

WHAT'S ON

Book Fair
Organiser: Oitijyo
Venue: Central Library premises, Shahbagh
Date: April 24-May 20
Time: 9am-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Symphony of Colours
Artist: Syed Abdullah Khalid
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, R-16, S-4, Uttara
Date: April 12-May 1

Illustration Exhibition
Of Children's Books
Venue: Goethe-Institut, H 10, Rd 9, Dhamondi
Date: May 1-9
Time: 10am-7pm

Discussion on Rabindranath
Title: The Singer and his Song
Venue: Multipurpose Hall, IUB Campus, Bachundhara, Dhaka
Date: May 2, Time: 4pm

Rabindra Birth Anniversary Celebration
Organiser: Chhayanaat
Venue: Chhayanaat Auditorium, Dhamondi
Date: May 7-9

Solo Exhibition
Title: Self and Multiples
Artist: S.K. Sahajahan
Venue: Bengal Gallery, H-275/F, Rd-16, Dhamondi
Date: April 23-May 2

Film Screening
Film: Guerrilla
Venue: Theatre Institute, Chittagong
Date: May 1-7
Time: 3:30 & 6:30pm everyday

Ghazal Evening
Singer: Mezbah Ahmed
Venue: Prabantana, H 2/8, Sir Syed Road, Mohammadpur
Date: May 1
Time: 6pm

USTAD RASHID KHAN holds sway over Dhaka music connoisseurs



ZAHANGIR ALOM

Renowned Hindustani classical vocalist Padma Shri Ustad Rashid Khan performed at a concert at the main lounge of Dhaka Club on April 29. Noted Indian instrumentalists Ananda Gopal Bandyopadhyay on tabla, Sanatan Goswami on harmonium and Krishna Bongane on tanpura accompanied Khan at the almost three hour-long musical journey.

The concert marked the centenary celebration of Dhaka Club Limited. Initiated by the club's president Sadat Hossain Salim and EC committee, the event was arranged by WEB Entertainment Limited, Dhaka.

The full-house greeted the master artiste with rounds of applause. Following Sadat Hossain Salim's welcoming speech, Bangladeshi singer Romana Islam presented a profile of Ustad Rashid Khan.

Khan belongs to the Rampur-Sahaswan Gharana (school of music), and is the great grandson of the gharana founder Ustad Inayat Hussain Khan.

He received the Padma Shri, as well as the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2006.

Born in Badayun, Uttar Pradesh

on July 1, 1966, Khan received his initial training from his maternal grand-uncle, Ustad Nissar Hussain Khan.

Ustad Rashid Khan's renditions stand out for the emotive overtones in his melodic elaboration. Says the Ustad, "The emotional content may be in the alapa, or the bandish, or giving expression to the meaning of the lyrics." This brings a touch of modernity to his style, as compared to the older maestros, who placed greater emphasis on technique and skilful execution of difficult passages.

The Ustad began his performance with a khayal performance on vilambit ektaal, set on Raga Bageshree. The style of rendition was hypersensitive. The way he fashioned the bandish, "Pyari Piya Sang", it sounded like a musical tremor that reached the hearts of many. The artiste's rhythmic switching on the tarana, "Di Dhum Ta Na Na Ta Na Dey Rey Na", seemingly mesmerised the music connoisseurs.

Ustad Rashid Khan's taankari is considered to be very powerful. The artiste's gripping mukhra demonstrated his unparalleled musical prowess. His sargam combination, bakro and Sapat taan performance, immaculate gamak, speedy ascending and descending at a stretch for

several times, rare fondness of bolistar and immersing in swar during the performance were outstanding.

During a drut khayal performance on drut ektaal, the bandish, "Apni Garaja Pakarilina Baiya Mori", provided a musical high -- reminding us of the subtle game of white clouds over the azure canvas in autumn.

With the bandish, "Aliri Bana Banera Mora", a drut khayal based on Raga Chandra Diwani, followed. Another drut khayal, set on the melancholic Raga Darbari Kanada, went superbly on teentaal (madhya laya). Legendary court musician Mian Tansen is believed to be the master of this raga that the third Mughal Emperor, Akbar, frequently asked to hear at his darbar (royal court).

"Palkena Lagi Mori Guhya" was the drut bandish of the Raga Charukeshi that was next.

Based on Raga Mand, a *thumri* performance by the artiste moved the audience. Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan recorded and made "Yaad Pia Ki Aaye" (the *thumri* on *kaharabi*) immortal. Ustad Rashid Khan wrapped up his performance with another *thumri* set on Raga Pahadi.

The Ustad was greeted with a standing ovation as the performance ended.

World Dance Day celebration in Dinajpur

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

International Dance Day was celebrated here in Dinajpur on Friday with different programmes, including a festive procession, discussion and cultural programmes.

Marking the celebration, students of different cultural organisations and cultural personalities of the district gathered in front of Naborupee, one of oldest institutes in the area.

A rally was brought out which paraded through different streets of the town and later concluded at the same venue.

A discussion was held at the auditorium of Naborupee, chaired by Md. Khairul Anam, editor of Daily Protidin and president of Naborupee.

Young students of local cultural organisations performed at the well attended event.

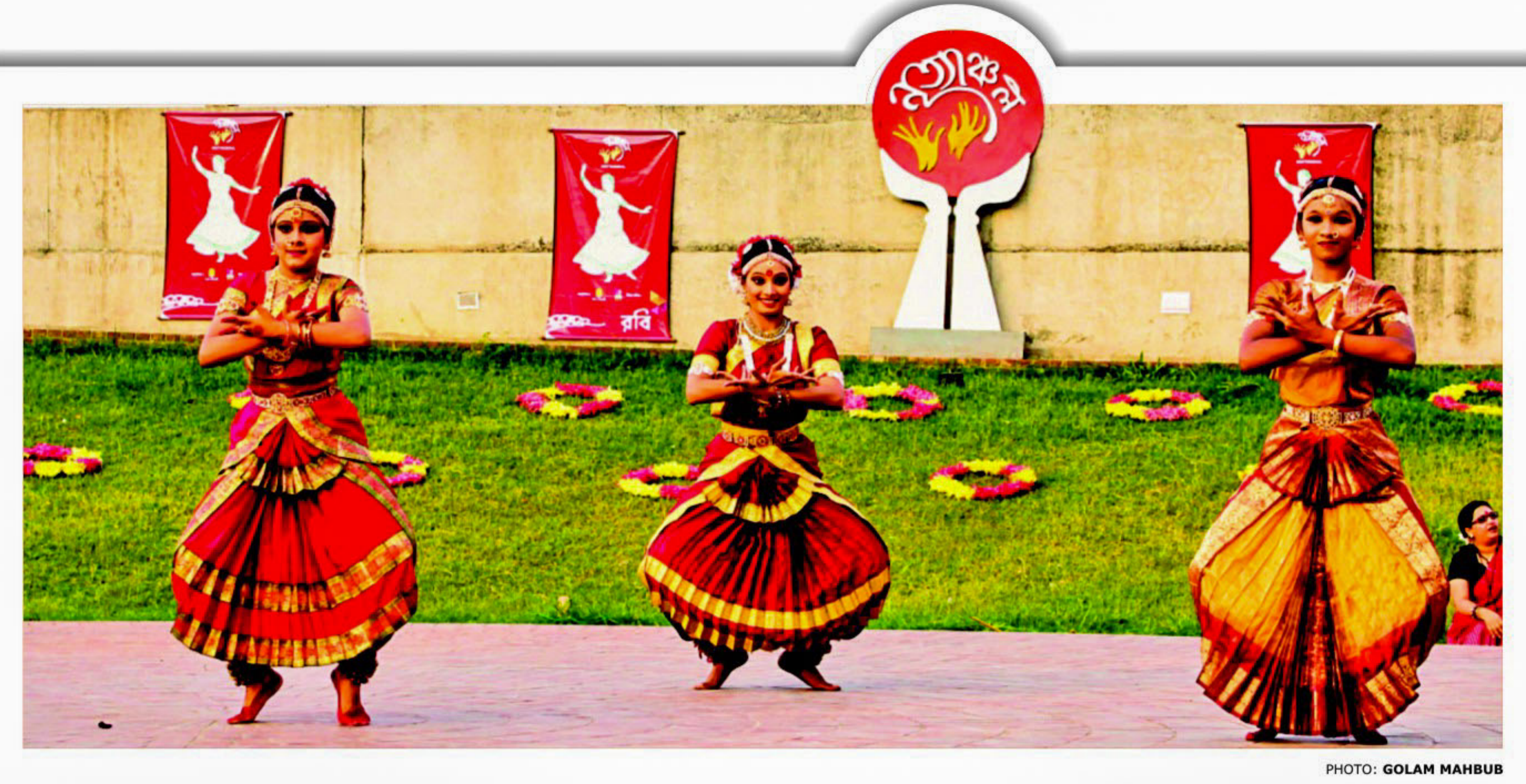


PHOTO: GOLAM MAHBUB

Khulna Divisional Theatre Festival for Children begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

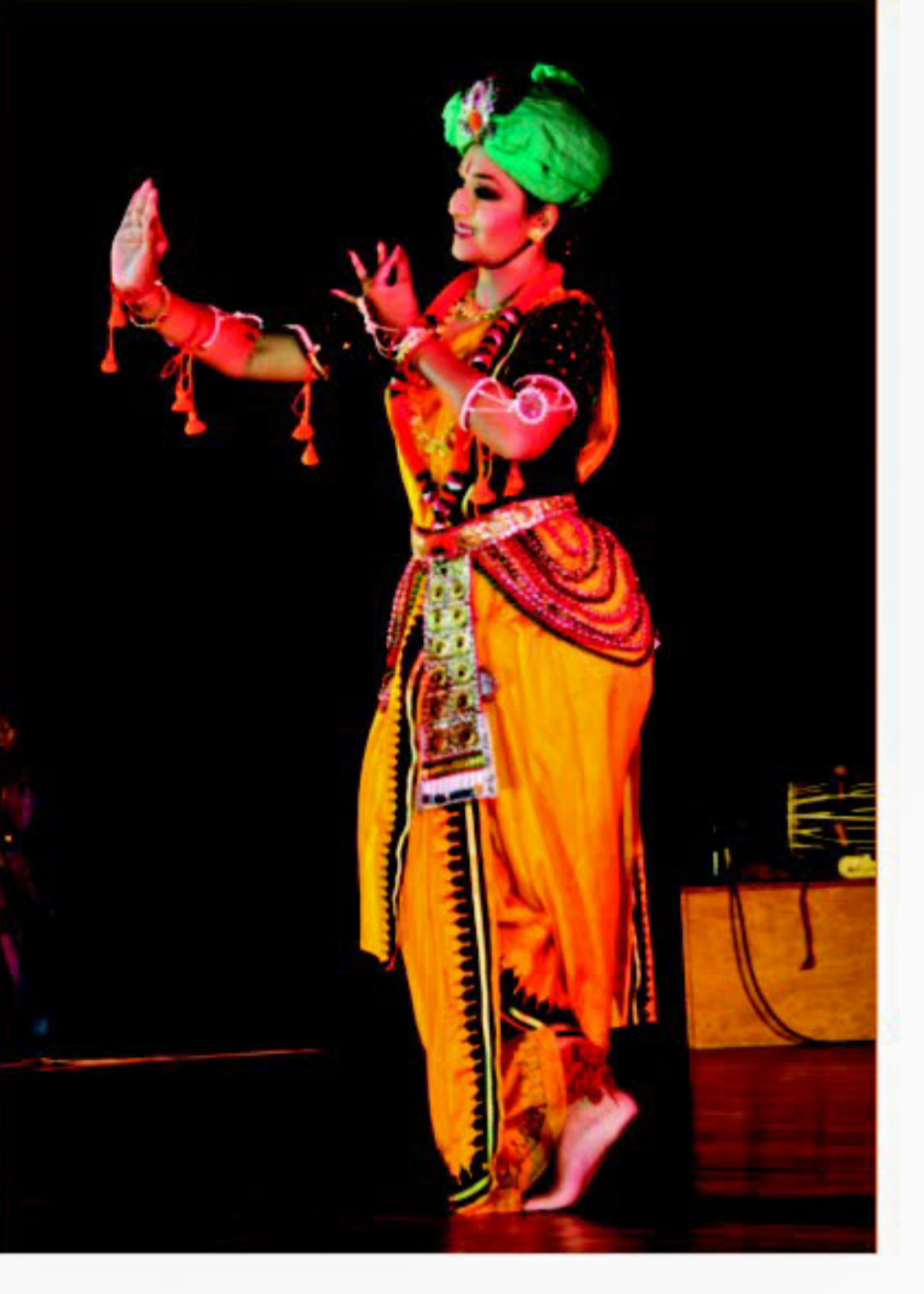
The three-day Khulna Divisional Theatre Festival for Children has begun in Jhenidah. Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Peoples Theater Association have organised the festival at Jhenidah Shilpakala Academy. The event will run till May 1. Around 19 theatre groups from Khulna, Jessore, Narail, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Jhenidah are participating in the festival.

On this occasion, a rally was brought out on Friday morning, which paraded through all the important roads of the town. At the end of the rally a meeting was held where Liakat Ali Lucky, director general of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy; Municipality Mayor Saidul Karim, among others, spoke. Hundreds of people, including students and locals, participated in the rally.

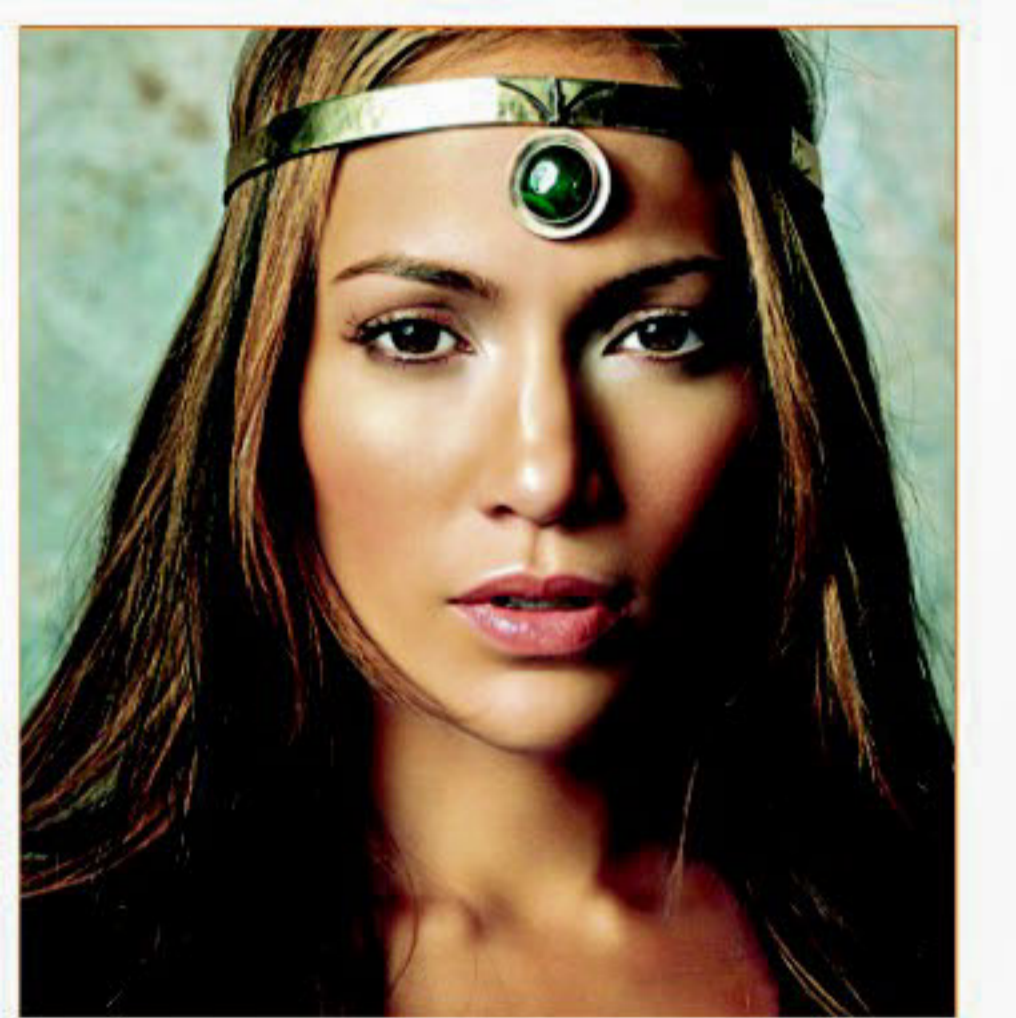


DANCING UP A STORM

International Dance Day was celebrated worldwide on April 29 through promotion by the International Dance Council, an umbrella organisation within UNESCO. Dhaka celebrated the day with much gusto as well. Several dance organisations held programmes throughout the city. Bangladesh Nritya Shilpi Sangstha (BNS) with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) arranged a weeklong festival that ended on April 29. Nrityanchal's celebration included a rally and performances at Suhrawardy Udyan (just opposite Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission). Dancers from a number of schools and organisations -- Manipuri Nat Pala, Sylhet; Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts; Jaago Art Centre; Odissi and Tagore Dance Movement Centre, Chittagong; Srishti Cultural Centre; Dhruwad Kala Kendra; Supra Bikash; Spondon and Nandan Kala Kendra -- added colour to the celebration through demonstrations of different genres of dance. Marking the day, Shadhona (a Centre for Advancement of South Asian Culture) staged its bi-monthly dance programme "Nupur Bejey Jaye" at the main auditorium of Chhayanaat, Dhamondi.



Jennifer Lopez to star in new ICE AGE movie



"American Idol" judge Jennifer Lopez has signed on to play Shiraz, a sabre toothed tiger that serves as a love interest for franchise regular Diego (Denis Leary) in new animated adventure "Ice Age: Continental Drift".

Lopez is not the only new star to lend her voice to a character in the forthcoming film.

"The Hurt Locker" star Jeremy Renner is to play Gutt, who is described as a "self-styled master of the high seas", while Wanda Sykes and Keke Palmer are also committed to the project, though details of their roles have not yet been revealed.

Aziz Ausari and hip hop star Drake will also join the cast, alongside series regulars Sean William Scott, Ray Romano, Queen Latifah and Josh Peck.

The first three "Ice Age" movies grossed a combined total of almost \$2 billion at the world-wide box office, with Fox and Blue Sky Studios predicting similar success for the new movie.

The studios have also planned a Christmas TV special, online game and mobile game for the franchise. "Ice Age: Continental Drift" is scheduled for release in July 2012.

Source: Internet



Katha Sahitya Padak 2011 was announced at the Seminar Hall of National Museum on April 28. This year, two writers -- Harun Habib and Syed Manzoorul Islam -- received the award for their contributions to Bengali literature. Harun Habib has been concentrating on the theme of Liberation War and its varied aspects. Modernity and creativity are the main traits of Syed Manzoorul Islam's writings. Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University, was present as chief guest at the award giving ceremony. Veteran journalist Saleh Chowdhury discussed on the awardees' literary works. Ruhul Amin Bachhu, general secretary of Katha Sahitya Kendra, delivered the welcome speech. Noted novelist Yousuf Sharif presided over the programme.

Eight-day Drama Festival in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An eight-day drama festival, which drew local cultural enthusiasts, concluded in Rajshahi city recently.

Two plays, "Obastob Golpo" and "Ditom", were staged on the concluding day.

The festival was inaugurated with the play "Rafter Rosh". "Mohajoner Nao" was staged on the second evening. "Bhuter Bhoj" and "Dhibor Gantha" were staged on the third and fourth days respectively.

"Koibarta Bidroho" and "Streer Potro" were staged on the other days consecutively.

Theatre teams from Dhaka, Bogra, Dinajpur, Gaibandha, and Rajshahi took part in the festival.

Assisted by Rajshahi City Corporation, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation organised the festival to celebrate the Bengali New Year.

The festival, at the auditorium of Rajshahi Medical College, drew a huge crowd of urban viewers from the city and also from Dhaka.

The reasonably priced tickets were an attraction for the rural viewers as well.

Theatre personalities Nasiruddin Yousuff, Mamunur Rashid; actress Joya Ahsan; Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation president Liakat Ali

Lucky and general secretary Ihuna Chowdhury attended the festival. Litterateur Hasan Azizul Haque inaugurated the festival on April 15.

Rajshahi City mayor AHM Khairuzaman Liton; lawmaker Fazle Hossain Badsha and Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner Abdul Mannan also attended the event.

The local theatre lovers hailed the Rajshahi City mayor for financing the festival. Rajshahi Theatre president Kamarullah Sarker said that the festival provided encouragement to local theatre artistes; alongside it left a positive impact on the culture of North Bengal.

New tapes could reveal Marilyn Monroe's death mystery

Recently released tapes, featuring a close confidante of late actress Marilyn Monroe, could reveal the mystery behind her death.

Monroe passed away on August 5, 1962, and the circumstances of her passing away remain, arguably, the most mysterious and controversial death in Hollywood history.

The tapes reveal a conversation between her hair stylist George Masters and his nephew, Jeff Platts, a 60-year-old sales consultant from Southern California.

"My uncle's name was George Masters and he was Marilyn Monroe's personal hair stylist and makeup artist for a number of years leading up to her death," AOL News quoted Platts as writing in a letter.

"He travelled with her extensively. I have some audiocassette recordings of phone conversations he and I had shortly before his death in 1998," he wrote.

Platts revealed that Masters had told him that Monroe had made a secret trip aboard Frank Sinatra's private jet the very weekend she died, and that she had spent the night at the singer's retreat with mobster Sam Giancana.

"The only other person he mentioned that was there was Buddy Greco. No Frank Sinatra, no Dean Martin. George also said that the person she was really in love with at that moment was Sam Giancana.

"Also, if this trip did happen, it was certainly kept hush-hush. Pat Newcomb (Monroe's publicist) said she slept over at Marilyn's house that night, but doesn't address whether or not Marilyn was there -- only that Marilyn woke up about noon.

"The housekeeper says she arrived 'early', but again no mention of Marilyn being there or not being there," he revealed.

On the tapes, Masters said, "Talk to Pat -- she knows everything", and he spoke about the last night he saw Monroe.

"Did you know she was pronounced dead, and then they brought her back to the house, and she was still alive, and they took her back to the hospital, and brought her back home, and then the coroners came over, and they found her dead in another bed -- somebody moved her," he said.

In that one sentence, Masters seemed to confirm a popular theory -- that Monroe was, in fact, rushed to the hospital alive, then was doubled-back before being dumped home in what many found to be a very un-suicide-like resting position.

Source: Rediff.com



BTV	11:30	Mati O Manush	06:00	Protidin-er Gaan
	06:10	Adhunik Gaan	07:40	Diplomatic Zone
	05:05	Jatya Television Bitarok	09:50	Drama: Swagner Shahar
	07:25	Ekhon Gaan-er Shomoy	11:30	Dhruprodhi Kahini
	08:40	Drama: Eman Ekti Din		Drama: Swagnojita
ATN BANGLA	11:00	Bangla Feature Film	03:00	Recitation Programme
	01:30	Mehzabi Manush-er Kantho	06:30	Jibon-er Gaane Gaane
	03:15	Kiblar Jagot	08:25	Durgath
	05:35	Boshadha Dhak Dhol	12:30	Sankshipti Sharadsh
	10:45	Bihango Ketha	12:30	Total Sports
CHANNEL i	01:05	Ebhong Cinemar Gaan	09:05	Diganta TV
	06:00	The Daily Star Jibon-er Galpo	03:05	Ekhant Shianglap
	06:20	Jibon-er Joigaaan Gai	08:30	Manu Diganta-er Hatchani
	09:35	Fantastic Family	08:05	Bangla Feature Film
			08:30	Suphala Bangladesh
			08:30	Jibon-er Gaan Gai
			10:45	Z Studio
			01:30	Boys and Girls
			01:30	Catch Me If You Can

ajk Radio FM 99.2	06:00	Bhorer Janajay	10:00	Morning Express
	09:00	Mokhonto Jiboney	12:30	No Tomhon
	12:00	Darun Dipurey	04:00	Dhaka Calling
	03:00	Duranto Bikoley	09:00	Full Volume
	05:00	Shonho Tara	11:00	Back to Back music
	07:00	Shaj-er Mapa		RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
	09:00	Rak-er Akashay	08:00	Good Morning Dhaka
	11:00	Golper Shech Nei	12:00	Today's Address
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			07:00	Tobey Tai Hok

Chhuti
On ntv at 09:00pm
Single Episode TV
Play
Cast: Nasim, Tarin

Carriers
On HBO at 11:30pm
Genre: Drama/
Horror
Cast: Chris Pine, Piper Perabo

Amar Ami
On BANGLAVISION at 09:05pm
Celebrity Talk Show
Guest: Chandra Majumdar, Bappi

11:30	Prokriti O Jibon	04:30	Starsky & Hutch
12:00	Ajker Shambadpatro	07:00	The Treasure Hunters
ntv		09:30	Memoirs of a Geisha
10:05	Bangla Feature Film		Star Movies
02:30	Gaan O Kothay Amader Odhikar	12:40	Last Action Hero
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	02:55	12 Rounds
07:20	Shola Ana Bangali Ana	04:50	The Spy Next Door
09:00	Drama: Chhuti	08:45	Charlie's Angels
		10:30	Motion
		12:00	Precious
ETV			HBO
11:30	Ekashey-er Business	11:30	Land of the Lost
05:30	Ei Shoptaher Bishwa	04:45	Superman/Batman
06:30	Desh Jurey Opardah	06:45	The Bodyguard
		09:30	Batman
07:50	Musical Programme: Ta Na Na	11:30	Carriers
10:10	Media Gossip	12:30	Star World
		03:30	Community
		04:30	Dexter
		09:30	Coffee With Karen
		11:30	Desperate Housewives
BANGLAVISION			National Geographic
11:05	May Dibosh-er Slogan		Channel
01:05	Otilalia Nochiketa-er Gaan	02:30	My Life is a Zoo
06:05	Ebhong Class-er Bairey	08:30	Terraquiz 2011
06:30	Recitation Programme	10:30	True Stories
11:25	Business Vision	11:30	Men in Wild Week
RTV			
01:10	Bangla Feature Film		

ATN BANGLA	08:00pm	Megher Onok Bari	08:15pm	Ladies First
CHANNEL i	05:00pm	Bhalumour Bhuli	09:45pm	All Rounder
ntv	07:50pm	Chota Pagal		
	08:15pm	Chader Nijer Kon Alo Nei		
BANGLAVISION				

BTV	10:25	Ohangkar-e Bangladesh	12:30pm	Tamka Kothon
ATN BANGLA	04:25pm	Prasango	09:05pm	Amor Arsi
	12:30am	Lead News	10:40am	Tamkalap
	01:00am	Vision 2020	11:45pm	Shoja Kotha
CHANNEL i	09:45am	Tritia Matra	12:05am	Ekashey-er Raat

BTV	12:30pm	Tamka Kothon
BANGLAVISION	09:05pm	Amor Arsi
ATN BANGLA	10:40am	Tamkalap
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CHANNEL i	12:05am	Ekashey-er Raat