

## Homage to the bard through music and dance

### Cultural programme at Shilpakala Academy



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Marking 69th death anniversary of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged an elaborate programme at National Theatre Hall of BSA on August 8.

Director of Music and Dance Department of BSA, RA Mahmud Selim, welcomed all at the programme. Secretary to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Hedayet Ullah Al Mamun, and director general of BSA, Kamal Lohani, spoke on the occasion.

"We can call Rabindranath our own. We should preserve and uphold his creations with commitment," Kamal Lohani said.

Following the discussion, five Tagore singers -- Mita Haque, Papia Sarwar, Abdul Wadud, Nilotpol Sadhya and Ashraf

Mahmud -- were honoured. Young singers greeted them with flowers.

Mita Haque spoke on behalf of the honoured singers: "Tagore exponents like Waheedul Haque, Sanjida Khatun, Abdul Ahad, Kalim Sharafi and others have prepared the ground for us to uphold the musical legacy of Rabindranath in Bangladesh."

The cultural programme kicked off with a presentation of a Tagore song "Jakhon Porbey Na More Payer Chinho" with dance. Abdur Rashid Swapan who donned the character of Tagore in the performance enacted the images used in the song along with a number of dancers. Deepa Khandakar choreographed the performance.

Moumita Jannat, Samiul Aziz and Farzana Chaiti recited "Tomar Srishtir Poth," "Ami" and "Porichoy" respectively at the

event.

Solo renditions of Tagore songs followed. Adrita Anwar, Zafar Ahmed, Nitotpol Sadhya, Abdul Wadud, Naima Islam Naz and others rendered "Achhey Dukkho Achhey Mrityu," "Shudhu Tomar Bani Noy Go," "Jibon Moroner Shimana," "Tumi Robey Nirobey," "Patar Bhela Bhashai Nirey" and more at the programme.

M Mohon Sinha on percussion (handsonic); Rafiqul Islam, Shahabuddin Mian and Jamal Uddin on violin; Ashit Biswas on *esraj*; Yusuf Khan on *sarod*; Moniruzzaman on flute; Nurul Islam on guitar; Rafiq Hossain Khan, Ekram Hossain and Chandan Dutta on *tabla*; Zahid Hossain on keyboard and Bishnu on *mondira* accompanied the singers. The instrumental presentation was conducted by Swapan

Kumar Nag.

The highlight of the programme was Tagore's classic dance-drama "Chandalika". The dance-drama was staged by the artistes of Nriyanandan.

"Chandalika," an adaptation of "Jatak" (a collection of Buddhist stories), portrays the coming of age of a lower caste woman, Prokriti (played by Sharmila Banerjee) whom the society labels as "Chandalika" (untouchable). She develops a fascination with the Buddhist monk Ananda (donned by Abdur Rashid Swapan).

The original story depicts how, having achieved nirvana, Chandalika gives up her desire for Ananda. However, Tagore has not given a glimpse of Buddha or the necessity of acquiring nirvana. His Chandalika is all flesh and blood. At the end, when Prokriti's mother (donned by singer Lily Islam) uses witchcraft to lure Ananda to Prokriti, the latter turns him down as she recognises that love cannot be achieved forcefully.

The cast also included Anik Basu (Doiwala), Tapan (Churiwala), Mehraj Haque Tushar (royal spy), Fahmida, Sudeshna, Laxmi, Kuasha, Afsana, Era and others. Sharmila Banerjee choreographed the dance-drama.

RA Mahmud Selim compiled and directed the programme.

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## TV Watch III

### Programme on Bulbul Ahmed on Banglavisision

A CORRESPONDENT

A special programme titled "Amader Mahanayak" on recently deceased film actor Bulbul Ahmed will be aired today at 5:25 pm on Banglavisision. Eminent film critic and researcher Anupam Hayat will host the programme.

Noted filmmaker Chashi Nazrul Islam will be the guest at the programme. The programme will feature several video clips from films acted by Ahmed. The guest and the host will also discuss on the life and works of Ahmed. Mamun Khan is the producer of the programme.



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### Celebrating Tagore in Khagrachhari

JASIM MAJUMDER, Khagrachhari

Leading cultural organisation Surcharcha held a cultural programme at Zilla Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the hill town of Khagrachhari recently to mark the 69th death anniversary of poet Rabindranath Tagore.

Around 45 artistes performed Tagore songs, recited poems, followed by dances and a skit in observance of the event.

Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mohammad Rahed Hossein inaugurated the cultural event.

Earlier, a discussion was held at the same premises presided over by Director of Surcharcha, Bidhan Roy Biswas while Sadar Upazila Chairman Mohammad Shany Alam attending in the discussion as chief guest.

Chief guest, Sadar Upazila Chairman,

Mohammad Shany Alam recalled Rabindranath Tagore's contribution to Banglali literature.

Cultural personality and journalist Pradip Chowdhury strongly urged the cultural ministry to patronise and take initiatives to pay homage to the noted writers of the country.

Member Secretary of the Surcharcha Anupom Dey delivered a speech on the contribution of Rabindranath.

Among other Upazila Secondary Education Officer Babul Chandra Dey; cultural personality Swapon Dey; Khagrachhari Theater Director M.Murtoza Polish; Khagrachhari Zilla Shilpakala Academy Secretary Ziten Barua; Khagrachhari Shilpi Sangsad President Abul Kashem; Hill Star group president Craiyanri Marma delivered speeches.



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Nagarik Natya Sampradaya staged its popular production "Chhayanat" at the Studio Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on August 8. Written by eminent Indian playwright Utpal Dutta, Chhayanat narrates crisis of the 1950s film industry in Kolkata. Theatre personality Aly Zaker directs the play.



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

#### ATN BANGLA

01:25 ATN Music  
03:45 Children's Programme  
04:25 Shormali Din  
05:20 Obiraam Bangladesh  
10:45 Bihongo Katha  
12:30 Grameenphone Lead News  
**CHANNEL i**  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Hridayer Gaan  
03:45 Boi Ebong Boi  
06:20 Robin Hood  
07:50 Channel i Shera Kontho'10

12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro  
**ntv**  
01:05 Swastho Protidin  
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey  
05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha  
06:10 Shubho Shondha  
06:45 Frankly Speaking  
09:00 Glamour World  
**ETV**  
03:30 Drama  
04:30 Elating Belating

05:25 Binodon-er Bishwa  
05:45 Sports Plus  
06:30 Desh Jurey Shanglap  
07:50 Tagore Song  
**Rtv**  
12:30 Drama Serial: Sada Patay Kalo Daag  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
05:30 Tahader Katha  
06:03 Protidin  
06:30 Impulse Sweet Home  
11:45 Very Filmy  
**DESH TV**  
04:30 Bazarey Notun  
05:30 Durpaath  
06:25 SM Sultan  
11:00 Desh Sangbad  
12:30 Gazi Group Total Sport  
12:30 Total Sports

#### BANGLAVISION

03:35 Cinebit Shadakalo  
04:15 Swapno Chura  
06:00 Ebong Classer Bairey  
06:30 Drama: Hashuli Begum-er Upakatha  
11:20 Good Night Raat Biratey  
12:30 Bashudha Cinemar Gaan  
**ATN NEWS**  
11:30 Sports Insight  
02:15 Amader Katha  
05:15 Pramanno Shomoy  
07:30 Saat Rang (Live)  
08:30 Ekdin Protidin  
09:00 NEWS HOUR  
**BBC WORLD**  
06:00 BBC World News  
07:45 Asia Today  
09:30 HARDtalk  
11:30 World Business Report

12:45 Sport Today  
05:00 GMT with George Alagiah  
07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain  
10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing  
**HBO**  
12:00 Hollywood One On One 99  
12:30 Anaconda 3: Offspring  
02:00 Wasabi  
04:00 This Christmas  
06:30 Tmz 296  
07:00 Star Trek III The Search For Spock  
09:30 The Shepherd  
11:00 The Fast And The Furious  
**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
10:30 Sinking Wings  
12:00 Monster Digger  
12:30 Marble Market  
01:30 Uakari Secrets of the

English Monkey  
02:30 Elephant vs Rhino  
03:30 Riot Rampage 2  
08:30 Mexico  
10:30 Trapped In The Canyon  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
10:30 A Warm Home  
11:30 Animal Cops Houston  
12:30 Monkey Business 5  
01:30 Animal Hospital  
02:00 Wildlife SOS  
03:30 Big Cat Doctor  
04:30 Brought to Justice  
**ZEE STUDIO**  
01:30 Runaway Bride  
04:30 Serendipity  
06:30 Windtalkers  
09:30 Columbus Day  
11:10 The Last Time

#### Talk Show

**ATN BANGLA** Gaan  
06:15pm Kathamala ntv  
**CHANNEL i** 12:10am Ei Shomoy  
09:45am Grameenphone Trilio Matra Rtv  
12:30pm Cityoell Taroka Kathon 07:00pm Road To Democracy  
**ETV** BANGLAVISION  
10:10pm Galpo Shalpo 09:05pm Porompota

#### Drama Serial

**ATN Bangla** 09:30pm Jahur Ali Jahuri  
10:55pm Nondini Rtv  
11:30pm Oit 09:00pm Beauty Parlour  
**Channel i** 10:10pm Shada Patay Kalo Daag  
5:30pm Kaysoul  
11:30pm All Out  
**DESH TV**  
ntv 08:15pm Shubhra  
08:15pm Manobjomin 09:45pm Khoar  
09:45pm Dhupchhaya 10:30pm Metro  
**ETV** BANGLAVISION  
08:20pm Ek E Shunya Jalpukur  
Dosh 09:45pm Fifty Fifty

#### 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 (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,

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

**Nondini**  
On ATN BANGLA at 10:55pm  
Drama serial  
Cast: Mir Sabbir, Mousumi Biswas

**The Fast And The Furious**  
On HBO at 11:00pm  
Genre: Action/Crime/Thriller  
Cast: Paul Walker, Brian O'Conner, Michelle Rodriguez

**Jahur Ali Jahuri**  
On ETV at 09:30 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Azizul Hakim, Mita Nur

10:00 Moring Express  
12:00 My Time  
01:00 No Tension  
04:00 Dhaka Calling  
09:00 Night Rider  
01:00 Back to Back music  
**abc radio fm 89.2**  
06:00 Bhorer Janalay  
09:00 Mukhorho Jiboney  
12:00 Darun Dupurey  
03:00 Duranto Bikeley  
05:00 Shondhatara  
07:00 Shajer Maya  
09:00 Raat-er Akashey  
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei  
**RADIO TODAY**  
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00 Musti Unlimited  
01:00 Today's Adta  
04:00 U Turn  
08:00 Tobey Tai Hoo  
11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan  
12:00 Today's Happy Moments  
**RADIO FOORTI**  
07:30 Hello Dhaka