



OPENING COLOURS

(Above) The never-ending fireworks brightened the sky above the Bangabandhu National stadium just like the opening ceremony yesterday. (Below clockwise top L-R) Australian captain Ricky Ponting enters the arena enjoying his rickshaw ride. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina waves to the crowd before declaring the World Cup open. A girl in the crowd shows her hands painted in Bangladesh's colours. Indian culture is being highlighted on stage. A giant owl is displayed as performers dance around it. Another colourful performance highlighting the Bangladesh culture. Legendary singer Runa Laila enthralls the audience with one of her popular songs. A different set of dance from our culture. (Centre) The first ever aerial cricket match is shown in Bangladesh.

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