

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Photography Exhibition
Photographer: Dr. Niaz Rahman
Title: Rhythmic Wing Beats
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhanmondi
Date: June 25-July 2
Time: 3pm-8pm



Theatre
Play: Norar Tin Konna
Troupe: Palakar
Venue: Experimental Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: July 4
Time: 7pm



Theatre
Play: Amputation
Troupe: Centre for Asian Theatre
Venue: Auditorium, District Shilpakala Academy, Bogra
Date: June 30
Time: 7pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Immersed in Nature
Artist: Rezaun Nabi
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: July 2-13
Time: 12-8pm



Rhythm divine

Tabla performance by Pt. Samar Saha at Bengal Shilpalaya



Pt. Samar Saha (Left) and sarangi artiste Ramlal at the concert.

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Eminent tabla artiste Pandit Samar Saha of Banaras Gharana (school of music) performed at Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi, in Dhaka on June 28.

Rhythm represents life. Naturally it takes center stage in any kind of music. The slow and fast tempo in soft or bold tones brings tremendous variety to an otherwise monotonous musical flow.

Born and raised in Kolkata, Saha showed great promise at a very young age. His initial training started under the guidance of his father Sri Sudhansu Bhusan Saha and brother Sri Tarak Saha.

and then developed under the able guidance of Sri Krishna Kumar Ganguly (Natubabu) of Banaras Gharana.

A much sought-after tabla artiste, Saha has had the privilege of accompanying almost all the top ranking musicians and vocalists of Hindustani classical music.

"The part of my performance that is soothing to the ear, is the gift of my guru, I am accountable for the part that sounds cacophonous," a humble Saha said before starting his performance.

Pt. Saha followed Uthan, followed by Peshkar, Gat, Tukra, Selami, Kaida, Bistar and several compositions based on different taal. He also demonstrated kaida (style) of eminent pandits and

ustads of Banaras, Lucknow, Punjab and Farrukhabad Gharana.

Ramlal gradually eased into a south Indian raga "Charukeshi" on his sarangi. "Charukeshi" is a raga that does not belong to any thaat and represents both melancholy and sringar (the element of love).

The pandit then played a kaida of his own that he created 46 years back. The bol of the composition goes, "Dha dha dha dha teyrey kekey dha dha tuna."

Later, he played kaida of Lucknow gharana. He played as if he had weaved a wreath with bol. The performance ended with a chakra dar tehai.

Next performance by Saha was a "Antaswari Khela" (where one bol ends, and another starts).

The artiste then performed a composition on teen taal and jhap taal. He introduced ek taal, rupak, kaharba and dadra during his performance. He enthralled the audience with his soft and speedy beats that seemed like a bird drying itself after a heavy shower.

A highlight was chalon that the artiste learnt under ustads Shawkat Ali Khan and Aslam Khan. Chalon is like a life cycle. Ramlal was playing different gat on his sarangi while Saha developed a complete cycle.

As monsoon is in full swing, the sarangi played the raga "Khamaj." Pt. Saha played a tukra producing a masculine sound like "Dhim." Ustad Zakir Hussain usually loves to play such tukra.

As Ramlal played the raga "Kirtanango," Pt. Saha played North Indian, South Indian and Orissan pakhawaj along with shree khol and mridango on his tabla. The performance articulated an image of Krishna dancing with Radha under a Kadam or Tamal tree in the monsoon.

Towards the end of the evening, Saha decided to humour the audience, making sounds of a plane taking off with his tabla. Wah! Amazing! Were the reactions from the audience.

Call to promote tourism

Mango fair and cultural programme in Chapainawabganj

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

A day long mango fair and cultural programme were held in Chapainawabganj amidst much festivity on Monday. Around 100 local mango varieties were on display at 15 stalls set up by different government horticulture centres, upazila parishad, nurseries and individuals at the Chapainawabganj Horimohon Government High School premises.

Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation and Chapainawabganj district administration jointly organised the mango fair and campaign, calling for Chapainawabganj district to be developed as a tourist spot.

Hemayet Uddin Talukdar, chairman of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, inaugurated the fair as chief guest.

A discussion was also held at the venue, with K.M. Ali Azam, Deputy Commissioner of Chapainawabganj, in the chair. Director of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation Khurshid Ahmad; Mayor of Chapainawabganj municipality Professor Ataur Rahman; chairman of Chapainawabganj sadar upazila Ruhul Amin and deputy director of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) Shahjahan Ali were present as special guests.

The speakers said that tourism accounts for a major slice of the national income in most Asian countries. In spite of ample potential, the domestic tourism industry has not been developed



Various types of mangoes at the fair.

and this explains why tourists from home and abroad do not visit tourist spots in Bangladesh. They added that if the tourism industry is developed in the country, Chapainawabganj could be a tourist attraction for mangoes.

Talukdar said that the government would start development work next financial year to make Sona Masjid one of the tourist spots of the country. Meanwhile, the government has allocated money towards this end, he asserted. Souvenir shops, residences and restaurants would be constructed at this location, he added.

Later, a cultural programme was held at Shahid Satu Hall. The fair and cultural function attracted thousands from different parts of the district.

Butterfly Marketing sponsoring "ATN Rannaghor"

Butterfly Marketing Ltd is now sponsoring the popular cooking show "ATN Rannaghor" on ATN Bangla.

A contract was signed recently at the head office of Butterfly Marketing Ltd in Motijheel, Dhaka. Chairman and managing director of Butterfly Marketing Ltd, MA Mannan and advisor, marketing and sales, ATN Bangla, Shamsul Huda, signed the agreement on behalf of their organisations, according to a press release.



MA Mannan, chairman and MD of Butterfly Marketing Ltd, and M Shamsul Huda, advisor, ATN Bangla, exchanging the contract letters at the event.

Among others, director of finance, Butterfly Marketing Ltd, Sayed Asaduzzaman; managing director of the advertising agency Frontline Communication Ltd, Ferdous Alam Mojumder; director of Butterfly Marketing Ltd Mahbubur Rahman Sajeed and AVP, sales and marketing of ATN Bangla Uttom Kumar Shil were present at the event.

ATN Bangla will air "LG ATN Bangla Rannaghor" every Friday at 10:30 am.

"The Office" losing its boss



Steve Carell in "The Office."

Steve Carell, the bumbling boss on NBC's "The Office," plans to leave the series at the end of the next season. Carell told E! that he will leave the hit sitcom this season when his contract is up.

"I just think it's time," Carell said from the "Despicable Me" red carpet. "I want to fulfil my contract. When I first signed on I had a contract for seven seasons, and this coming year is my seventh. I just thought it was time for my character to go."

And there's no telling if he's being falsely modest, or delusional, but Carell also says his departure won't be a big deal and that the show could continue fine without him.

"I didn't see it as a huge thing and I certainly didn't anticipate any sort of hubbub over it. I'm just not going to extend my contract, but I didn't see it as a huge deal. And the show is great, and the ensemble is so strong, and the writers are great, so it's just one part of that ensemble drifting off. They've incorporated so many new characters and so many new, great story lines that I have no doubt it'll continue as strong, if not stronger, than ever."

Source: Internet

ON AIR section containing program schedules for ATN Bangla, Channel i, ntv, ETV, Desh TV, BANGLAVISION, STAR SPORT, BBC WORLD, ZEE STUDIO, ESPN, and Talk show.

News Bulletin section with BT, ATN Bangla, Channel-i, and ntv news schedules.

Gulshan Avenue On Banglavisian at 9:30pm Drama Serial Cast: Tariq Anam Khan, Diti, Apurbo

Dead Poets Society On Zee Studio at 12am Cast: Robin Williams, Robert Sean Leonard

Jahur Ali Jahuri On ETV at 9:30pm Drama Serial Cast: Kushum Shikder, Anisur Rahman Milon

RADIO FOORTI and abc radio fm 89.2 schedules.