

Grandest event serenading Tagore



ZAHANGIR ALOM

Shurer Dhara wraps up year serenading Tagore at a three-day Rabindra Utshab that ends today at Bangabandhu International Convention Centre marking 150th birth anniversary of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the festival as the chief guest on December 29. Eminent economist and Nobel laureate Professor Amartya Sen unveiled a 22 DVD series titled 'Shruti Geetabitan'.

After inaugurating the grand festival, the premier said that her government has taken an initiative to establish a Rabindra University for diffusing Tagore thoughts and ideals.

"Bangladesh, Bangla language and its culture will remain, and Rabindranath will live in the hearts of all Bangladeshis," said Sheikh Hasina.

More than a thousand Tagore singers lent their voices to 12 Tagore songs including "Aguner Poroshmoni", "Akash Bhora Surja Tara", "Kanna Hashir Dol Dolano" and "O Amar Desh-er Mati" at a single stage taking part in the exclusive musical extravaganza. The rendition titled "Shahashro Kanthey Rabindranath (Rabindranath in the voice of thousand)" was directed by noted Indian composer and music conductor Debojyoti Mishra (Kolkata).

"I have used both Eastern and Western

instruments like harmonium, sitar, sarod, pakhawaj, violin, viola, cello, woodwinds, etc., in composing the songs so that it can have a universal appeal of melody," said Debojyoti Mishra.

Unveiling the "Shruti Geetabitan", Amartya Sen said, "Nothing can be more creative and outstanding than the work Rezwana has done". Professor Emeritus Dr Anisuzzaman, Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, among others, spoke on the occasion.

An inaugural seminar held at Hall of Fame of the convention. Professor Amartya Sen and noted Indian poet Shanka Ghosh spoke at the seminar presided over by former Chief Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman. Professor Shafi Ahmed conducted the programme.

"Fifteen years back on one 25th Baishakh, I said that if, out of the blue, all of Bengali literature disappears except those created by Tagore, we can still take pride in representing those in the world literature," said Muhammad Habibur Rahman.

Choral Tagore song renditions followed by the young artistes of Shurer Dhara at the Milky Way of the venue. Fahmida Khatun, Aditi Mohsin, Aniruddha Sengupta and others rendered solos.

Noted Indian elocutionist Bratati Bandyopadhyay stole the show performing an array of poems by Tagore and noted Bangladeshi and Indian Poets at the event. The artist presented the entire compilation at a stretch without any script. She started

with a Shamsur Rahman poem. Bratati's passionate offerings of "Chouddosh Shal", "Janmantor", "Jhulan", "Birpurush" by Tagore, "Rabindranath" by Buddhadeb Basu was flawless. She was over the moon while presenting a Purnendu Patri poem on Tagore.

Next was the solo performance by noted Indian singer Srikanth Acharya. The artiste performed several Tagore romantic melodies - "Tumi Shondhyar Meghmala", "Sedin Dujoney", "Aaji Borishon Mukhorito" and "Jakhon Porbe Na More Payer Chinho" at the programme.

Later, artistes of "Emon", a troupe from Natun Jalpaiguri, staged a Tagore dance drama "Chandalika" at Hall of Fame that wrapped up the inaugural day's event.

Apart from holding four seminars (10am-4pm), today's programme will feature choral renditions by the artistes of Uttarayan, Shurer Dhara, Shurer Dhara (New Jersey), Department of Music of Dhaka University, Baitalik and Geetanjali. Several Bangladeshi dance troupes will showcase their performances today.

Artistes of Sangeet Bhaban of Visva Bharati University will stage "Chitrangada" while members of Nagarik Natya Sampradaye will stage "Achalaytan" at the festival. Noted Bangladeshi and Indian singers will also perform solos at the festival.

Music school Shurer Dhara organised the festival. The daily Prothom Alo and Channel i are the media partners of the festival.



(Clockwise top): Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya and a thousand more at the musical extravaganza; Debojyoti Mishra conducts the orchestra. Nobel laureate Professor Amartya Sen launches 'Shruti Geetabitan'. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates the festival.

(Clockwise bottom): Artistes of Shurer Dhara perform to a receptive audience. Srikanth Acharya performs several romantic melodies of Tagore. A scene from Chandalika. Bratati Bandyopadhyay during an enthralling performance.

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	05:00 Gram Gonyer Khabor	09:25 Lime Light
	11:30 Drama Serial: Shikhondi	11:05 Apun Khabor
	Kotha	
CHANNEL i	11:05 Shurer Dhara	Maasranga Television
	09:35 Hirdoye Mati O Manush	02:30 Bangla Feature Film
	11:30 Fun Club Tournament	08:00 Drama Serial: Bondhuta
Rtv		09:02 Houseful
	10:10 Dhrupodi Kahini	11:00 Top of the Pop
	12:35 Bangla Feature Film	12:00 Amar Akash
	07:40 Thik Bolchen To	
	09:50 Drama Serial: Dhan	ZStudio
	Shahik-er Gaon	01:30 War of the Worlds
	Jegey Achho Ki	04:00 Mission Impossible
		07:10 Mission Impossible II
		09:50 Mission Impossible II
ETV		Star Movies
	10:02 Deghari	11:35 Closer
	01:30 Bangla Feature Film	03:05 Tangled
		04:50 500 Days of Summer
		06:30 Prince of Persia: The Sands

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RADIO FOORTI	10:00 Real Ver Gaan	
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Choita Pagol
On CHANNEL i at 07:50pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Joya Ahsan, Rony

Inception
On HBO at 09:30pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Bondhu Ebong Otopor
On ATN BANGLA at 08:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Mamunur Rashid, Shilpi

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BANGLAVISION		10:00 Tron: Legacy	
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09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue			
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08:45 Bangla Feature Film			
12:35 Japan Video Topic			
08:15 Concert			
11:30 Viewers Hour			
Desh TV			
11:00 Drama			
03:00 Priyogoner Gaan			
04:00 Desh Janapod			
06:00 Concert			
Boishakhi TV			
02:30 Jhangkar			
06:20 Manush Manush-er Jonno			
08:45 Drama Serial: Takhon			
10:35 Concert			
Diganta TV			

ATN BANGLA	09:55pm Oloshpur	
08:00pm Bondhu Ebong Otopor	BANGLAVISION	
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07:50pm Choita Pagol	Desh TV	
10:00pm Koriya Rupoboti	08:15pm Shoppa-bhuk	
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