

Four Decades of Victory

Shilpakala Academy's month-long celebration begins



A range of performances on the opening day.



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Marking four decades of independence, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) is holding a month-long 'Bijoy Utsab' (Victory Day Festival) -- featuring a number of cultural programmes at its premises.

The celebration began at 6pm on November 30 and was formally inaugurated at midnight on December 1 through lighting of 40,000 candles at the BSA premises. Chief guest, Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad, inaugurated the festival. A range of cultural events will be held at 'Unmukto Moncho' (open stage) of BSA till December 31.

Highlights of the inaugural programme included solo, group recitations and renditions, as well as dance performances by noted and emerging artistes and troupes;

film screening; magic shows and much more.

With releasing *phanush* in the air and pulsating beats of dhol, the event kicked off. Artistes and troupes recited poetry and rendered patriotic and Baul songs.

Several artistes of the TSC-based recitation troupe, Songbrita Abriti Chorchha O Bikash Kendra, presented their production "Abhijan-er Bir Shenadol" -- featuring poems of the National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Labonyo Shilpi compiled and directed the production.

Director General of BSA, Liakat Ali Lucky, sang a cover of a Bhupen Hazarika song, "Mongol Hok Ei Shotokey Mongol Shobar". Elocutionists of Charubak presented their production "Khuddho Shodesh Bhumii" at the event. Artistes of Dibyo Shangskritik Shangothon staged a dance to the patriotic song "Ekti Bangladesh Tumi Jagroto Janotar".

Akramul Islam sang a patriotic song "O Amar Desh-er Shona", while noted folk singer Kanon Bala Sarkar rendered "Kyan Jani Aaj Bondhur Lagi" at the programme.

Artistes of several musical troupes, including Udichi, Wrishiz Shilpi Goshthi, Nibedon, Bonhishikha and two Baul troupes led by Kuddus Boyati and Momota Dasi performed choruses while Samir Baul, Pagla Bablu, Joydev Karmakar and Amjad Dewan performed solos.

Group dance performances by artistes of Shadhona, Nrityanandan, Dhriti, Nrityalok Shangskritik Kendra, Bangladesh Academy of Fine Arts and other troupes drew good turnout. Shadhona's performance stood out.

An installation, replicating killing fields, at the BSA premises reminds everyone of the atrocities carried out by the Pakistani army and their local collaborators during the Liberation War.

Travels through Liberty

Naib Uddin Ahmed (1925-2009), Photographer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

When our labourers and farmers work, they do it in their own style. There is a beauty in it. In my images, I tried to articulate the passion and excitement of the working people.

I pre-selected some of the subjects of my photography -- children, shepherds, peasants, potters, women, riverine life, green horizons etc. The beauty of nature and the simple lives of people attracted me the most. I have tried to capture the beauty of 'Bangla' in my own way. I quit photography in 1971 as the brutality meted out by the Pakistani army affected me profoundly.

Photo: Naib Uddin Ahmed COURTESY: PROGGA

100th show of "Binodini" today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Theatre's widely popular monodrama "Binodini" sees its 100th show today (December 2). The landmark show will be held at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy as part of ongoing theatre festival arranged by Mahakal Natyasampraday.

On the occasion, Dhaka Theatre will arrange a seminar and documentary screening. Artist Mustafa Monwar will formally felicitate Shimul Yousuf, the protagonist of the play, at the programme.

"Binodini" is a biographical play based on the life of legendary Bengali theatre actress Binodini Dasi. Saymon Zakaria, under the guidance of Selim Al Deen, dramatised the production.

During the dramatisation, Zakaria used two autobiographies of Binodini Dasi -- "Aamar Kotha" and "Amar Abhinoy Jibon".

The play depicts Binodini's rise from an entertainer who society looked down upon to a venerated artiste. Shimul Yousuf plays the role of Binodini Dasi, who made a remarkable contribution to urban Bengali theatre in its formative years.

Directed by Nasiruddin Yousuf, the production has Kamaluddin Kabir as the set designer and Ishrat Nishat as the light designer.

The seminar will be held at noon at the Seminar Hall of the academy. The documentary screening will take place in front of National Theatre Hall before the staging of the play.

Busy days for Runa Laila

A CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi diva Runa Laila is well and away in Hyderabad for the nine-day Times of India Festival. Today, she will rock Hyderabad with her evergreen hit "Dama Dam Mast Kalandhar", songs in Bangla and Punjabi, Urdu ghazals and more at the Qutub Shahi Tombs. She is accompanied by eight Bangladesh musicians.

Runa is busy on another front too. She is to be one of the jury members for a music reality show to go on Sahara One. The show is a first for Indian televi-

sion, as two six-member teams from India and Pakistan respectively will be up against each other to fight the battle of supremacy in music. Other proposed judges are Ghulam Ali and Abida Parveen (Pakistan); Ismail Darbar, Suresh Wadkar and Jatin Pandit (India)

All the matches will be played on the neutral ground of Dubai and the shoot for the 24-episode reality show will be held there.

Elimination of a team member would essentially depend upon the judges' marks.

Birthday celebrations for Suborna Mustafa

A CORRESPONDENT

With an impressive acting lineage, Suborna Mustafa established herself as a leading lady in Bangladeshi TV plays decades ago. To date, she remains unparalleled with her superlative expressions, immaculate diction and that charming, yet mysterious smile.

Though at present Suborna does not play the conventional "heroine" roles any more, she appears on the small screen frequently in diverse roles. Her performances in "Kothao Keo Nei", "Ayomoy" and "Granthikgon Kohey" have been widely acclaimed. The actress has turned director in recent years.

Today Suborna will celebrate her birthday in Gazipur, where she is shooting one of her serials.

BTV			Maasranga Television		
09:35	Cartoon: Tom and Jerry	02:30	Ichchhe Gaaner Dupur		
10:30	Theatre	05:30	Cinema		
03:00	Bangla Feature Film	06:30	Bangladesh Priyo		
06:10	Krishok O Unnayan		Bangladesh		
09:05	Drama Serial: Lolona	09:02	Housefull		
		11:00	Top of the Pops		
ATN BANGLA			Z Studio		
10:30	Flavour of Spices				
03:05	Bangla Feature Film	11:00	Fun With Dick and Jane		
05:00	Gram Gonjer Khabor	01:30	Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl		
08:00	Drama: Priyjon Nibash		Naked Gun 2.8 1/2: Sum of all fears		
11:30	Drama Serial: Shikhondi Kotha	04:40	Flyboys		
			Quiet Flows the Don		
CHANNEL i			Star Movies		
11:05	Tele Shomoy	06:20	Stealth		
12:30	Tritio Matray Aponi	09:30	Knight & Day		
01:30	Hridoyer Gaan	03:05			
02:40	Citycell-Channel i Music	05:10			

Citycell-Channel i Music Award '11 On CHANNEL i at 02:40pm Award Giving Ceremony Host: Afzal Hossain and Farzana

Flyboys On Z Studio at 06:20pm Genre: Adventure/ Drama Cast: James Franco,

Motijheel C/A On ATN Bangla at 09:20pm Drama Serial Cast: Hasan Imam, Shahiduzzaman

	Award 2011	07:05	The Walking Dead
07:50	Tele-film: Bela Shese	08:50	From Paris With Love
		10:25	Species iii
Desh TV			
03:00	Bangla Feature Film	HBO	
06:30	World Music	10:55	Crocodile
09:45	Drama: Onubhuti	12:55	Barb Wire
11:45	Call-er Gaan	02:55	Cop Out
Rtv		07:25	Octopus
10:10	Doctor's Prescription	09:30	Final Destination 3
03:45	Natuner Joygaan	11:30	Turistas
05:30	Ghare Baire		
07:40	R Music	Star World	
11:30	Drama: Break of Study	11:30	Love2 Hate U
BANGLAVISION		03:30	Extreme Trail
10:10	Bhalo Thakun	08:30	Rules of Engagement
11:05	Amader Rannaghar	09:30	Master Chef USA
06:25	Gaan O Faan	10:30	The Sheild
08:15	Drama: Hatkura	11:30	The Big Bang Theory
11:25	Ami Ekhon Ki Korbo		
ETV		National Geographic Channel	
10:02	Sonamuni Shukhe Oshukhe	11:30	Killer Cats
		01:30	Man hunt
01:30	Bangla Feature Film	03:30	Super Cars Week
06:30	Tanana	10:30	Dangerous Encounters
10:10	Drama: Babai	11:30	Classified
12:05	Phone O Live Studio Concert		
		Discovery Channel	
		01:30	Killing for a Living
		05:30	Great White Invasion
		10:30	I Shouldn't Be Alive

D R A M A S E R I A L			
ATN BANGLA		08:20pm	Konkabati
09:20pm	Motijheel C/A	09:05pm	Oloshpur
10:55pm	Hawai Mithai	09:50pm	Pondit-er
Desh TV			Mela
08:15pm	Shopno-bhuk	BANGLAVISION	
ntv		09:45pm	Gulshan
08:15pm	Rupkotha		Avenue
09:45pm	Ojana Gantabbo	Boishakhi TV	
Rtv		08:10pm	Onno Shokal

NEWS BULLETIN	
BTV	BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	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, 4:00pm.
CHANNEL-i	News (English) at 6:00pm
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am	Rtv
ntv	News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
	News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
ATN BANGLA	ETV
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01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm	
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.	

TALK SHOW			
CHANNEL i	10:40am	Tarokalap	
09:45am	Tritio Matra	BANGLAVISION	
12:05pm	Kara Alaap	12:05pm	Moha Shatta Al-Quran
05:30pm	Shamoyiki	09:05pm	Moner Kotha
11:30pm	Follow Up: First Minister		Boishakhii TV
Desh TV		11:10am	Boishakhii Sanglap
07:45pm	Mukh O Mukharota	10:50pm	Sat kahon
Rtv		12:00am	Zero Hour