

WHAT'S ON

Children's Art Exhibition
Title: Mizutshishi Asian Children's Enikka Festa
Venue: National Art Gallery, Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 18-23

Painting Exhibition on Bangabandhu
Venue: Sufia Kamal Milonayaton, National Museum
Date: March 16-23

Do! Utshab
To commemorate the life and works of Fakir Lalou Shah
Venue: Chheunra, Kushtia
Date: March 18-22

Rooted Creativity-9
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H-275/F, R-16, Dhanmondi
Date: March 22-31
Time: 12pm-8pm

Solo Photography Exhibition
Photographer: Hapuzaman Prince
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: March 25-April 6

Photography Exhibition
Title: In Search
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: March 25-April 6

Group Installation Show
Title: Dhaka Seeks Solitude
Venue: Goethe Institut, H-10, R-9, Dhanmondi
Date: Mar 10-Apr 7
Time: 11am-8pm

Painting Exhibition
Artist: D. D. Mollick
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: April 8-21

Group Art exhibition
Title: Women in Nature
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15/A, Dhanmondi
Date: March 17-23
Time: 3pm-8pm

Culture for Freedom Celebration in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The ten-day Rajshahi Cultural Festival kicked off at Green Plaza of Nagar Bhawan here on March 17 with the slogan, "Culture for Freedom". The northwestern city is abuzz with the presence of eminent personalities from the fields of literature, culture and art.



PHOTO: GOLAM MAHBUB

A Musical High Padma Vibhushan Pandit Jasraj enthral Dhaka music connoisseurs

ZAHANGIR ALOM
Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC), High Commission of India, Dhaka arranged a solo Hindustani classical vocal music recital at National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on March 18.

Indian classical style. This has helped create a major spiritual revolution in classical music. Pandit Jasraj is one of India's best-known cultural ambassadors to the world. He has been honoured with all three Padma titles -- Padma Vibhushan (2000), Padma Bhushan (1990) and Padma Shree (1975) -- and also the Sangeet Natak Academy Award from the Government of India.

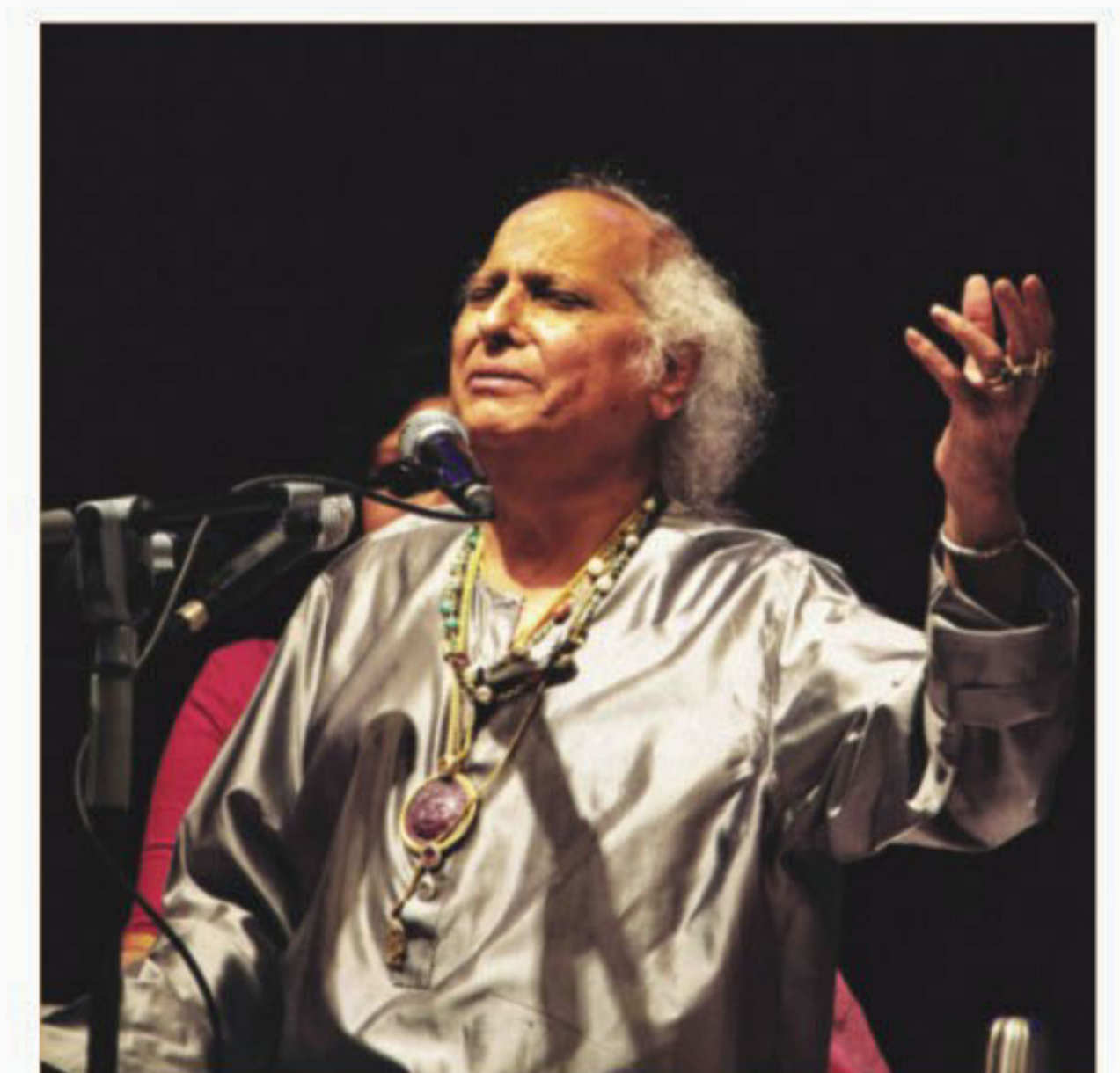


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The Pandit began his performance with a khayal performance on vilambit ektal, set on Raga Behag. The style of rendition was rather poetic. Through immaculate meend, the way Panditji presented Kori Madhyam (sharp Ma) and Shuddh Madhyam (pure Ma) during his rendition demonstrated his musical prowess.

Tribute to a Hero Special programme at Jatiya Kobi Kazi Nazrul Islam University

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Marking the 91st birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Jatiya Kobi Kazi Nazrul Islam University in Trishal organised painting and essay competitions at its Arts Faculty building on March 17.



His Vision of Bangladesh."

The judges of the art competition were Safin Omar, Emdadur Rashed and Tapon Kumar Sarker. The results of the competition will be announced on March 26 and 12 participants will be awarded, university sources said.

son Syed Giasuddin Ahmed inaugurated the competition. On the occasion, a discussion was held with Prof. Ahmed in the chair. Among others, Dean of Social Science Faculty, Dr. Habibur Rahman; syndicate member ANM Nazrul Islam; treasurer Professor Md. Abul Bashar and convener of the celebration committee Professor Md. Nazrul Islam spoke at the discussion.

The speakers said that we should follow the ideals of Bangabandhu. Under his leadership, the nation took part in the Liberation War and snatched victory from the Pakistani Army in a nine-month long bloody battle, they said. We should pay our respects to the father of the nation by contributing more to the all-out development of the country, they added.



In Search of Tupac Biopic launch open casting call

Morgan Creek Prods. is opting for an unknown for the lead role in the upcoming "Tupac" biopic and has launched an online casting call. The banner's launched a web site -- insearchoftupac.com -- for "individuals who embody Tupac for this starring role."

York with Antoine Fuqua ("Training Day," "Brooklyn's Finest") directing. Shakur, who died in 1996 after being shot, has sold over 75 million albums. The film chronicles his rise to superstardom as a hip hop artist and actor, his imprisonment and the East coast/West coast rap war.

Rooted Creativity-9 at Bengal Gallery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of its 10th anniversary, Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts has organised a series of exhibitions, titled "Rooted Creativity". The ninth instalment of the series will open on March 22 at Bengal Gallery in Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

Runa Laila Sings for Underprivileged Children



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Runa Laila renders "Istishaner Railgarita" with the children of Shishu Bikash Kendro. The songstress started her performance with homage to the martyrs of the Liberation War. After a cover of the subtle melody

included her familiar songs "Shilpi Ami Tomaderi Gaan Shonabo", "Bondhu Tin Din Tor Barit Gelam", "Allah Megh De Pani De" and "Shadher Lau". She also sang her Hindi and Urdu songs -- "Aap Ki Dil Anjuman Me", "De De Pyar De", several ghazals and more. The singer admitted that most of the people in the audience were her acquaintances and friends, and that she felt quite at home.

Folk Songs Leave Sylhet Audience Spellbound

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

'Shohojia Ashor', a session of folk and mystic songs, held at the Sylhet Auditorium on March 18 was widely appreciated by the audience. Shohojia Sylhet organised the event where two accomplished artists presented songs of Lalou, Hason Raja, Radharaman, Jalal Uddin, Manmohan Dey, Shah Abdul Karim and others.



PHOTO: STAR

Artistes presented songs of Lalou, Hason Raja, Radharaman, Jalal Uddin, Manmohan Dey, Shah Abdul Karim and other mystic bards at the programme.

Cultural event to mark Bangabandhu's birth anniversary and National Children's Day

BULBUL AHMED, Natore

To mark Bangabandhu's 91st birth anniversary and National Children's Day, the Natore district administration and Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Natore jointly arranged an art competition for children at the local Shishu Academy on March 16.

Some 120 children from local educational institutes participated in the event. A special programme on the occasion included painting, story telling, essay and impromptu speech competitions. At the art competition, the children painted portraits of Bangabandhu. The essay writing competition was held on

"Shishuder Bangabandhu," and the subject of the story telling was "Liberation War." The Deputy Commissioner of Natore distributed the prizes among the winners on March 17. Officials expressed the hope that such competitions would spark children's interest in Bangabandhu.

Advertisement for 'Celebrating the culture of our beloved Bangladesh in an evening of music and dance' featuring Fahmida Nabi & her troop, Mumun Ahmed with her khatkhak dance, and Swarnamoy Chakraborty with his songs in the Celebrating Life 2011 in Chittagong.

Table with TV and radio program listings for ATN Bangla, Channel I, and NTV.

Table with radio program listings for Jib Radio FM 99.2, 99.6, 12.00, 03.00, 05.00, 07.00, 09.00, 11.00, 12.00, 07.30.

Advertisement for Nikamal-er Bioscope On Desh TV at 09:45pm.

Advertisement for Jackie Chan Thunderbolt On HBO at 11:45pm.

Advertisement for Ladies First On BANGLAVISION at 08:15pm.

Table with program listings for BANGLAVISION, Rtv, and Desh TV.

Table with program listings for DRAMA SERIAL and NEWS BULLETIN.

Table with program listings for TALK SHOW.