10:00pm Alo Chhaya
ntv
 08:15pm Graduate
ETV
 08:20pm Gunin

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
 12:00pm Darun Dupurey
 03:00pm Duranto Bikeloy
 05:00pm Shondha Tara
 07:00pm Shajer Maya
 09:00pm Raat-er Akashey
 11:00pm Golper Shesh Nei
RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM
 07:30am Hello Dhaka
 11:00am Musti Unlimited
 01:00pm Today's Adda
 04:00pm U Turn
 08:00pm Tabey Tai Hok
 12:00am Today's Happy Moments

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.
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
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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



Hoi Hoi Roi Roi
 On Banglavisian at 9:45 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Afroza Banu, Shojoil



The Dark Knight
 On HBO at 9:30 pm
 Genre: Action/ Thriller
 Cast: Christian Bale, Heath Ledger



Gunin
 On Ekushey TV at 8:20 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: AKM Hassan, Chandni