

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Master Painters
Artists: Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan, SM Sultan
Venue: Art Gallery, National Museum, Shahbagh
Date: October 8-November 6
Time: 10am-8pm



14th Asian Art Biennale 2010
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Venue: National Art Gallery (BSA) and Osmani Memorial Hall
Date: October 8-November 6
Time: 11am-7pm



Theatre
Play: Shikhandi Kotha
Troupe: Mahakal
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Time: October 22
Time: 7pm



Solo Photography Exhibition
Title: Sacrificing Lives to Debi Durga
Photographer: Saikat Mojumder
Venue: Malni Road, besides the river Mogra, Netrakona
Date: October 14-17
Time: 6:30pm



Memories of an inspiring era ...

Pabna celebrates 182nd founding anniversary

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR
TOPU, Pabna

The people of Pabna celebrated the 182nd founding anniversary of Pabna district amid festivity on Saturday. Pabna, one of the oldest districts of the country, turned 182 years on October 16. Different organisations observed programmes marking the occasion.

Ajker Projonmo Forum, a youth organisation, observed day long programmes including a painting competition, cultural programme and a reception at the Pabna Town Hall premises. Meanwhile the Pabna Press Club held a discussion and a cake festival at the club premises on Saturday night.

President of Pabna Press Club Rumi Khandaker chaired



A cake to celebrate Pabna.

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the programme while among others, noted columnist Ranaish Maitra, secretary of Pabna Press Club Utpal Mirza, freedom fighter Rabiul Islam Robi and Advocate Murshad Subhan spoke on the occasion. The speakers lamented the

loss of the rich heritage of district and emphasised the necessity to restore it. Pabna is an important landmark for the country: first as the hub of the Language Movement and then in the Liberation War of 1971 when people of the district

fought valiantly for the country's freedom. The independent flag of Bangladesh was hoisted in Pabna first, the speakers pointed out.

Focusing on the natural beauty of the district, the speakers mourned the reced-

ing Ichamati and Padma rivers.

The speakers also called for the restoration of the natural beauty of the district. Later, eminent persons of the district cut a cake celebrating the anniversary of the district.

Meanwhile Ajker Projonmo Forum's painting competition attracted over a hundred children from different schools. The subjects were the historical heritages and natural beauty of the district.

A discussion, cultural programme and reception were held in the evening in the Town Hall premises. Noted artiste of the district Hosne Zaman Hansu was accorded a reception. Later the artistes of Pabna Shilpakala Academy performed in the cultural show.

Picturesque beauty on canvas

Jamal Ahmed's solo art exhibition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Art Centre has organised a week long solo art exhibition titled "Midnight Dreams" of artist Jamal Ahmed, a noted realistic painter in Bangladesh. About 50 artworks are on display at the exhibition. The exhibition was inaugurated by Arturo Perez Martinez, the Spanish Ambassador to Bangladesh on October 15. Veteran painter Rafiqun Nabi was special guest on the occasion. A book on artworks of Jamal Ahmed "Drawing and Painting" was launched by French Ambassador Charley Causeret.

Scenic beauty of Bangladesh, moonlit night, Bengali women, street people, villagers, oarsman, boatman, working class people, pastoral panoramic view, Bauls, mendicants and more have been supremely portrayed by Jamal Ahmed. The artist portrays the moving and remarkable sights around us.

Jamal is one of the leading portraits and nature painters from the early 70s. From the beginning of his career, his prime concerns are transparent beauty of nature, people's ecstasy, joy, longing, pain and yearning. As a socially aware painter, Jamal closely observed the changing socio-political and economic condition of the country. Pigeons, fishermen, disadvantaged people and their daily chores are recurrent themes in his paintings. In his ongoing solo exhibition, Jamal has used charcoal, pastel, pencil, watercolour and acrylic on paper and canvas. His acrylic follows the typical watercolour tonalities—soft and apparently translucent. The painter tries to express his feelings through simple compositions and



Artwork by Jamal Ahmed.

colours. His paintings are recognisable because of his malleable ground and subdued tone.

Jamal's sketches are powerful in their sensual lines and tranquillity. The charcoal sketches are particularly lively and touching. His colours are romantic and dreamy, which is why his paintings are admired by art aficionados and viewers.

The exhibition ends on October 23.

Durga Puja ends on high note

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

'Maha Ashtomi, Nabami' were celebrated here in Dinajpur on Friday and Saturday, and the biggest festival of the Hindu community ended on Sunday with immersion after offering prayers, dancing with rituals at every mandap of the districts of Dinajpur and Joypurhat.

The beat of drums, clash of cymbals, ringing of bells, dances before the idol of Durga, incense wafting in the air, all form an integral part of Durga Puja.

Durga Puja is a festival with a series of rituals followed on each day of the puja. Starting from the day of the Mahalaya, the days of Sashti, Saptami, Ashtami, Navami and Dashami or Bijoya Dashami are observed with unique rituals each day.

Devotees recited the mantras and offered flowers to Goddess Durga (pushpanjali) and prayed for her blessings. After the pushpanjali ceremony, prasada was served. Throughout Dinajpur town a heavy rush was witnessed in the temples, as people came in large numbers to pay obeisance to Goddess Durga.

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A two day cultural programme was organised at Sree Sree Shivbari Temple in the town to mark Durga Puja. Hindu



Indigenous people dance on Durga Puja in Dinajpur.

PHOTO: STAR

women celebrated the puja at the temple under the banner of 'Sharodiya Durgutsab Committee', a first such initiative in the country.

Noted Tagore artiste Sadi Mohammad Takiullah and dancer Shibli Mohammad also made a courtesy tour to the venue.

The cultural programmes were held on the Ashtami and Nabami puja. The programmes included rendition of classical music, Rabindra, Nazrul, and Lalou songs, dance sequences including Arati Nritya and poetry recitation.

The two day cultural show was followed by arati nritya. The arati nritya, an integral part of the celebra-

tion, is traditionally performed by men but the event broke new ground as women took centre stage in a colourful celebration.

Shima Dutta, Cultural secretary of the Celebration Committee conducted the programme.

"We enjoyed this year's Durga Puja which was very enjoyable as a group of women took charge to organise the biggest celebration so far," said Suchitra Sen Gupta, general secretary of the Puja Celebrate Committee. According to

President of the puja celebration committee Shukla Das, "The positive response from the community, especially from the women will encourage

them to observe Durga Puja every year."

"Generally Durga Puja is not celebrated at the temple but we started it this year," said Swapon Sen Gupta, secretary of Shivbari temple.

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

The Harijan community celebrated Durga Puja at a Puja mandap of Harijan village in Chapainawabganj town with traditional verve:

prayers, dance and spreading the message of joy and brotherhood. They also distributed sweetmeats after offering prayers every day.

"We are very proud of our traditional puja and have given money to set up the mandap. We have been organising the Durga Puja here for the last seven years. The celebration is very traditional and ethnic, because Puja is our culture, our heritage. Over a passage of time there has been a much greater involvement of the Harijan people in the district," said president Dulal Kumar of the Harijan Puja Committee, a view echoed by its secretary Prokash Chand Das.

Unfortunately while members of the Hindu community visited many Puja mandap to offer prayers, most did not come to the mandap of the marginalised Harijans. The latter complained that they faced discrimination in every sphere and called on the government to take initiatives to alleviate their distress.



(From right) Spanish Ambassador Arturo Perez Martinez, French Ambassador Charley Causeret and the artist seen at the book launch.



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

ATN BANGLA

01:25 Cholocitrer Golpo
03:45 Chotoder Prithibi
04:25 Matir Shubash
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khabor
06:20 The Lost World
10:45 Bihongo Katha
12:30 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL i
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Shobar Jonno Shorboshesh Biggan Dharona
03:05 Fan Club Tournament
07:50 Drama: Chai
09:35 Rupchada Fantastic Family Game Show

11:30 RC Travel On
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro
ntv
01:00 Shashtra Protidin
03:15 Shanto Kutir
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey
05:30 Apnar Jiggasha
06:45 Ogrojo
07:20 Sholoana Bangalana
11:30 Music Jam
ETV
12:30 Ekushey Business
04:00 Drama
05:30 Street Magic
06:30 Desh Jurey

11:45 Baula Ontor
12:00 Ekusher Raat
Rtv
10:45 Tarokalap
12:06 Protidin-er Gaan
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Drama Serial: Alta Sundory R Ranna
BANGLAVISION
11:05 Shudhui Gaan
03:00 Bangla Feature Film
09:05 Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar
11:30 Anyo Nayan
12:30 Cinemar Gaan
DESH TV
04:00 Desh Janopod
05:00 Rasel-er Katha Bolchhi Durpath
05:30 Bajarey Notun
07:45 Celebrity Show: Hothat Ekdin
10:30 Bhojokot
12:30 Total Sports

Boishakhi TV
03:20 Tatka
04:15 Shorashori Doctor
05:15 Boishakhi CNN Sharabishwa
05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan
06:20 Bishoy-er Bangla
11:30 Boishakhi Shongskriti O Binod
ATN NEWS
11:30 Sports Insight
02:15 Amader Katha
05:15 Pramanyo Shomoy
07:30 Saat Rang (Live)
08:30 Follow up
Diganta TV
12:30 Score Cards
03:30 World Round Up
08:05 Din Bodoler Dola
09:25 Chitra Bichitra
11:05 Jibon Japon
11:30 Arshinagar
HBO
11:30 The Express
02:00 Julie & Julia
05:00 Not Of This World

07:00 Grease 2
09:30 Proof of Life
12:00 Cradle 2 The Grave
Star Movies
10:15 The Deal
01:50 La Linea
03:30 Who Framed Roger Rabbit?
05:20 Passengers
07:00 Disney's The Kid
08:50 Mothman
10:25 Confessions of a Shopaholic
Zee Studio
10:45 The Lookout
01:30 Alice
03:45 Saving Private Ryan
07:30 Friday the 13th Part VI
09:30 Confessions of a Dangerous Mind
11:50 Flightplan
Star World
02:30 Friends
03:30 Best Of Koffee With Karan
07:30 How I Met Your Mother
08:30 Best Of Koffee With Karan
09:30 Moment Of Truth

10:30 Lie To Me
12:00 The Simpsons
National Geographic
01:30 Preserve Our Planet
04:30 Monkey Thieves
05:30 Amazing Moments
07:30 True Stories
08:30 Nat Geo Wild
09:30 Big: Ferrari
10:30 Inside: Ancient Secrets
Discovery Channel
11:30 Extreme Engineering
05:30 Build It Bigger
09:30 Mega Builders
10:30 Worst Case Scenario
11:00 Destroyed in Seconds
BBC World
12:00 BBC World News
02:30 HARDtalk
04:30 World Business Report
05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain
10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing
12:00 World News Toda

Talk Show
ATN BANGLA
11:30pm Je Kalha Keu Boleni
CHANNEL i
09:45am Grameenphone Trilio Maatra
ntv
12:00am El Shomoy
Rtv
06:30pm Road To Democracy
Banglavisoin
10:10am Amar Ami
ETV
10:10pm O Bandhu Amar
Drama Serial
ATN BANGLA
08:00pm Chhonnachhara
08:40pm Poth Jana Nai
10:55pm Nondini
Channel i
02:30pm Jibon Chhobi
03:30pm Chaita Pagal
ntv
08:15pm Manabjamine Dhupchhaya
09:45pm Beauty Parlour
10:10pm Shiyal Pondit
ETV
08:20pm Gunin
09:30pm Lolita
BANGLAVISION
08:15pm Mad Bhai
09:45pm Fifty- Fifty
DESH TV
08:15pm Metamorphosis
09:45pm Khoar
Boishakhi TV
08:00pm Alokiti Angina
08:40pm Empty Pocket

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, 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, 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
7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
Metamorphosis
On Desh TV at 08:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Humayun Faridee, Farhana Mithu
Confessions of a Dangerous Mind
On Zee Studio at 09:30pm
Genre: Comedy
Cast: Drew Barrymore, Sam Rockwell
Fifty Fifty
On Banglavisoin at 09:45pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shahiduzzaman Selim, Tazin Ahmed



RADIO FOORTI
07:30 Hello Dhaka
10:00 Morning 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
06:15 Choy Noy
09:30 Adik Odik
02:05 Oporazita
03:00 Duranto
03:30 Bikelley
04:30 Adik Odik
04:30 Bhalo Theko Sange Theko Kachalonka
05:30
RADIO TODAY
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
01:00 Today's Adda
04:00 U Turn
08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan