

WHAT'S ON

**Aerial Photography**  
Photographer: Yann Arthus-Bertrand  
Venue: National Parliament  
Date: Dec 19-Feb 19

**Painting Exhibition**  
Artist: Zeeshan Haque  
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, Rd-15A (New), Dhamondi  
Date: January 1-7  
Time: 3-8pm

**Bulbul Chowdhury Mela 2011**  
Venues: BSA Premises, Dhaka, Manikganj and Chittagong  
Date: Jan 1-7

**Solo Tapestry Exhibition**  
Artist: Tajul Islam  
Venue: Shilpakala Gallery, H-26, R-3, Dhamondi  
Date: Jan 3-14  
Time: 12pm-8pm

**10th Anniversary of Musical Troupe SURMA**  
Title: Mostok Talleyr Dao Ananto Akashey, Udatto Akashey Muktir Batazhey  
Venue: TSC Auditorium, DU

**Classical Vocal Music**  
Artist: Begum Shipra Khan  
Venue: ICC, H-35, R-24, Gulshan-1  
Date: January 7

**Group Art Exhibition**  
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre  
Date: January 1-15  
Time: 11am-6pm

**Rooted Creativity 7**  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-275/E, Rd-16 (New), Dhamondi  
Date: Dec 31-Jan 9  
Time: 12-8pm

# An Offering of Dance to Bulbul Chowdhury

## Weeklong cultural programme at Shilpakala Academy

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Marking 92nd birth anniversary of Nriyaguru Bulbul Chowdhury on January 1, Bangladesh Nriya Shilpi Shongstha (BNS) and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) have jointly organised a weeklong celebration at BSA premises. Starting from January 1, the fair will go on till January 5 at BSA's open stage. Programmes will also be held at Manikganj Govt. Boys' High School on January 6 and at Chuntii village of Satkania, Chittagong on January 7.

Elaborate discussions on the life and works of Bulbul Chowdhury and dance performances dedicated to the memory of the Nriyaguru are highlights of the celebration.

The theme was an excerpt from a Tagore song: "Nriyete Tomar Muktir Roop, Nriyete Tomar Maya, Bishwa Tanutey Onutey Onutey, Kanpey Nriyete Chhaya."

On the third day (January 3) of the

fair, a number of dancers from different schools and troupes of the capital and beyond presented both solo and group performances as homage to Bulbul Chowdhury.

Dancing to the Tagore song, "Akash Bhora Shurjo Tara," guest artist from India, Dr. Meheeb Hasan, kicked off the programme. Choreographed by noted dancer Deepa Khandakar, a patriotic composition by artist of Diba Shangkritik Shongtho followed.

Noted dancer and choreographer Arpita Shome presented a solo composition with the Tagore number "Darao Mon Ananto Brohmando Mahhey". Choreographed by Selina Haque, artistes of 'Ghash Phul Nadi' performed a Jhumur dance to the song "Amar Mon Porey Roy Pahadey."

Choreographed by MR Wasek, artistes of "Nandan Kala Kendra" presented an impressive duet to recitation of Syed Shamsul Haque's

classic, "Nurul Deen-er Shara Jibon". Artistes of 'Akruti' presented another group composition at the event. Choreographed by Kochi Rahman, the artistes exquisitely performed a Kathak piece to a Sufi song. The movements, expressions, style and costumes deserved praise.

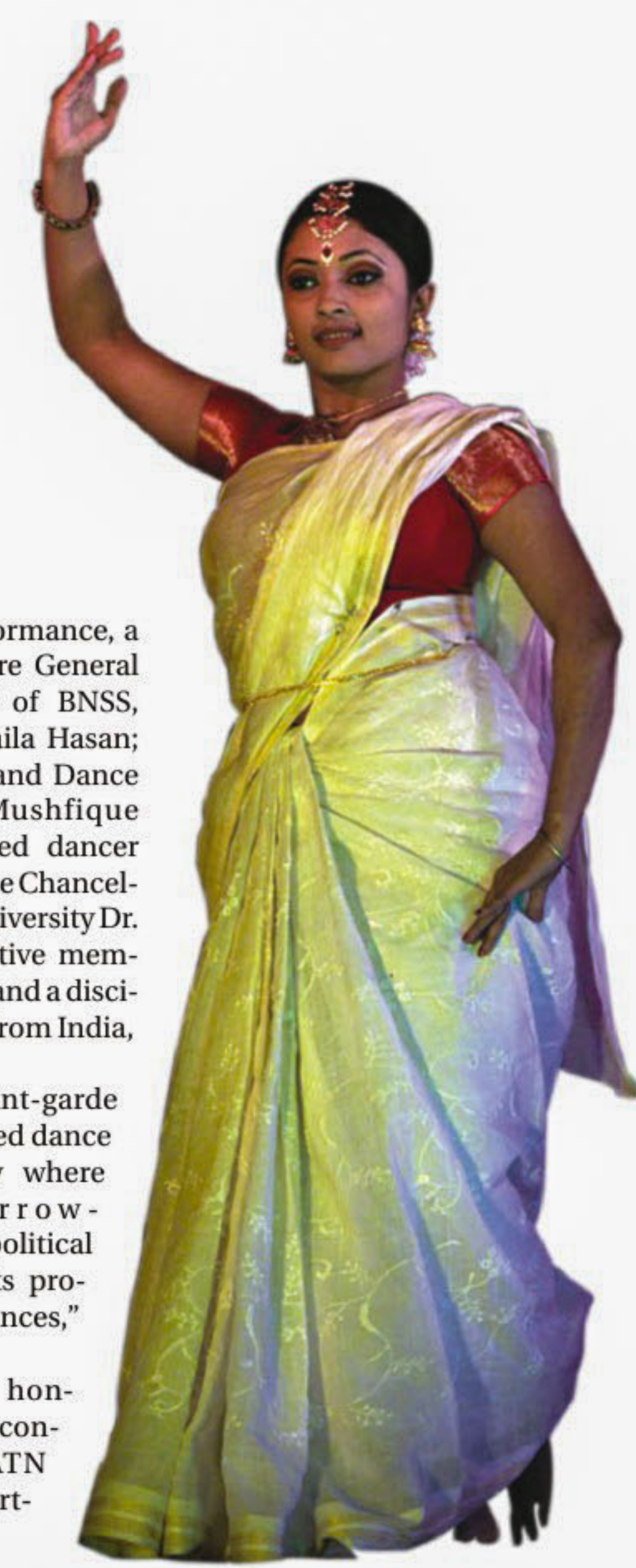
Artistes of Bangladesh Academy of Fine Arts danced to the theme song. The piece was choreographed by Farhana Chowdhury. Artistes of Nijhum Nriyagram presented a patriotic dance to a Hyder Husyn song "Ami Shopno Dekhi...Bangladesh Tumi Egiye Cholo". Rahat Ara Smriti choreographed the piece.

Directed by Monirul Islam Mukul, artistes of 'Mukul Nriyagram', Manikganj performed part of "Mahua Pala" on the occasion. Artistes of 'Sukanya', 'Aangikam', 'Bhorer Pakhi', 'Obhibyakti', 'Spondon' and others performed folk and patriotic dances at the

programme. Prior to the dance performance, a discussion was held where General Secretary and President of BNS, Deepa Khandakar and Laila Hasan; acting director of Music and Dance Department of BSA Mushfique Ahmed Shamim; seasoned dancer Rahiza Khanam Jhunu; Vice Chancellor of Kazi Nazrul Islam University Dr. Giasuddin Ahmed; executive member of BNS Selina Haque and a disciple of Bulbul Chowdhury from India, Ajit Sanyal, spoke.

"Bulbul was an avant-garde artiste who institutionalised dance in the erstwhile society where prevalence of narrow-mindedness along with political and economic constraints prohibited public performances," Aji Sanyal said.

The organisers also honoured Aji Sanyal for his contribution to dance. ATN Bangla was the media partner of the event.



# SYLHET CELEBRATES FUTURE NATION-BUILDERS



The Daily Star recently arranged a cultural programme featuring students of English medium schools from the Sylhet zone. Titled, 'The Daily Star-English Medium Schools Cultural Programme 2011', the event was held at the Sylhet Auditorium on December 31. Several institutes including Ananda Niketan, British Bangladesh International School and College, British International Collegiate School, Green Hill International School and College, Osman Ideal International School and College, Sylhet Khajanchibari International Collegiate School and Sylhet Grammar School took part at the event. Highlights of the programme were renditions of traditional and patriotic songs and dance demonstrations by the students. Professor M.A. Aziz, Vice Chancellor of Metropolitan University, Sylhet was the chief guest at the event. Among others, Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran, Mayor of Sylhet City Corporation, spoke at the event. Seilm Shamsul Huda Chowdhury and Atika Maisha emceed the event.



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# North Korea Bends it Like Beckham

North Korea's state-run television has broadcast British film *Bend It Like Beckham*. In a tweet, the UK Ambassador to South Korea, Martin Uden, said it was the "1st ever Western-made film to air on TV" in North Korea. Originally released in the UK in 2002, the film was broadcast across North Korea on 26 December. Although the original is 112 minutes long, the version broadcast was cut to 104 minutes, suggesting some editing. It was a rare treat for North Koreans whose state television normally broadcasts animations, hagiographies of its leaders and images celebrating the country's army, model farms and model villages. Mr Uden said the broadcast had been arranged by the British embassy. During the film, a message was broadcast saying that it was being shown to mark the 10th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between North Korea and the UK.



The 2002 film starred Keira Knightley and Parminder Nagra. Source: BBC

## DS Café

Noted actor-director Salauddin Lavlu was voted in as the celebrity of the month at DS Café. He will be on the hot seat and take your calls at The Daily Star office today (Wednesday, January 5), between 4pm and 5 pm. Readers, fire away all your questions at him!

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# Chatting Up the Mukim Brothers

Popular TV serial "Mukim Brothers" is currently running on Channel i. Based on Mostafa Sarwar Farooki's story, the serial has been written and directed by Ashfaq Nipun. The 50th episode of the 52-episode serial was aired last week, much to the delight of the audience. Director Ashfaq Nipun along with Zahidul Haque Apu and Musafir Syed who don the roles of brothers Badrul Mukim and Anwar Mukim in the serial, recently shared their behind-the-camera experiences with The Daily Star. "This serial has been mostly about improvised shooting. No written script was provided to the actors. Actually, to generate new ideas, I would conduct several brainstorming sessions with the actors," says Nipun. "Through the audiences find it amusing to see both the brothers concocting ways to get each other into trouble all the time, the relationship between the respective actors is entirely different behind the scenes.



(From left) Musafir Syed, director Ashfaq Nipun and Zahidul Haque Apu.

Nipun and his ways, helped me understand my character and play the part accordingly," says Zahidul Haque Apu. Funnymen Musafir Syed says that he finds a lot of similarities between the brothers' relationship in the serial and the one he shares with this elder brother in real life. "Now, I realise that I have done injustice to my brother though that experience has helped me in donning the character!" asserts Syed. At present, the storyline of the serial stands at a suspenseful point: Taking advantage of the animosity between the two brothers, baddie Pinak Chowdhury and his PS Masud Moinuddin play dirty tricks to evict the Mukim family from their home. What happens next? Audiences are left at the edge of their seats: will one brother be deprived of his father's property? Or will both the brothers jointly fight against the conspirators? If the second option occurs, will the hostility between the two brothers surface again?

Actor Tisha plays Badrul Mukim's wife in the serial, and was a friend to Anwar Mukim at one time. Lux-Channel i Superstar (2008) Israt Jahan Chaiti plays Anwar Mukim's girlfriend whom he marries in a half an hour's ultimatum. The serial also features Rasheda Chowdhury popularly known as 'Disco Amma'; singer Elita Karim's presence in the serial, as a guest character, provisionally produces a temporary détente between the two brothers and Hasan Azad personifies the ex-boyfriend of Chaiti. The serial has many moments of humour. Not surprising the director and performers have received many compliments from the audience. Shohag Chowdhury is the cinematographer for the serial. "Though it is my debut work, I think it has already created an impression among the TV serial lovers. This was possible because of concerted efforts by all the performers and technicians. Everyone was on the move," says Nipun.

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**Eki Brintey On Desh TV at 07:45pm**  
Celebrity Talk Show  
Guests: Redwan Rony, Iftekhhar Fahmi

**Collateral On Z Studio at 11:40pm**  
Genre: Crime/ Drama  
Cast: Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx

**Dhaka To London On Rtv at 07:45pm**  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Tauquir Ahmed, Tanzika

05:30 Apnar Jiggasha 06:10 Shubhoshondhya 09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan	11:40 Collateral <b>Star Movies</b> 11:25 Sorority Row 01:10 The Spirit 03:00 Notorious 05:10 Who Framed Roger Rabbit? 07:00 Signs 08:55 Eye of Destruction 11:40 Serious Moonlight
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<b>ETV</b> 04:02 Drama Serial: Biomriti 05:30 Drama Serial: Bioproti 06:30 Nijere Khujjia Fir 10:10 Trinomul Sanglaap 12:02 Ekusher Raat	<b>HBO</b> 12:30 Braddock: Missing in Action III 02:30 The Phantom 05:00 Blue Crush 07:45 Night of the Scarecrow 09:30 Wild Child 11:45 The Ghost and the Darkness
<b>Desh TV</b> 04:30 Dur-er Janala 05:30 Durpath 07:45 Eki Brintey 09:45 Cookery Show 12:30 Total Sports	<b>Star World</b> 11:00 Two And A Half Men 03:30 How I Met Your Mother 05:00 The Simpsons 07:30 Koffee With Karan 09:30 The Bachelor 10:30 Burn Notice
<b>Banglavision</b> 09:05 Shudhui Gaan 12:05 Drama Serial: Fifty-Fifty 03:30 Cinebit Rongin 09:05 Shoundarjo Katha 11:30 Walton Amar Porony Amar Desh	<b>BBC World</b> 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Business Report

<b>ATN Bangla</b> 08:40pm Ghar Jamal 09:20pm Poush Phagunera Pala	<b>RTV</b> 07:45pm Dhaka To London 09:10pm Bagh Patel
<b>Channel i</b> 06:00pm Kosto Shudhui Amar 07:50pm Mukim Brothers	<b>BANGLAVISION</b> 08:15pm Deyrtaar

<b>NEWS BULLETIN</b> RTV News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 pm. News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:30 pm. News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm. News (English) at 6:00pm 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, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am ATN BANGLA NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am ntv News (Bangla): 7:30am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am E TV News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 6:00 pm.
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<b>ATN Bangla</b> 10:30am Hello Bangladesh 11:10am City Vision 2020	<b>ntv</b> 12:00pm Ei Shomoy 08:30pm Road To Democracy
<b>Channel i</b> 09:45am Gramephone 12:30pm Trittio Matra Taroka	<b>DESH TV</b> 11:45pm Shoja Katha