

Sufia Kamal birth centenary celebrations

Dhaka and Natore take the lead



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day programme to celebrate the birth centenary of poet Sufia Kamal began on June 21 at the National Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Sufia Kamal Janmo Shotoborsho Udjapon Parshad, a committee to celebrate the poet's birth centenary, in association with Shilpakala Academy arranged the programme. The three-day programme consists of discussions, songs, dances, recitation and screening of documentaries.

The inaugural day featured a discussion and a cultural programme consisting dance and music.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury, chairman of the celebration committee, pre-

sided over the inaugural discussion.

Noted cultural personality Kamal Lohani, also convener of the committee, delivered the welcome speech. Lohani said that to uphold the legacy of Sufia Kamal, the committee will publish an album of recitation featuring her poems. Furthermore, a biographical play will be staged on her death anniversary in November.

Educationist Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman; Liberation War Museum trustee Dr. Sarwar Ali and Sufia Kamal's son Dr. Sajed Kamal also delivered speeches.

In his speech Professor Anisuzzaman highlighted Sufia Kamal's fight for women's rights that later turned into a fight against social injustice and bigotry.

"Throughout her life, Sufia Kamal went through ups and downs but always remained focused on achieving her goal," he said.

Titled "Ma Go Ashish Dao", the first day's cultural programme was compiled by Kamal Lohani. Members of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi and Chhayanaut rendered Rabindranath, Nazrul and patriotic numbers, while members of the dance organisation Nriyalok staged several dances.

Kabirul Islam Ratan choreographed the dances, while Ajit Roy was the music director of the programme.

The second day's programme featured a discussion, a musical programme and screening of Manzare Hasin Murad's documentary "Aparajita".

The programme ends today. Another documentary

"Aakoishor Chitra Shanghamitra Begum Sufia Kamal" will be screened at the venue today. The documentary is directed by Badal Rahman. Recitation and musical programme featuring different cultural organisations are the other highlights of today's programme.

Poet Sufia Kamal was born on June 20, 1911 and died on November 20, 1999.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Mohila Parishad Natore observed the 100th birth anniversary of poet Sufia Kamal with a call to ensure equal rights for women in every sphere of life.

A discussion and cultural programme were held at the organisation's office at Upabazar in Natore on Monday. The speakers emphasised on the contribution of Sufia Kamal to Bangla literature and her life.

President of Mohila Parishad, Natore, Dilara Begum

Parul chaired the discussion while Nargis Suraiya Akter, Principal of Natore Rani Bhabani Girl's College attended as chief guest. Secretary of Mohila Parishad, Shama Bosak; president of Natore Lawyer's Association, advocate Asadul Islam; and social activist and president of Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sommilon Parishad Natore district unit Khagendra Nath Roy spoke on the occasion.

The speakers highlighted different facets of Sufia Kamal. She was a pioneer in generating awareness on women's rights and founder of Mahila Parishad. She was also the founder of cultural organisation Chhayanaut and was actively involved in the Language Movement and the Liberation War, the speakers asserted.

A cultural programme was held after the discussion. Local artistes Snigdha Roy, Tonni Paul and Maya Paul conducted the cultural programme.



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The inaugural day featured a discussion, cultural programme and photo exhibition.

Melody and harmony

World Music Day observed



PHOTO: STAR

A choral rendition by the artistes of Classical Music Students' Forum.

ZAHANGIR ALOM

Music and melody are inseparable parts of human life. Just as nature sings her own songs, can we hold down the natural impulses that dominate human feelings or emotions?

In observance of the World Music Day 2011, Bangladesh Sangeet Sangathan Samannay Parisad (BSSSP) arranged an assembly of artistes at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) premises on June 21. Aside from lively musical performances at the open stage, the organisation also arranged musical programmes at National Music and Dance Centre Auditorium and National Art Gallery Plaza of BSA.

With the theme "Esho Bishwa Ke Melao Sur-er Oikotaan-e", the programme also included interpretation of the significance of World Music Day and reading out the declaration for the year.

Seasoned folk singer Kuti Mansur inaugurated the event. A colourful rally paraded different streets of the capital on the occasion. Alongside musical programmes, the assembly also featured a discussion.

Information and Cultural Affairs minister Abul Kalam Azad gave a brief speech. Singer Sajed Akbar delivered the welcome speech. Others who spoke at the occasion were president and general secretary of BSSSP, Tapan Mahmud and Bishwajit Roy, respectively. Noted lyricist Mohammad Rafiquzzaman; music director Alauddin Ali; folk singer Indra Mohan Rajbongshi; theatre personalities Ataur Rahman and Subal Datta spoke on behalf of Instrumentalist Association of Bangladesh.

"We need a national music day of our own, when all of us -- singers, composers, music directors, lyricists, instrumentalists, music connoisseurs and above all music lovers --- will hold discussions to determine the trend of our music based predominantly on classical and folk traditions. We will absorb many things from the richness of world music but we will fundamentally uphold our own, a philosophy propounded by our predecessors, one that will be different from others just as our national flag and anthem are different from other nations," asserted Mohammad Rafiquzzaman.

A choral rendition of Tagore

number "Akash Bhora Surja Tara" kicked off the musical section at the open stage. Rendition of two other group songs "Joy Hok Joy Hok" and "Dhono Dhanyo Pushpo Bhora" followed. Set to the lyrics of Ben Johnson, artistes of Surer Dhara presented a popular English song "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes" based on which Rabindranath Tagore composed "Katobar Bhebechhinu". The artistes then rendered a Hindi track "Sundar Lagirey".

Artistes from a number of musical troupes Bishwaveena, Rabirashmi, Geetisatra, Sargam Lalita Kala Academy, Murchhana, Bashuria, Sangeet Bhaban, Mandira Shilpi Gosthi, Maromi Shilpi Gosthi, Dolon Chapa Sangeet Academy, Baul Prochar Sangstha and others performed several numbers.

Members of Pentagon performed a Spanish song at the programme. Written by Kazi Nazrul Islam, a choral Hindi song performance followed by several artistes.

Salahuddin Ahmed, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury, Nargis Chowdhury, Shaheed Kabir Palash, Mitul, Badrunnesa Dalia, Mahadev Ghosh,

Chandana Hajong were among those who rendered solo songs.

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Chittagong

Music-enthusiasts of the port city joyously celebrated the World Music Day for the first time at Muslim Hall on Tuesday. With the participation of prominent cultural organisations and personalities of the city, a vibrant musical event was held on the occasion.

The aura of music can bring human beings together, was the common thread of all the speeches at the programme. Bangladesh Sangeet Samonny Parishad, Chittagong Divisional Chapter arranged the event with



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A colourful rally paraded different streets of the capital.

ATN BANGLA	12:30	Tara O Jyotsnar Galpo	
10:40	Bangla Feature Film	ETV	
03:50	Shundor Jibon-er Jonno	06:30	Inside Story
04:25	Location	04:30	The Aim
05:15	Islami Sawal O Jawab	05:25	Shanskrit Shomachar
10:45	Bihango Kotha	07:50	Qubee Junction
11:00	Drama: Jodupur Modhupur	09:30	Ekushey-er Chokh
		10:10	Drama: Noboch
			Diganta TV
		03:30	Diganta Onushandhan
		06:30	Inside Story
		08:00	Drama
		09:25	Pothey Prantorey
		11:05	Diganta Music Hour (Live)
			Z Studio
		04:00	Saving Private Ryan
		06:50	The Motorcycle Diaries
		09:30	Walking Tall: Lone Justice
		11:40	Abandon
			Star Movies
		12:00	Snake Eyes

RADIO	
abc radio FM 89.2	10:00 Morning Express
06:00 Bhorer Janalay	12:00 My Time
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney	01:00 No Tension
12:00 Darun Dupurey	04:00 Dhaka Calling
03:00 Duranto Bikeley	09:00 Night Rider
05:00 Shondhataro	01:00 Back to Back music
07:00 Shajer Maya	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
09:00 Raat-er Akashey	12:00 Today's Adda
11:00 Golper Shesh Net	04:00 U Turn
Radio Foorti	07:00 Tobey Tai Hok

Tomar Jonno

Amar E Gaan
On Rtv at
11:30pm
Musical
Programme
Singer: Dinat



Avatar
On Star Movies at
07:00pm
Genre: Action/
Adventure
Cast: Sam
Worthington, Zoe
Saldana

Haat-er Rekha

Kotha Boley
On ATN BANGLA at
09:20pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Zahid Hassan,
Jyotika Jyoti



09:00	Achhey	03:45	Titanic
11:30	Amaro Gaito Iche Holo	07:00	Avatar
	Shur Bhora Nilima	09:45	Over The Top
		11:25	Net
			HBO
		10:30	Ghosts of Girlfriends Past
		02:30	Crocodile
		04:30	Bring It On: Fight to the Finish
		06:45	Star Trek
		09:30	2012

BANGLAVISION	
11:05	Shokal Belar Roddur
02:20	Cinebit Shadakalo
06:05	Shyamol Bangla
09:05	Media Bhubon
11:25	Talk of the Week
Desh TV	
04:30	Durpath
06:30	Sanskriti-r Sharadesh
07:45	Style and Fashion
10:30	Desh E Galpo
11:55	Drama
Boishakhi TV	
10:30	Bangla Feature Film
04:15	Shorashori Doctor
06:20	The Music Train
08:10	Walton Boishakhi Star Award 2011

Star World	
02:30	Las Vegas
08:30	Two And A Half Men
09:00	The Simpson's
11:30	Modern Family
National Geographic Channel	
03:30	Fight Science
07:30	I Didn't Know That
09:30	Mega Factories
11:30	Air Crash Investigation

Discovery Channel	
10:30	Beyond Survival With Les Stroud
03:30	My Shocking Story
07:30	Man vs. Wild
09:30	Beyond Survival With

DRAMA SERIAL			
ATN Bangla	06:00pm	Mohallar Bhai	
08:40pm	Ogniroth	Oloshpur	
09:20pm	Haat-er Rekha Kotha Boley	09:50pm	Neel Jyotsnay Kalo Saap
CHANNEL i		BANGLAVISION	
05:30pm	Shimana Chhariye	08:15pm	Mittha Tumi Dosh Pipra
ntv		09:45pm	Gulshan Avenue
08:15pm	Rupkotha		Desh TV
Rtv			

NEWS BULLETIN			
BTV	News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	BANGLAVISION	News (Bangla) at 7:30am.
	2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.		1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm.
	News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.		10:30pm.
	Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).		News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 3:00pm, News (English) at 6:00pm
	CHANNEL-i		Rtv
	News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am		News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
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	NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am,		News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
	01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm		ETV
	News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.		News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

TALK SHOW				
ATN BANGLA	12:30am	Lead News	12:10am	Ei Shomoy
01:00am	Vision 2020			Rtv
CHANNEL i	09:45am	Tritio Matra	10:40am	Tarokalap
	12:30pm	Taroka Kothon	07:40pm	Our Democracy
	04:05pm	Kothay Kothay		BANGLAVISION
	06:20pm	Bolabhalullo	10:10am	Front Line
			05:20pm	Bajet Protidin
				Boishakhi TV
			12:00am	Zero Hour