

WHAT'S ON

Documentary Screening
Title: Bekaya Sakhanat Hossain Memorial School, One Hundred Years After
Venue: Bengal Shilpa, H-42, R-16 (New), Dharamondi
Date: April 17

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Peace in Times of Disquiet
Artist: Muhammad Iqbal
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dharamondi
Date: April 6-19

Art Exhibition
Title: Eminent Printmakers of Bengal
Venue: Gallery Chitra, Dharamondi
Date: April 10-20
Time: 10am-5pm

Group Art Exhibition
Title: The Voice of Time
Venue: Institute of Art & Culture, H-2, R-1/A, Gulshan-1
Date: April 17-26
Time: 12pm-8pm

Musical Soiree
Title: Rajao Apun Shur
Venue: Chayanud, Shangskriti Bhaban, H-72, R-15A, Dharamondi
Date: April 20

Photography Exhibition
Title: Butterflies of Bangladesh
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A (New), Dharamondi
Date: April 15-21
Time: 3pm-8pm

Grand Group Art exhibition
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, Gulshan-2
Date: April 7-May 8
Time: 10am-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Ratan Majumder
Venue: Gallery Kayra, H-20, R-16, Uttara
Date: April 7-17
Time: 11am-7:30pm

Thousand voices welcome Bangla New Year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 1,000 artistes, along with noted Tagore singer Rezwana Chowdhury Bonna, sang the song "Probhato Bina Tabo Baje" at the dawn of Pahela Baishakh (April 14) that commenced the grand celebration jointly arranged by Shurerdhara and Channel i. The programme was held at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

The event was a continuation to bid farewell to the previous year, on April 13, through marking Chaitra Shangkranti.

Information and Cultural Minister Abul Kalam Azad, Finance Minister Abul Mal Abdul Muhith, State Minister for Local Government Jahangir Kabir Nanak and many local and international dignitaries enjoyed the rendition.

Noted author Syed Shamsul Haq, media personality Afzal Hossain and filmmaker Shauidul Islam Khokon, among others, attended the show.

Faridur Reza Sagar, managing director, Channel i and Impres Telefilm Ltd, was also present at the inaugural.

Noted artistes including Runa Laila, Sabina Yasmin, Farida Parveen, Abida Sultana, Syed Abdul Hadi, Kanak Chandra, Dr. Leena Taposhi Khan and Lili Islam sang popular songs.

Lawmaker and cultural personality Asaduzzaman Noor along with Jayanta Chattopadhyay and Shinnul Mustafa recited poems. Selected contestants of "Chan-



Rezwana Chowdhury Bonna with the students of Shurerdhara perform at the event.

nel i Kluhe Gaanra)] as well as invited artistes from West Bengal, India also performed at the event.

The event also highlighted songs from "Pancho Kobi" as well as other traditional numbers. Several songs from Tagore's "Gitanjali" were performed during the Chaitra Shangkranti phase.

Rezwana Chowdhury Bonna, who is also the chief of Shurerdhara, conducted the entire show. She said that her

organisation has been arranging programmes on Pahela Baishakh and Chaitra Shangkranti over the last seven years. On the other hand, Channel i has been credited with airing Baishakhi celebrations over the years.

The event was aired live on Channel i.

Alongside the cultural programme, a mini fair featuring traditional handicrafts took place at the venue that attracted buyers.

Bangla Academy celebrates Pahela Baishakh Ten-day mela begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangla Academy held a cultural and discussion programme at the Nazul Mancha on the academy premises on April 14 to celebrate Pahela Baishakh. On the same day, a 10-day Baishakhi fair opened at the academy.

The Baishakhi celebration began with a rendition of group songs by the members of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi.

Director General of the academy, Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan, delivered the welcome speech. Environmentalist Professor Dwijen Sharma delivered a speech at the programme, which was chaired by Professor Anisuzzaman.

Focussing on the importance of Pahela Baishakh in Bengali life, Professor Sharma said, "Although the dimension of the celebration of Pahela Baishakh as well



Professor Dwijen Sharma speaks at the programme.

as the attitude of people have evolved over the passage of time, the core aspect and significance of the day remains unaltered."

On the occasion, the academy felicitated 11 noted personalities with the

Bangla Academy Fellowship for the year 2012. They are: Attorney General Mahubub-e-Alam; Advocate Sultana Kamal; artist Mustafa Monwar; poet Sheikh Hafizur Rahman; Language Movement veteran Tofazzal Hossain;

Commander (retd.) Abdur Rouf; Nurul Islam; Professor Sonia Nishat Amin; folk artiste Saidur Rahman Bayati; Dr. Mizanur Rahman Shelley and Khandaker Ibrahim Khaled.

Professor Anisuzzaman and Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan handed over crests and certificates to the fellows.

The cultural programme featured recitation by Abu Zafar Siddiqui. Yakub Ali Khan, Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Maqbul Hossain and Sharmin Shathi Islam presented renditions.

On the same day, Baishakhi fair was inaugurated by Dilip Barua, Minister for Industries. The fair has jointly been organised by BSCIC and the academy.

Finance Minister Abul Mal Abdul Muhith inaugurated a 10-day book fair, "Boi-er Aarong", featuring books published by the academy. At the fair, visitors will be able to buy books on discount from 30 to 60 per cent.

Samdani Art Awards announced Dhaka Art Summit ends on a high note

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The closing ceremony of the 1st edition of Dhaka Art Summit was held on April 15 at the Main Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum (BNM). Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad was present as chief guest. Eminent art historian of France, Gerard Xuriguera, was present as the special guest on the occasion. Azijur Rahman, chairman, Board of Trustees, BNM, presided over the programme.

Prokash Chandra Das, director general, BNM, delivered the welcome speech. Artist Shahabuddin Ahmed, chairman of trustee board (Samdani Art Foundation) and Nadia Samdani, chief executive officer of Samdani Art Foundation, among others, spoke on the closing day.

Samdani Art Awards were announced at the programme.

Samdani Artist Development Award was conferred on Khaled Hasan for his

outstanding photographs. He received Taka 10 lakh and a crest. Samdani Young Talent Award was conferred on Musrat Reazi for her oil painting. She received Taka 5 lakh and a crest. Samdani Art Foundation will also arrange a six month-long residency programme, where the artists will get an individual studio and required materials to work with.

Khaled Hasan was born in 1981. He graduated from the South Asian Media Academy and Institute of Photography (Pathshala). He has received a number of awards for his work. He is now working as a documentary photographer.

Musrat Reazi was born in 1985. She has completed her BFA in Drawing and Painting, from Government Art College, Chittagong. She has won 18th National Art Exhibition Award (AB Bank Award) and some other awards. She is now working as an art teacher at Khagrachhari Government High School.



Samdani award winners Khaled Hasan and Musrat Reazi with Nadia Samdani (C) at Bangladesh National Museum.

Baul songs to mark Pahela Baishakh in Tangail



MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Baul songs were performed in Tangail town on April 14 on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh.

Tribeni, a socio-cultural organisation in Tangail, arranged the event at the Shaheed Minar premises in the town.

Baul Jasimuddin of Dighulia, Tangail and his team performed popular Baul songs at the event.

Tangail Municipality Mayor Shahidur Rahman Khan inaugurated the event while Tangail District Administrator Fazlur Rahman Faruque attended as the chief guest.

Tangail district administration and other local organisations hosted various programmes in the town to mark the day.

A cultural function was held at Shaheed Smrity Pouro Uddyan in the town. Zila Silpakala Academy, Udichi and Jatya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad,

Tangail jointly organised the event.

An event of 'lathi khela' was held at Bindubasini Government Boys High School premises in association with Tangail Municipality and Haji Abul Hossain Institute of Technology.

Tangail Zila Kriya Sangstha organised a 'kabadi' match at the same venue.

A traditional horse race was held at the runway of Bhallukandi Airport in the town in association with Mayor of Tangail Municipality.

A poetry recital session was held at Shaheed Smrity Pouro Uddyan in the town organised by Tangail Public Library.

A seven-day Baishakhi Fair began at the same venue.

A discussion on the culture and traditions of Bangladesh and prize distribution ceremony were held at the same venue. Tangail Deputy Commissioner M Bazul Karim Chowdhury distributed prizes among the winners of different competitions.

Washing away past gloom with Sangrai

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

The traditional Sangrai [New Year] celebration of the Marma community concluded on Sunday at the compound of Betbunia High School, under Kawkhali upazila.

As the New Year arrives, the Marma Sangskritik Sangstha (MASAS), a cultural organisation of the Marma community, organises elaborate programmes to celebrate Sangrai.

The Marmas held traditional cultural programmes and games as part of the festival. 'Jol Khela' (splashing each other with water), the biggest attraction of the Sangrai, was observed with greatest enthusiasm and fanfare.

A large number of indigenous people along with Marmas from three hill districts of Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari joined the festival. Even domestic tourists from other parts of the country gathered at the festival.

Dipanker Talukder, State Minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs, was chief guest while Min Lwin, ambassador of Myanmar, gave a speech as guest of honour.

"I am very happy to be here. Such festivals can help build a strong relationship and fraternity between Bangladesh and Myanmar," said Lwin.

Dipanker and Lwin inaugurated the festival by spraying water on the participants of the 'Jol Khela'.

Soon after the inauguration, young boys and girls, divided into two groups, drenched each other with water.

Sangrai began on April 11 and ended last Sunday.



Nikhil Kumar Chakma, chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council, addressed the function as special guest.

The function was also addressed, among others, by Robert Stoelman, chief of implementation, UNDP; Deputy Commissioner of

Rangamati, Sourendranath Chakrabarty; Police Superintendent Masood-ul-Hasan; Chingkiaw Roaza, convener of MASAS; member of Rangamati Hill District Council, Aungsu Prue Chowdhury, chairman of Kaptai upzila.



To mark the Chaitra Sankranti, to say adieu to the last year, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation arranged a cultural programme at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, on April 13. The programme featured songs, recitations, dances, puppet show, mime and more. Members of different theatre troupes as well as invited artistes performed at the programme.

Manipuri Utshab in Sylhet

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

The three-day 'Manipuri Utshab-2012' ended in Sylhet city last Thursday night with participation of the Manipuri community from different areas of greater Sylhet division.

Veteran writer and educationist Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam; writer-researcher Professor Hayat Mamud and Bela's executive director, Syeda Rizwana Hasan, took part in a discussion on the occasion. Manipuri exponent-poet AK Sheram and Dr. AKM Mazharul Islam of Shahjalal University presented the keynote paper on the history of the community.

The speakers were of the view

that we need to protect the age-old cultures of ethnic groups, including the Manipuri community. Manipuri language has a rich historic value and the government should nurture the different ethnic cultures of the country and institutional efforts are greatly needed towards this end, they asserted.

A cultural function was presented by young artistes on the concluding day, while Rabindra Sangeet exponent Rana Kumar Sinha and others presented songs. Manipuri dances were also presented.

As many as 18 stalls were set up by the Manipuri groups from Sylhet and Komolganj. Traditional items including Manipuri food and publications on the ethnic

group were displayed. Friends in Village Development, Bangladesh, an NGO of the region, organised the event in association with the Toyota Foundation with a view to bring the vibrant community into the public eye.

Held at the city's Hafiz Complex, the programme included interactions with entrepreneurs, journalists and cultural personalities.

Besides, a programme was arranged to link the traditional Manipuri weavers, traders and exporters since the community's workfolk lack access to proper marketing facilities of their products. A display of traditional weaving was also arranged.

Enduring appeal Boat race in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

As part of three-day celebrations of Pahela Baishakh, Baishakhi Utsab Udjapon Parishad, Mymensingh organised a boat race on the inaugural day on April 15.

The traditional boat-race, with the participation of some 20 boats from different areas of the district saw a large and enthusiastic audience gathered on the bank of Brahmaputra river at Shaheeb Quarter Park area.

The boat-men with their rhythm of sari gaan accompanied by beats of huge drums enthralled the audience. The boats raced in three groups small boat (dingi nauka), boats under 50 feet and over 50 feet from Kachari Ferry Ghat

to Shaheeb Quarter Park. The judges of the competition were Kazi Ali Akbar, advocate Hazrat Ali, Din Islam Fakrul, Abu Sayeed and Dulal Member.

Talking to this correspondent, Sobhan Sarder, a boat owner from Rehai Tarapur in sadar upazila said that it cost Taka 1,50,000 -Taka 2,00,000 to make a large racing-boat. "We make these boats through contributions from the villages according to their ability and this process has been on for decades," said Sobhan.

The artistes of Swapnachari, a cultural group to popularise Bengali culture, performed on the occasion to entertain the boat-men and the audience.

Earlier, State Minister for Health and



Family Welfare Dr. Captain (Retd) Muzibur Rahman Fakir inaugurated the celebrations as chief guest. Among others, Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Lokman Hossain Miah, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of sadar upazila Shihir Bichitra Barua, secretary of Mymensingh Press Club Mir Golam Mustafa, Sultan Uddin Khan, Shankar Saha and engineer Nurul Amin Kalam, were present among others.

Convener of the celebration commit-

tee, also chairman of sadar upazila parishad Fayzur Rahman Fakir presided.

The speakers said that boat-races are a very ancient form of traditional amusement but with the passage of time, such races are organised less.

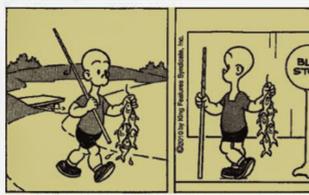
We should try to acquaint other nations with our traditional boat-race so that they can learn about the rich history and culture of this country, the speakers added.

Later, the guest distributed prizes among the winners.

Beetle Baily



Henry



by Mort Walker



by Don Trachte



ATN BANGLA	11:20 Business and Finance	03:00 Gaan R Gaan
	11:25 Vision 2020	06:00 123 Simpur
	05:15 Obaram Bangladesh	06:30 Obak Prithibi
	08:00 Drama Serial: Palabar	09:45 Gaaner Rbela
	11:30 Drama Serial: Cafeteria	10:30 World Music
CHANNEL I	07:50 Ebonq Cinemar Gaan	01:30 Business Time Live
	08:20 Amar Ghosh	06:30 Jibon Onneha
	07:50 Drama Serial: Komol Bibi	08:00 Drama Serial: Shajha
	08:40 Othhi Shala O Kana	08:40 Chitra Bichitra
	09:30 Sirajudala	10:00 Prime Time
	11:30 Banglar Pothey	10:00 Maasranga Television
ntv	11:00 Rupmadhuri	10:02 Bangla Feature Film
	04:10 Janur Achhey Bolar Achhey	05:30 Amazing Animals
	09:30 Drama Serial: Ishkul	11:00 Ganpoka
	06:10 Shabho Shondhya	03:30 Fox Movies
	09:00 Glamour World	01:55 Bio-Dome
	11:30 Drama Serial: Terminal	03:30 Titanic Part 1
ETV		07:00 Treat: Legacy

RADIO		
abc radio FM 89.2	10:00	Morning Express
06:00	Bhorer Janjaly	12:00 No Tension
07:00	Mukhorho Jiboney	04:00 Dhaka Calling
12:00	Darun Duppary	09:00 Radio Jibon
05:00	Dewaner Boley	RADIO TODAY FM 89.5
05:00	Shondha Tara	06:00 Green FM
07:00	Shaj-er Maya	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
09:00	Raat-er Akashy	12:00 Today's Adda
11:00	Galper Shesh Nei	04:00 U Tum
Radio Foorti		07:00 Taka Ta Hok
07:30	Helo Dhaka	10:00 Raat Shor Gaan

Radio Chocolate
On Desh TV at 08:15pm
Drama Serial: **Chocolate**
Cast: Mosharraf Karim, Nawshin

TRON: Legacy
On Fox Movies at 07:00pm
Genre: Action/Sci-Fi
Cast: Jeff Bridges, Garrett Hedlund

Nondini Upakhyan
On ETV at 07:50pm
Single Episode TV
Play
Cast: Arfan Ahmed, Nafiza

11:30 Ekshyer-er Business 09:05 Reign of Fire
05:30 Jhumar Jhumar 12:00 127 Hours
06:30 Mothu Mala Modon 11:15 HBO
Kumar 11:15 Red Eye
07:50 Drama: Nondini 03:40 On Her Majesty's Secret
Upakhyan Service
10:10 Drama: Mukul Enterprise 06:40 Inception
11:50 Golden Moments 09:45 Death Race 2
11:45 Torque

Boishakhi TV
10:20 Bangla Feature Film
04:15 Sharakoni Doctor
05:30 Jibon Eto Chhoto Kyane
08:00 Drama
09:20 Drama Serial: Batpar
11:25 Raat Biratey

BANGLAVISION
01:05 Bangla Feature Film
05:20 Porikha Prostui
06:30 Drama Serial: Maa
09:05 Nacho Bangladesh Nacho
11:25 Raat Biratey

Rtv
12:35 Bangla Feature Film
05:00 Cinema R Gaan
08:15 Drama Serial: College Road
09:50 Look at Me
12:05 Business Talk

Discovery Channel
02:30 Man vs. Wild
03:30 Deception with Keith Barry
06:30 Nature's Deadliest
08:30 Tattoo Hunter

DRAMA SERIAL
ATN BANGLA 08:40pm Rujantarer Masha
09:20pm Poshhi Phaguner Pal
CHANNEL I 09:35pm Obourghan
ntv 08:15pm Dewal
09:45pm Priyo
Boishakhi TV 08:40pm Pustorer Kama

BANGLAVISION
08:15pm Bohagurer Jatri
09:05pm Boya Paribar
11:30pm House Number 138
Desh TV 08:15pm Radio Chocolate
09:45pm Maasranga Television
Boishakhi TV 08:30pm Poshhi Dabi
08:30pm Khonkholay

NEWS BULLETIN
RTV News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm.
News (English) at 10am, 4pm, 10pm.
ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.
News (English) at 9am, 5pm.
CHANNEL I News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm.
ntv News (Bangla) at 2pm, 12:30pm, 10:30pm.
ETV News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
BANGLAVISION News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.
News (English) at 9am, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.
Rtv News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm.
Desh TV News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
Maasranga Television News (Bangla) at 7pm, 11pm.

TALK SHOW
ATN BANGLA 12:30am Lead News
CHANNEL I 09:45am Trisho Matra
12:30pm Tarika Kothon
ntv 12:10pm Ei Shomoy
Rtv 10:40am Tarikalap
07:40pm Our Democracy
BANGLAVISION 10:10am Front Line
Boishakhi TV 11:00pm Reporters Diary
Desh TV 12:00am Zero Hour
ntv 11:45pm Shuja Kotha
Maasranga Television 07:30pm Prime Issue
12:00am Shamprotk