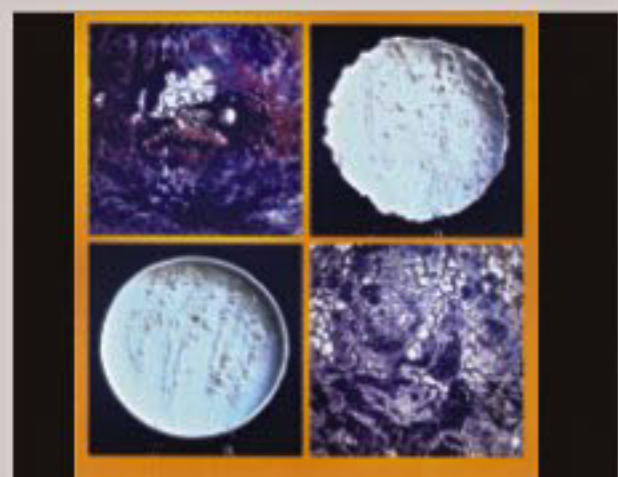


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Ceramics Exhibition
Title: Aesthetic Studio
Ceramics
Artist: Syed Shahadat Hussain
Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: December 18-30
Time: 3-9pm (Monday-Thursday) 9am-12pm & 5-8pm (Friday & Saturday)



Victory Day Art Camp
Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts
Venue: Bengal Centre, Plot 2, Civil Aviation, New Airport Road, Khilkhet
Date: December 16-18



Solo Exhibition
Artist: Shohag Parvez
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: December 12-24
Time: 10am-8pm



Photography Exhibition
Title: Immersed in Water
Photographer: Masuma Pia
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15/A, Dhanmondi
Date: December 17-24
Time: 3pm-8pm



Spirit of Liberation War on stage

Victory Day Theatre Fest at Shilpakala Academy



A scene from the BSA production "Khetmajur Khaimuddin".

PHOTO: MUMIT M.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Apart from the fortnight-long 'Bijoy Mela' at its premises, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) also arranged a four-day theatre festival to celebrate the 40th Victory Day. Fea-

turing four plays based on the Liberation War, the festival ended yesterday at the National Theatre Hall.

On the last day, BSA staged its production "Khetmajur Khaimuddin".

The festival also saw staging of the plays "Sheishob Dinguli" (by Nagarik Natyangan), "Balod" (by

Theatre) and "Kotha 71" (by Dhaka Padatik).

Produced by the Theatre and Film Department of BSA, "Khetmajur Khaimuddin" has been written and directed by Golam Sarwar. The play is set against the onset of the Liberation War, and highlights the atrocities of

the Pakistani army and their collaborators. Khandokar Tazminur, Mohammad Zahid Hossain Liton and Saifur Rahman played the lead roles.

Nagarik Natyangan's "Sheishob Dinguli" reveals the war through the story of an upper middle class family. Written by Dr. Enamul Huq, the

play has been directed by Lucky Enam. The cast includes Mahmudul Islam Selim, Rashed Imran, Suborna Shejuti, Sajjad Reza, Habibur Rahman Bahar, Ayesha Hamid and Lucky Enam.

Theatre's (Arambagh) "Balod" is a metaphorical play, which has been directed by Gazi Rakayet. Based on Zafar Iqbal's novel with the same title, the play features the apathy of the masses in Bangladesh. "Balod" urges a movement against the rehabilitation of the Pakistani collaborators -- who implemented barbaric executions of unarmed Bengalis in 1971 -- in the society. KM Harun is the director of the play.

Kumar Pritish Bal has written Dhaka Padatik's "Kotha 71". Debashish Ghosh has directed the play. "Kotha 71" is a story of contemporary times. It reveals a freedom fighter's individual effort to bring the war criminals to justice.

Apart from plays, a poster and photo exhibition were also part of the festival. The exhibition was held at the lobby of the National Theatre Hall. Collected by Babul Biswas, the posters and photos showcase some rare moments from post-War theatre activities in Bangladesh.

New work on a pioneering feminist

Begum Rokeya's tale, now in German



A portrait of Begum Rokeya.

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

A book in German on Begum Rokeya, the pioneer of women's rights movement in the subcontinent, was unveiled last Sunday. Aply, the event was held at Begum Rokeya complex auditorium at Pairaband under Mithapukur upazila.

Bangladesh Adhayan Kendra (Bangladesh Study and Development Centre) of Germany has published the book with 14 essays on the contribution of Begum Rokeya to women's emancipation, her literary works and translation of her novel "Sultanar Shopno" in German.

Bangladesh Adhayan Kendra is an organisation comprising socio-cultural groups of Bangladeshi expatriates in Germany. Dr. Golam Abu Zakaria, president of the organisation, has edited the book in German. The book has been named "Bildnis von Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain" (Life history of Begum Rokeya Sakhawat).

German Bangla Society of Frankfurt organised the book-unveiling programme at Pairaband, the birthplace of Begum Rokeya.

Parliament member of Rangpur-5 (Mithapukur) constituency, HN Ashiqur Rahman, unveiled the book at a memorable ceremony. President of German-Bangla Society Hamidul Khan presided over the ceremony. Among those present as guests and speakers were Dean of Business Studies faculty of Rajshahi University, Dr. M Shanewaz Ali, and Assistant Coordinator of Biplobi Nari Shanghati, Taslima Akter.

Rahman said that the people of Rangpur were proud that a visionary like Begum Rokeya who had paved the way for Muslim women's education in the Indian subcontinent was born in Mithapukur.

"The entire nation salutes her for her works and her revolutionary role in shaking off prejudices that used to bind women within houses and keep them illiterate. She gave pride of place to education and urged women to be educated for the betterment of the society," he added.

In the same way the people of Rangpur and Bangladesh owe a debt to Bangladesh Adhayan Kendra of Frankfurt which had taken the praiseworthy initiative to make Begum Rokeya and her works known to the people of Germany, asserted Rahman.

Hamidul Khan, who is also the cultural secretary of Bangladesh Adhayan Kendra, said that there are a number of books on Begum Rokeya in English and Bangla but until now there hadn't been any literary work on her in the German language.

"As we live in Germany, we believed it was our responsibility to inform the Germans about this great woman. It is for this reason that we published the book," he added.

Bijoy Mela by Channel i

A CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of Victory Day, Channel i organised 'Robi-Channel i Bijoy Mela' at its Tejgaon office premises yesterday. Channel i aired the programme live yesterday.

The programme featured music, dance, recitation, reminiscence, drama, painting, books and memoirs on the Liberation War and a photography exhibition. Eminent personalities from different fields attended the fair.

The event was inaugurated with much enthusiasm in the morning. Artistes of Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, noted journalists, and cultural personalities among others, were present at the inaugural programme. Noted writer Imdadul Haque Milon moderated the opening.

Faridur Reza Sagor, managing director of Channel i; Shykh Seraj, director (news) of Channel i; Saiful Alam, executive editor of Jugantar; veteran film director Amjad Hossain; Tagore singer

Rezwana Chowdhury Bonya, among others, spoke at the opening of the daylong festival.

Artistes rendered songs of Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra at the programme.

Veteran theatre and cultural personalities shared their memories of 1971.

Inspiring songs that were rendered at the programme included "Purbo Digantey" and "Jai Bangla Banglar Jai".

Channel i honoured several organisations at the programme.



Noted personalities at the programme.



Mirza Md. Tanzim Sharif Mugdho of Mymensingh won this year's top prize at the musical talent hunt "Channel i Shera Kantho 2010". The grand finale of the competition was held at Hotel Sheraton on December 15. Tahsin Saba Dipti (of Sylhet) is the first runner up, while Kheyali Karmakar (of Munshiganj) and Mehedi Hasan (of Rajshahi) have jointly won the second runner up spot. As the winner, Mugdho received cash money, certificate, and several offers to work in the music industry. The finale also featured a colourful cultural programme, where among others, legendary singers Runa Laila and Sabina Yasmin -- both judges of the competition -- rendered songs.

ATN BANGLA	Channel i	ntv
11:15 BSB Cambrian Education Zone	02:40 Tele-film: Moiffa Chor	10:05 Bhalobasho Mor Gaan
02:50 Bangla Feature Film	07:50 Channel i Shera Kantho'10	
06:15 Amra Korbo Joy	11:30 Fun Club Tournament	
08:00 Smile Show	12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shingbadpotro	
10:45 Bihango Katha		
	02:30 Tele-film	
	06:10 Shubho Shondhya	
	06:45 Roop Madhuri	
	09:45 Drama	
	11:30 Hip Hip Hurrey (Live)	
	01:30 Shangkriti Shamachar	
	04:30 Bangla Feature Film: Milon Hobe Koto Dine	
	05:25 Mukto Khabor	
	06:30 Shaptaho Jurey	
	07:50 Spondon	
	10:10 Musical Programme	
	12:30 Ride On The Top	
	12:30 Phono Live Studio Concert	

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12:05 Bashudha Protidin-er Gaan	12:05 Moha Shatta Al-Quran	10:30 Khelar Shokal	11:30 Meley Dhori Ichchheguli
02:30 Drama	04:05 Music Together	03:00 Bangla feature Film	12:30 Score Card
04:30 Drama Serial	06:05 Drama	04:00 Desh Jonopod	04:30 Pothey Prantorey
05:00 Cinema R Gaan	09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue	11:45 Close up Call-er Gaan	08:05 Rangroop
06:00 Walton Star & Sports			09:25 Chena Ochena
08:30 Drama			
11:30 Special Programme			

BBC World	HBO	Star Movies
11:30 BBC World News	10:00 Twilight Zone The Movie	08:15 The Deal
12:00 World Business Report	12:00 Paul Blart: Mall Cop	10:00 Cool World
12:10 Sport Today	02:00 Fighting	11:45 12 Rounds
12:30 GMT with George Alagiah	04:00 Role Models	
04:00 One Square Mile	06:30 Footloose	
04:30 The Hub with Nik Gowling	09:00 Rush Hour 2	
09:30 World News Today with Zeinab Badawi	11:00 Underworld: The Rise Of The Lycans	
10:40 Weekend World		
11:30 World Business Report		

Star World	Discovery Channel
08:30 Modern Family	11:30 Mega Engineering: Personal Pods
09:00 The Simpsons	12:30 Natural World: Deadly Vipers
01:30 The Bold and The Beautiful	03:30 I'm Alive: Blood Saviours
07:30 Koffee With Karan	04:30 How Stuff Works: Corn Day of the Shark II
08:30 How I Met Your Mother	06:30 Rampage!: Road Rampage
09:00 Friends	07:30 Man vs. Wild (Season 1): Oregon
09:30 MasterChef Australia	08:30 Human Body: Pushing the Limits: Strength
10:30 Burn Notice	11:30 Wildlife Specials: Serpent
12:00 The Simpsons	

National Geographic	Talk Show
11:30 Nat Geo Wild	12:25pm Kora
01:30 Great Migrations	12:30am Grameenphone
02:30 Inside	Lead News
03:30 Big	ntv
05:30 Nat Geo Amazing!	12:00am El Shomoy
07:30 Great Migrations	09:45am Grameenphone
08:30 Big Cats Week	RTV
09:30 Big	Tritiyo Matra
10:30 Nat Geo Amazing!	10:45am Tarokalap
11:30 True Stories	

ATN Bangla	Rtv
09:20pm Haat-er Rekha	07:45pm Beauty parlour
10:55pm Ochena	10:00pm Tourist
11:30pm Amader	08:15pm Dyaartaar
	09:05pm Chandrabindu
	Shongshar
	ETV
	09:30pm Ghatok Baki
	08:15pm Rumali
	Bhai

News Bulletin
9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am
News (English) at 6:00pm
News Every Hour: 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.
News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm,

Star Movies
08:15 The Deal
10:00 Cool World
11:45 12 Rounds

Moiffa Chor
On Channel i at 02:40pm
Tele-film
Cast: Enamul Haque Chowdhury, Chandni

RADIO FOORTI
08:00 Addabazi
12:00 Boiler Poka
02:00 Foorti Unlimited
06:00 Bumper to Bumper
10:00 Club Foorti
01:00 Back to Back music
abc radio fm 89.2
06:00 Bhorer Janalay
09:00 Mukhorlito Jiboney
12:00 Darun Dupurey
03:00 Duranto Bikelley
05:00 Shondhatara
07:00 Shajer Maya
09:00 Raat-er Akashy
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei
RADIO TODAY
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Musti Unlimited Music
04:00 U Turn
08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan



Tourist
On Rtv at 10:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Mir Sabbir, Nadia



Underworld: The Rise Of The Lycans
On HBO at 11pm
Genre: Action
Cast: Bill Nighy, Rhona Mitra



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