

WHAT'S ON

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Standard Chartered Sreejoni 2010
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, H-60, R-7/A, Dhanmondi
Date: April 1-10



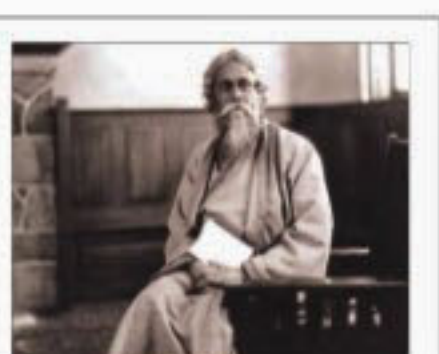
Mukh O Mukhosh 3
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, R-16, S-4, Uttara
Date: March 26-April 6
Time: 11am-7:30pm

Grand Group Art exhibition
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, DCC Market, Gulshan-2
Date: April 1-30
Time: 10am-8pm



Book Fair
Organiser: Adorn Publication
Venue: Public Library, Seminar Hall, Shahbagh
Date: April 2-13
Time: 10am-6pm

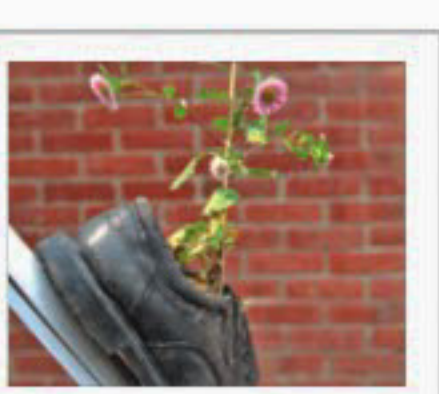
Documentary Screening
Title: Bangladesh-e Rabinranath
Organiser: Sarik
Venue: Bangladesh National Museum Auditorium



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



Contemporary Australian Art Exhibition
Title: BALGO
Venue: Gallery Cosmos, 69/1, New Circular Road, Malibagh
Date: April 1-13



BOOK LAUNCH

Liberation War as witnessed by Dinajpur



KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

A book on Liberation War, titled "Dinajpur-e Muktiyuddho" was unveiled here recently. Dr. Mohammad Selim has edited the book featuring the wartime experiences of historian Muntasir Mamun.

Marking 40 years of Independence of the country, Dinajpur Muktiyoddha Sangsad organised a programme at Dinajpur Institute premises last Sunday.

Professor Dr. Alauddin Ahmed, adviser to the Prime Minister, was present as chief guest at the programme.

Veteran politician M. Abdur Rahim was present as honourable guest.

Professor Muntasir Mamun, local lawmaker Iqbalur Rahim; Habibullah Khan, vice chairman of Central Command Council of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad; Jamal Uddin Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner of Dinajpur; Professor Dr. Mohammad Selim and Abul Kalam Azad, convener of Dinajpur Liberation War Museum, were present as special guests.

At the discussion, the speakers conveyed that the country attained independence after nine months of brutal war against the Pakistani army and their collaborators. The heinous crimes against humanity carried out during the war have gone unpunished, they said.

The speakers urged the government to initiate the trial of war criminals as soon as possible.

Five local individuals received 'Independence Honour' for their contribution to their respective fields. The honoured individuals are: Advocate Md. Abdul Latif [organiser]; Md. Besharuddin Ahmed [freedom fighter]; Mirza Anwarul Islam Tanu [culture]; Md. Rafiqul Islam [sports] and Pulin Behari Chakrabarty [education].

Shakila Zafar Ventures into New Territory with Labonye Purno Pran



A CORRESPONDENT

Shakila Zafar has been an audience favourite for her melodious 'adhnunik' (contemporary) Bangla songs for almost three decades. In 1979, after winning a classical music competition [by Bangladesh Betar], she stepped into the Bangladeshi music scene, and since then there has been no turning back.

The breaking news is that the celebrated singer is going to release her first solo album of Rabindra Sangeet on April 7. The album, titled "Labonye Purno Pran", features 10 songs and was recorded in Kolkata (India), under the supervision of accomplished Tagore singer and exponent Chanchal Khan.

It should be mentioned that Shakila had recorded two Rabindra Sangeet duets with Kamal Ahmed [featured on the latter's album "Phalguner Din-e"] previously.

After decades of establishing herself as a major name in the adhnunik Bangla music genre, what could have made Shakila venture into the realm of Rabindra Sangeet? According to the artist: "An incessant urge to render the timeless classics created by Rabindranath Tagore. My fascination with Rabindra Sangeet goes back to my childhood -- thanks to my maternal uncle, Manjur Ahmed. He used to sing Rabindra Sangeet on Chittagong Radio. I used to dream that one day I'd sing these songs myself."

However, even for someone who is as popular as Shakila Zafar, releasing and marketing an album of Rabindra Sangeet did take considerable effort. "It all started after a private TV channel aired my rendition of some Rabindra Sangeet. I received a lot of encouragement and compliments. After a while, G Series and Agnibeenaa offered to market and distribute a solo album of Rabindra Sangeet featuring me," says Shakila. "The album took a lot of work; more than what I had anticipated at the outset. Working on these songs has also been a learning experience for me. I had to literally learn eight of the ten songs on the album," she adds.

"For all my recognition as an adhnunik singer, I know there's a risk that some critics might say my attempt at Rabindra Sangeet rendition has been sloppy. So the most important task, for me, was to sing these songs as accurately as I could. I had given it my all," she says.

The upcoming album features "Labonye Purno Pran" [the titular song], "Ektuku Chhoa Lagey", "Ogo Mor Chiro Ochena Porodeshi", "Shiuli Phool" and other Rabindra Sangeet.

The album is being sponsored by Eastern Bank Limited.

Children put their best foot forward Musical programme in Sylhet



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A colourful cultural programme, titled "Dwoiroth", was held at the Sylhet Zila Parishad Hall recently. Sa Re Ga Ma and Sur O Bani -- two local cultural organisations -- jointly arranged the event featuring their young students.

Children of the two institutions were on stage, impressing the audience through their presentations of tabla lahara and renditions of songs, for about an hour.

Veteran local cultural personality, Hemchandra Bhattacharya, was present as chief guest and writer Moshatah Ahmad Deen was the special guest at the programme. Sa Re Ga Ma chief, Eti Rani Bhowmik, chaired the event. Sur O Bani director Prosen Roy also spoke on the occasion.

The young artistes also rendered Tagore, Nazrul and patriotic songs. Certificates were handed over to students of the institutions at the programme as well.

Tagore's Footsteps in Bangladesh

Documentary by Chanchal Khan

A comprehensive documentary, highlighting Rabindranath Tagore's intermittent stay in Bangladesh, will be released on April 9 at the main auditorium, National Museum in Dhaka, according to a press release. Titled, "Bangladesh-e Rabindranath: Poth Chawatei Anando", the documentary has been planned and directed by Dr. Chanchal Khan, better known as a Tagore singer and exponent.

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad is likely to attend the launch of the film as chief guest. Dr. Chanchal Khan has also directed music for the documentary. Ahmed Rafique did the research, and actor Rokeya Prachy has done the narration.

"The documentary has historical, archival and educational value," said the director about his creation.

The documentary was filmed at different locations in Bangladesh where Rabindranath had stayed.

Elements of the documentary include nine songs that were penned by the Nobel laureate poet during his stay here. The film also features glimpses from a play based on a Tagore short story: interviews of eminent personalities, such as Dr. Atiur Rahman, Selina Hossain and Ahmed Rafique. Bhaswar Bandopadhyay and Dahlia Ahmed have also done some of the narration. The film also includes Asaduzzaman Noor's recitation of the poem "Sonar Tori".

The documentary marks the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Shurolok Music Group has produced the documentary, which has been sponsored by Besimco Pharmaceuticals Limited.

WHAT TO WATCH

Drama serial Jimmi on Desh TV



A CORRESPONDENT

TV serial "Jimmi" will be aired tonight on Desh TV at 9:45pm. Written and directed by Redwan Roni, the cast of the serial includes Mosharraf Karim, Faruk Ahmed, Saju Khadem, Mishu Sabbir and others.

The plot involves two groups of people. One group hangs around aimlessly and hatches eccentric plans to get rich overnight. Another group consists of hopeless romantics who plan to go to Bandarban and get hitched. Being unsuccessful in all their bizarre attempts, the first group decides to hold the latter as their hostages. Suspense follows.

The serial is aired every Monday and Tuesday at the same time.

The art of graft

Cultural programme to generate awareness against corruption

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

A daylong cultural programme was held at the Pabna Town Hall premises on April 1 evening to generate awareness against corruption. Earlier, an essay competition, titled, 'The role of students in fighting corruption' was held marking Anti-graft Week. The Anti-graft Body, Pabna was the organiser of the event.

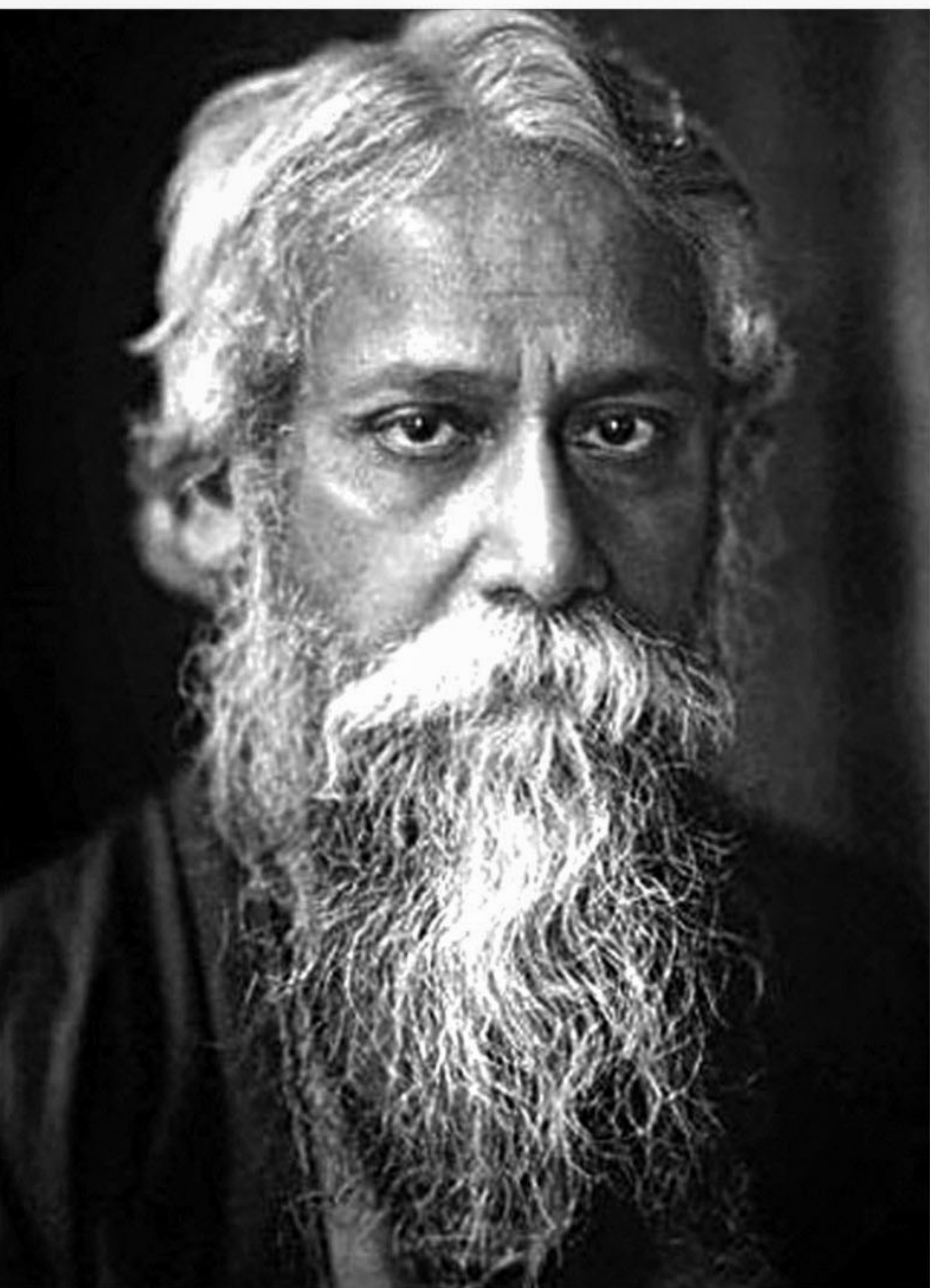
The artistes of Baul MA Gafur Academy, Pabna performed a musical drama focusing on rampant corruption in society.

"This cultural programme zeroes in on the large scale corruption prevalent in different sector and seeks to raise awareness about the need to resist corruption," said Abdul Malek Sarkar, the key organiser of the academy and the director of the musical drama.

A discussion was held with a similar theme. Professor Abdul Karim chaired the discussion while the principal of Pabna Edward College, Professor Naid Md. Samsul Huda, spoke as chief guest. Among others, Professor Md. Kamruzzaman, Professor Md. Iqbal Hossain, Advocate Mohiuddin and Advocate Zeenat Ara Chowdhury spoke on the occasion.

The speakers emphasised the need to generate awareness against corruption from a very early age. A growing child must get the first lesson against corruption from his or her family. If the anti-graft sentiment is implanted in students they will resist corruption as adults, they said.

Several hundred students from different schools and colleges participated in the essay competition held at Pabna Zila School premises.



Final instalment of Rooted Creativity begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts has arranged a series of art exhibitions, titled "Rooted Creativity" that started last year. The 10th and final instalment of the series, "Rooted Creativity-10", begins today at the gallery, located in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. This phase features 10 celebrated artists, including veteran painter Aminul Islam. Some of Islam's rare artworks will be displayed at the exhibition.

Other featured artistes are ASM Mustafa Jamil Akbar, Kazi Sayed Ahmed, Sulekha Chowdhury, Syed Zahid Iqbal, Shafin Omar, Sarkar Nahid Niazi, Shahid Kazi, Biswajit Goswami and MM Moyez Uddin.

The inaugural ceremony of the exhibition will be held at 6pm today at the

gallery. Lawmaker Barrister Rafiqul Haque will inaugurate the exhibition. Historian Professor Muntasir Mamun and Giorgio Guglielmino, the Italian Ambassador to Bangladesh, will be present as special guests. Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director, BRAC Bank Ltd will be present as guest of honour.

A press conference, to inform the media on the exhibition, was held yesterday at Bengal Gallery. Subir Chowdhury, director of Bengal Gallery, and the participating artists -- except Aminul Islam and Shafin Omar -- attended the conference.

The exhibition that continues till April 14 features 40 artworks by the 10 artists. The exhibition will remain open every day from 12pm to 8pm.

BRAC Bank is the sponsor of the exhibition.



Call to Uphold Manipuri Language and Culture

Bhasha Utshab in Sylhet

A procession was also brought out in the city.

A discussion and cultural function were also held with Poet AK Sheram, president of the Manipuri Sahitya Samity, in the chair. Sylhet Metropolitan Police Commissioner, AB Barua; Bangla Academy Deputy Director, Dr. Tapan Bagchi; Social Welfare Deputy Director, Abul Kalam; headmaster of the Sylhet High School, Syed Enayet Hossain and writer Rafiqur Rahman spoke at the programme.

The speakers said that Manipuri language has a history of about 3500 years. The government should nurture the languages and cultures of ethnic communities of the country; institutional efforts are much needed in this regard, they asserted.

A souvenir in Manipuri language, 'Moira', was also unveiled at the function.

In addition to Manipuri songs, artistes of Manipuri Shangskritik Academy presented dances at the cultural programme.



IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

The Manipuri community in Sylhet celebrated 'Manipuri Bhasha Utshab' [Manipuri Language Festival] last Friday with a call to uphold the language and to conduct much-needed research on its development. People from Moulvibazar, Habiganj and Sylhet districts attended the daylong event, organised for the fourth time.

The programme began with hoisting the national flag and rendition of the national anthem at the Sylhet High School premises in the morning.

Bangla Vision's anniversary celebration in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Satellite television channel Bangla Vision recently celebrated its 5th founding anniversary here in Dinajpur with various events including a festival procession, cultural programme and discussion.

The traditional horse dance of indigenous people of the district with their musical instruments was the most attractive part of the festival procession.

To celebrate the day, hundreds of school children, cultural personalities, television viewers, well-wishers and cable TV operators of the district gathered here in Dinajpur Press Club complex.

Md. Jamal Uddin Ahmed, deputy commissioner of Dinajpur, attended the programme as chief guest and a festival procession under his leadership was brought out in Dinajpur town and paraded the streets.

Chitta Ghosh, president, and Golam Nabi Dulal, general secretary of Dinajpur Press Club, were also present at the programme.

A discussion was held at Dinajpur Press Club auditorium. Later the programme wrapped up with a colourful cultural programme performed by local artistes of cultural organisations of the district.

The discussion was chaired by Subrota Majumdar, district correspondent of Bangla Vision.



A New Sleeping Beauty Emerges

She won an Oscar nomination at the age of 14 for "True Grit" and now Hailee Steinfeld is set to play Sleeping Beauty in a re-take of the classic fairytale.

The actress, who won over the critics with her turn as a young girl seeking revenge for the murder of her father in the gritty Western, will now play a princess, reported Daily Mail online.

The new version of the film is being written by screenwriter Lindsay Devlin and will give the star more to do than just sleep as it will follow her as she enters a dream world and has to find her way out.

Steinfeld is also currently being considered to play the lead role in the novel-based film "Forgotten", from the upcoming book of the same name by Cat Patrick. After being one of the youngest actresses to be nominated for an Academy Award, she is set to have a busy year with several other offers on the table.

The young California native had only starred in several television bit parts before landing the lead role in the Cohen Brothers adaptation of the classic John Wayne western "True Grit" alongside Jeff Bridges.

Source: Internet

ATN BANGLA	12:15 Off Time	10:30 Bangla Feature Film
01:25 ATN Music	05:15 Boishakhi-CNN	Boishakhi-CNN
03:45 Tapur Tugur	08:15 Sharabishwa	The Music Train
05:00 Gami Gurjip Khabor	08:45 Jibon Rekha	Reporter's Diary
05:30 Oibram Bangladesh	10:00 Boishakhi Rimolam O	Shongskriti Sangbad
10:45 Bihongo Kotha	11:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaam	
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09:30 Shangbadpote	12:30 Diganta TV	
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	12:30 Score Cards	
03:30 Amar Chhobi	01:30 Chitra Bichitra	
06:00 I Speed	05:30 Shur Shurbi	
07:50 Khude Gaanraj	08:05 Lime Light	
09:35 Pundar pechhon-er Galpo	10:00 Prime Time	
12:00 Ajker Shangbadpoto	11:05 Down the Wicket	
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01:05 Shachha Protidin	10:30 Iron Will	
03:10 Amader Andarabari	01:30 Nancy Drew	
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolkar Achhey	03:30 Jackie Brown	

abc radio FM 90.2	12:00 My Time
09:00 Makbusto Jibony	01:00 No Temion
12:00 Duran Durany	04:00 Dhaka Calling
03:00 Duranto Bikley	09:00 Night Rider
05:00 Shondhata	01:30 Back to Back music
07:00 Shaje Mapa	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
09:00 Raat-er Akashy	12:00 Today's Adda
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei	04:00 U Turn
Radio Foorti	10:00 Morning Express
10:00	07:00 Today Tai Hok

Oporanher Alo
On ntv at 09:45pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Jitu Ahan, Shimu



Life is Beautiful
On ZStudio at 11:50pm
Genre: Drama/Romance
Cast: Roberto Benigni, Nicoletta Braschi



Raat Biratey
On BANGLAVISION at 11:30pm
Street Show
Guest: Siddique



05:00 Desher Khabor	07:20 Bringing Down the House
09:00 Glamour World	09:30 Signs
ETV	11:50 Life is Beautiful
10:02 The Aim	Star Movies
04:30 Elating Belating	11:30 The Brothers Bloom
05:30 Binodiner Biohwa	01:25 A Dangerous Man
05:50 Sports Plus	03:05 6th Day
07:50 Music Bit	03:05 Black Death
11:40 Janotar Kotha	08:45 Alien Hunter
Rtv	10:20 Killshot
10:40 Tanaklap	12:00 Pulse 2
01:10 Bangla Feature Film	HBO
05:00 Protidin Gaan	10:45 Shark Attack
06:00 Shubono Shat Din	12:45 Drive
08:30 Bipasha-ar Shonge	02:45 Son of the Mask
12:05 Crime Focus	07:30 Thunderbirds
BANGLAVISION	09:30 American Pie: Book of Love
09:05 Shudhui Gaan	11:00 Friday the 13th
01:05 Bangla Feature Film	Star World
06:05 Sports Time	02:30 Las Vegas
06:30 Style-File	03:30 Desperate Housewives
09:10 Garbo	07:30 Coffee With Karen
11:30 Raat Biratey	08:30 How I Met Your Mother
Desh TV	10:30 Dexter
04:00 Desh Janopad	11:00 BBC World News
05:00 Duragath	11:30 World Business Report
06:00 Boual Mela	
07:45 Binodon Durnya	
12:30 Daily Sports	

ATN BANGLA	08:00pm Makbul	ETV	08:20pm Othongkar
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05:30pm Jato Durny Jai	09:05pm Cricket Rongo		
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RTV	News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	BANGLAVISION	News (Bangla) at 7:30am
05:30	2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm	08:20pm	1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm
05:30	News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm	09:00pm	10:00pm
05:30	Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels)	09:00pm	News (English) at 6:00pm
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05:30	News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm	09:00pm	

ATN BANGLA	10:30am Lead News	ETV	10:10pm Galpo Shalpo Gaan
11:00am Top Spin	07:40m Our Democracy		
06:20pm Kotha Mala	BANGLAVISION		
09:45am Trita Matra	10:10am Front Line		
12:30pm Taroka Kathon	Desh TV		
ntv	11:45pm Shoja Kotha		
12:30am Ei Shomoy	Boishakhi TV		