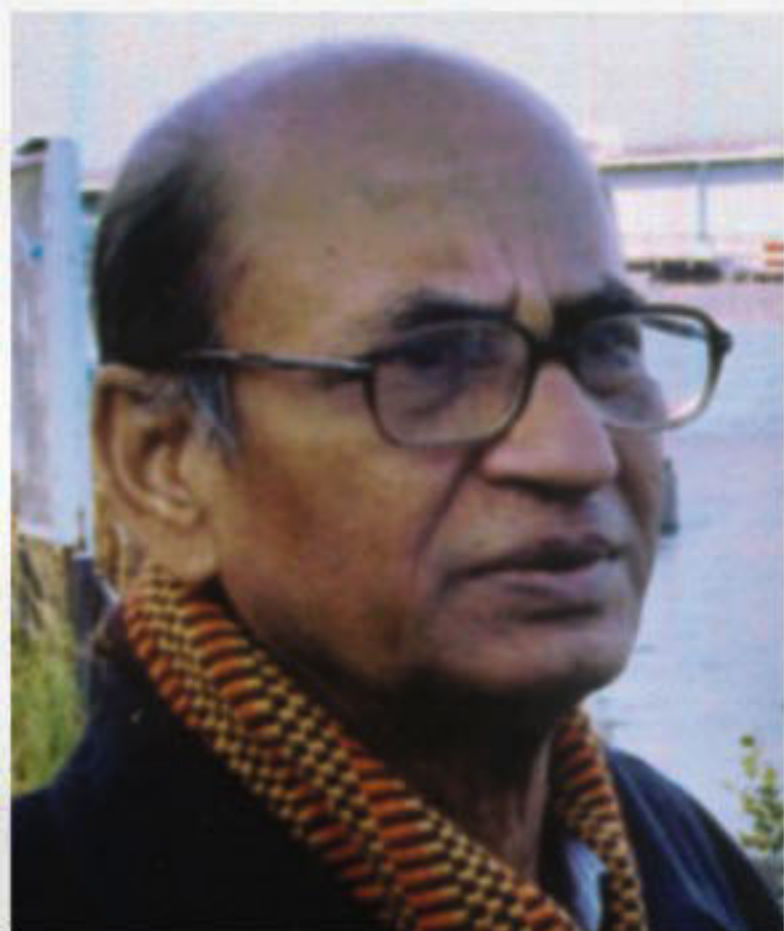


Festival on Canvas

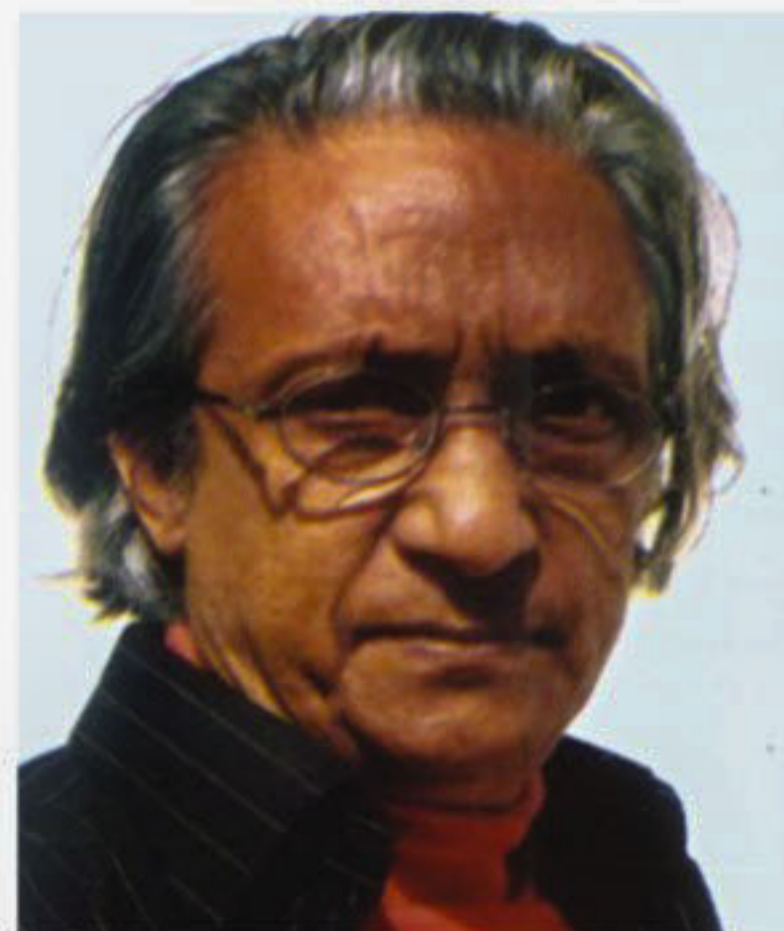


Samarjit Roy Chowdhury

A CORRESPONDENT

Folk art is quite popular in the sub-continent. The genre is closely connected to our culture and heritage. Some painters like to portray various religious, cultural and folk festivals in Bangladesh. Many artists start their journey with folk art and it generally encapsulates the identity, custom and language of a particular place or community. Needless to say, folk elements are in abundance in the works of painters like Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan, SM Sultan, Rashid Chowdhury, Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Abdus Shakoor Shah and others.

Samarjit Roy Chowdhury: Samarjit Roy Chowdhury is a prominent figure in the Bangladeshi art circuit. He is recognised for the folk motifs in his works. Kites, fish, wild flowers and boats are recurring objects in his works. His lines are intentionally unpolished. The uneven lines create an individual lan-



Abdus Shakoor Shah

guage, highlighting a rural essence.

As a child, the artist remembers going to the Baishakhi fair and buying clay horses, elephants and various types of dolls. Lokkhi-shora and potto chitra -- provide a great influence on his works.

Samarjit also has a propensity for portraying female forms in a semi-realistic or realistic manner. The colours frequently used are azure, red, black, yellow and emerald green.

Abdus Shakoor Shah: Abdus Shakoor's works truly symbolise our traditional culture and heritage. His paintings are distinguished by indigenous depictions of snakes, peacocks, elephants, birds, flowers and more. About the use of colour, Shakoor says, "My canvas is full of bright colours. It brings in a festive mood. Baishakh and its various aspects frequently emerge in my works."

"All famous artists have established their own individuality in their works. They attained their individuality by using original local forms and motifs. I



Ranjit Das

want to present Bangladesh, its traditions, festivals, as my subjects."

Ranjit Das: Ranjit Das is celebrated for his flamboyant style and thought-provoking themes. From the beginning, Ranjit's works have been closely connected to the bucolic landscapes and way of life. All his works have in the background a story, which is familiar to us. A figurative painter, Ranjit's works are distinguished for their disciplined, mindful and imposing use of colours with the compositions of semi-abstract and symbolic patterns. Das also portrays various festivals in his works. Das did a number of paintings and drawings on Baishakh in 2008. The works plunged deep into this ancient festival and its various significant aspects.

Das says, "When I paint something to represent Nobo Borsho, I normally use bright colours and rich texture. I think these characteristics bring a pleasant look to my canvas. The fiesta is usually denoted with yellow, orange and vermilion."

Dancing in the New Year

In conversation with Shibli Mohammad

A CORRESPONDENT

Shibli Mohammed, Shamim Ara Nipa and the team of Nriyanchal have been pretty active in the year that has just ended. Shibli Mohammed was vocal about their various works last year and their fixtures in this Bengali year:

"We performed in the National Film Awards that was telecast live by Channel-i. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was a chief guest at the programme. Nipa, me and a team of 35 dancers from Nriyanchal danced to 'Shono ekti Mujibor-er kontho theke', sung by Sadi Mohammed. The dance was choreographed by Shamim Ara Nipa."

The troupe also performed at Radisson at the beginning of April for autistic children. "We had a rehearsal with them before the performance in which eight autistic boys and girls performed with us. For me and Nipa, it was a moving experience. I think we have a lot of responsibility towards these children. All that we do is not enough. After this dance, there was a fusion performance of East-West by Nriyanchal, mainly for the amusement of these kids."

Plans for Pahela Baishakh?

"Early at 7 am we will be in a programme hosted by Robiraag. Till 9 am it will be telecast live on ETV. There will also be prominent singers Papia Sarwar, Fatema Tuz Zohra, Shompa Reza, etc. The venue is just in front of Rifles Square in Dhanmondi."

"The same evening at 8 pm we have a performance in Army Golf Club. We will perform the popular "Mohua" dance drama, a folk story based on snake charmers. Before our performance, Sadi Mohammed and Fatema Tuz Zohra will be singing."

How do you plan to enjoy the New Year?

"Gone is that age of enjoyment. Now it is all about giving enjoyment! With two shows in the day, I think we will be fully scheduled. However we will make time to be with the family



Shibli Mohammed and Shamim Ara

and have the famous *Ilish-pantha* lunch."

After 1417-any shows?

"We will be in the inauguration ceremony of My TV at Sheraton on April 15. We will be the opening act. We will perform the peacock dance."

Special TV programmes on Pahela Baishakh



Shykh Siraj (right) hosts the show.

A CORRESPONDENT

Channel i
Apart from airing Chhayanaut's New Year celebration live from Ramna

Batomul at 6am and Baishakhi festival from Bakultola, Charukola at 9:30, Channel i will air live for the first time Grameenphone-Channel i Baishakhi Fair from Channel i Tejgaon office at 10am. This will be followed by premier-

ing Impress Telefilm's film "Nijhum Oronye" at 2:30pm. Written and directed by Mahbub Jamil and Mushfiqur Rahman Gulzar respectively, the cast of the film on Liberation War is Abul Hayat, Ilias Kanchan, Champa, Sajal, Badhon and others.

"Krishoker Baishakhi Ananda"
A unique game show "Krishoker Baishakhi Ananda" will be aired on Channel i on Pahela Baishakh (April 14) at 11:30 pm.

Celebration of Pahela Baishakh is inseparable from Bengali identity. This is one rural festival that has become enormously big in the cities, especially in Dhaka. But celebrations in the villages, however, are seemingly losing their glory due to harsh poverty. One such village is Chawk Shimla -- tucked in a remote area in Naogaon. This village enjoys virtually no amenity. Burdened by immense frustrations, people of this village have often chosen suicide.

"Krishoker Baishakhi Ananda" brings to light stories from this village and through fun and games has tried to offer them some respite from their daily woes.

Planned, anchored and directed by eminent media personality Shykh Siraj, the show will be re-aired on April 15 at 3:05 pm.



Anisur Rahman Milon and Momo

ATN Bangla
Aside from airing live programme of "Bangla Borshoboron Utshab" from Chittagong DC Hill Park, ATN Bangla will telecast daylong programmes on Boishakh. Written and directed by Giasuddin Selim, popular Bangla film Monpura will be aired on 2:40. The cast

of the film is Mamunur Rashid, Chanchal Chowdhury, Fazlur Rahman Babu, Farhana Mili, Dilara Jaman and others.

Special Magazine "Pa(n)chphoron"

Fagun Audio Vision produced special

magazine "Pa(n)chphoron that will be aired on Pahela Boishakh at 9:20pm. Apart from Anisur Rahman Milon, Momo, Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tania Ahmed, a number of stars will participate in many humorous events of the programme.

ntv Musical programme "Kajol Matir Shur"

Musical programme "Kajol Matir Shur" will be aired on ntv at 11:30pm. Produced by Hasan Yusuf Khan, the musical will feature traditional songs rendered by contemporary singers.

With traditional instruments such as dhol, mandira, ektara, dotara and flute, Baul singers Fakir Shahbuddin and Razzaque Baul as well as folk singers Kazi Krishnokoli Islam and Arup Rahi will render songs at the programme.

The programme will feature a diverse range of traditional songs including songs of Fakir Lalon Shai, Ukil Munshi, Radharamon Dutta, Shah Abdul Karim, Hason Raja and Rabindra Sangeet.

Desh TV "Bashuria Bajao Banshi"

Musical programme "Bashuria Bajao Banshi" will be aired on Desh TV at 11:45pm. The programme will feature solo performance of legendary flutist Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia.

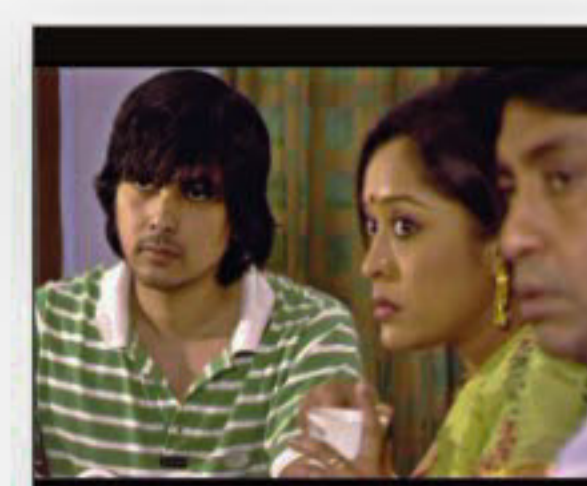
ON AIR		All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.	
ATN Bangla	11:10 Shorong	02:02 Live Programme of Pahela Baishakh	02:30 Bangla Feature Film
01:25 Elorey Baishakh	02:30 Baby Naznin Live in Dhaka	06:05 Recitation Programme	06:05 Halkhata
02:30 Bangla Feature Film: Monpura	05:30 Special Programme: Ekusher Halkhata	06:40 Dance Programme: Baishakhi Dhol	11:30 Live Musical Show: Praner Uchchhash
06:15 Eshechhey Baishakh	06:30 Musical Programme	08:15 Musical Programme: Utal Hawa	Channel 1
08:00 Drama: Phera	07:50 Special Play: Tin Ronger Prem	09:05 Drama: Ghum	10:30 Drama: Shubho Halkhata
09:20 Magazine Programme: Pa(n)chphoron	09:30 Media Explosive with Shakib Khan	11:25 Musical Programme: Praner Shur	12:10 Musical Programme: Swapney Bheshey Jai
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12:00 Grameenphone Lead News	10:00 Charukola (Live)	06:30 Baishakhi Programme from Rabindra Sharobar (Live)	03:30 Drama Serial: Gents Tailors Pvt. Ltd.
Channel i	01:00 Baishakhi Mela (Live)	10:30 Palagaan: Arbul Shundari	05:15 Khelay Melay baishakh
06:00 Baishakhi Programme from Ramna Batomul (Live)	01:00 Baishakhi Ranna	11:30 Special Programme: Bangabda	08:15 Special Play: Bhalobashar Galpo
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ETV	05:10 Krishi Sangbad	07:45 Baul and Fusion	AXN
10:02 Special Programme: Ekusheyer Bhabna	06:00 Drama Serial: Kosto Shudhu-i Amar	09:45 Special Drama: Bagharu	09:30 Slamball
BanglavisioN	07:50 TV Play: Chipa Bhut	12:30 Musical Programme: Bashuria Bajao Banshi	11:30 CSI: Miami (Season 7)
09:00 Baishakhi Programme from Ramna (Live)	11:30 Krishaker Baishakhi Ananda	RTV	12:30 Masters of Illusion
	12:00 Grameenphone Aajker Shongbadpatra	10:00 Chirantan Baishakh	01:30 The Amazing Race (Season 16)
		11:30 Live Baishakhi Programme	02:30 Scare Tactics
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			09:30 So You Think You Can Dance (Season 5)
			10:30 David Blaine: Magic Man
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			BBC World
			12:45 Sport Today
			05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
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			07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain
			08:30 World Business Report
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Live Programme On Pahela Baishakh	
Channel i	06:15am Chhayanaut's Barshobaron From Ramna Batomul
ATN BANGLA	06:15am Barshobaron Utshab From Chittagong DC Hill Park
Desh TV	6:30am Barshobaron 1417 From Rabindra Sarobar
ETV	11:30am Onwards Barshobaron Programmes From Dhaka's Different Places
RTV	08:00am Barshobaron Programme From Engineer's Institution
BANGLAVISIO N	09:00am Barshobaron Programme From Ramna Park
Channel 1	06:00am Barshobaron Utshab From Udichi, Jessor

News Bulletin	
BTV	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
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CHANNEL-i	NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 am,



Baishakhi Dhol
On BanglavisioN at 06:40pm
Dance Programme



Shubho Halkhata
On Rtv at 09:25pm
Special TV play
Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tarin



Baishakher Rong Legechhey
On ATN Bangla at 12:45pm
Special programme on Pahela Baishakh

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10:00	Morning Express
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04:00	Dhaka Calling
09:00	Knight Riders
RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM	
07:15	Good Morning Dhaka
11:00	Masti Unlimited
01:00	Today's Adda
04:00	U-Turn
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