

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Boishakhi Celebrations & Folk Festival

Organiser: Pizza Hut and KFC
Venue: Transcom Digital Showroom and Pizza Hut Premises
Time: 12pm-8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition

Artist: Syeeduzzaman Sumon
Title: Rural Life
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: April 3- 17
Time: 3pm-9pm (except Sundays)



Solo Painting Exhibition

Artist: Murshida Arzu Alpana
Title: Drinking Bottle Water and Breathing Dust Only
Venue: Goethe Institut Bangladesh H-10, R-9, Dhanmondi
Date: April 5-22
Time: 10am-8pm



Boats Exhibition

Title: Traditional Boats of Bangladesh
Venue: Nalinikanta Bhattashali Gallery, Bangladesh National Museum
Date: March 23-April 19
Time: 10am -5pm



Professor Siddiqui and Sarkar honoured

A CORRESPONDENT

Eminent educationist Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui and noted essayist Jatin Sarkar recently received 'Shadhinota Puroshkar 2010' for their contribution to respective fields. To celebrate the awards, Dr. Fahmida Khatun and Tapan Bhattacharjee organised a felicitation programme for Professor Siddiqui and Sarkar on April 10 at Gulshan Club, Dhaka.

The programme featured a brief discussion and music. At the programme the organisers introduced the honourees to the guests. Both personalities were greeted with *uttorio* (celebratory scarf).

Professor Anisuzzaman; Dr. Atiur Rahman, Governor Bangladesh Bank; Mofidul Haque, trustee, Liberation War Museum; Mamun Rashid, CEO of Citibank NA Bangladesh and journalist Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul among others, spoke on the occasion. The discussants highlighted the honourees' lives and immense contribution to our literature, social and cultural fields.

Professor Siddiqui said, "I have tried to involve myself with good deeds throughout my life. I will try to maintain that for



Jatin Sarkar (2nd from left) and Professor Zillur Rahman Siddiqui (2nd from right) with the organisers of the event.

the rest of my life. This achievement will encourage me."

Jatin Sarkar, who was a student of Professor Siddiqui, said, "I'm elated to have received the award which is related to the values of the Liberation War. Many remarkable personalities have not yet

been fortunate enough to receive this award, so I feel unduly flattered."

Dignitaries, including academicians and intellectuals were present at the function.

The event was managed by Paper Rhyme.

Marking the end of the Bengali year

Book festival at Public Library

A CORRESPONDENT

For the second time Adorn Publication has arranged a book festival to mark 'Chaitra Shangkranti' (end of the current Bengali year) at Central Public Library premises, Shahbagh. Starting from April 1, the festival will go on till the last day of Bengali year 1416 (April 13).

Writer Biprodas Barua inaugurated the festival on April 1. Writers and poets including Razaur Rahman, Anjan Mahfuz, Maruf Raihan and Rakhil Raha were present at the inaugural programme.

Aside from short stories, novels, plays, poetry, essays, research, travelogues, and memoirs, books available at the festival also highlight economics, politics, philosophy, theology, history and the Liberation War. Books for children and adolescents are



A visitor browses books at the festival.

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also available at the festival. Readers have the opportunity to get up to 60 percent discount on books on the occasion of the festival.

Syed Zakir Hussain of Adorn Publication said, "As Public Library is an important venue for students and literature enthusiasts, we want to

provide a bridge between readers and writers through this festival, saying goodbye to the old year and hailing the new Bengali year."



Preparations are on in Jhenidah (top) and Mymensingh to usher in the Bengali New Year.

Gearing up for Pahela Baishakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

With *Pahela Baishakh* only a few days away, the children of villages and city are busy making masks and festoons. They will take part in the rally wearing masks and carrying festoons on the first day of the Bangla year.

A *Baishakhi* fair will be held at the old DC Court complex.

Romana, who is making masks, told this correspondent that it is matter of great pleasure for them as it is a tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation.

Rashid said, "We celebrate *Pahela Baishakh* every year with much gusto as it brings everyone together. On this day we can exchange views and meet at the *Baishakhi* rally."

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The students of the newly established Fine Arts Department of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKNIU) in Trishal have their hands full in the run up to the New Year's celebration rally. They are working relentlessly to make replicas of elephants, horses, tigers, owls, etc and paintings on clay pots. They are also working on wall and floor paintings of the university and decorating the roads of the campus with traditional images. Goutam Kumar Devnath, a student of the Fine Arts Department said that the young people are planning to celebrate a colourful programme outside Dhaka. "We can fine tune our creativity through such programmes," said Sharmin Akhtar, another student.

Meanwhile, Moushami Akhtar, Mohammad Razan and Didarul Hasan told The Daily Star that as the university is a culture-based one, they want to work for the revival of various arts, now on the verge of extinction.

The procession will parade the campus and adjacent areas.

"Students admitted this year in the Fine Arts Department have taken initiatives to make the day a memorable one," said Dulal Chandra Gain, assistant professor of the Department.

Safin Omar, Tapon Kumar Sarker and Emdadur Rashed, teachers from the Department, are also guiding the students for the preparations for the big day. Vice-chancellor of the university, Professor Gasuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the programme.

The day's programmes include a colourful rally in the morning, a feast of *panta-ilish*, kite flying, cultural shows, debate, poetry recitation, dance sequences and more.



Artistes of Pabna Drama Circle busy making masks, festoons and other colourful objects. The artworks and masks would be carried at a *Baishakhi* rally brought out by the organisation on *Pahela Baishakh*.

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Freida Pinto: "I'm too young to play Bond girl"

Though constantly been linked to reports of playing the next Bond girl, Freida Pinto insists she's too "young" to be part of the 007 movie.

The "Slumdog Millionaire" star was recently reported to have signed up to play Daniel Craig's love interest in the next James Bond blockbuster, "Bond 23" which will be helmed by filmmaker Sam Mendes.

The 25-year-old actress is convinced she would be the wrong choice for a role in the superspy franchise, Ok! magazine reported.

"It was very flattering. I don't know if I would have done it. I'm too young to be a Bond girl and you need someone more mature and beautiful than me," Pinto said.

A representative for the actress had earlier dismissed reports, confirming Pinto has "not been approached" by Bond bosses.

Source: Internet

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