

WHAT'S ON

Baishakhi Boimela 0
Sahitya Sammelan
Organiser: Sahitya Bazar
Venue: Central Public Library
Premises, Shahbagh
Date: April 19-23

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

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

Folk Theatre Fest
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: April 21-24
Time: 7pm

Tagore Related Dance Drama
Title: "Rabindra Rachonaye Tridhara Prem"
Venue: Main Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Cycling in Circle
Artist: Mostafiz Karigar
Venue: La Galerie Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dhanmondi
Date: April 18-May 2

Film Festival
Title: Rabindranath 0
Chalachchitra
Venue: National Music & Dance Centre, Shilpakala Academy
Date: April 22-28

Theatre
Play: Arakkhita
Troupe: Desh Natok
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy

GIVING BOOKS PERTINENT FACES

In conversation with Dhrubo Esh

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

The evolution of the country's publishing industry has also morphed the lifestyle of authors, along with the artists who design the book covers. Publisher, author and cover artist -- all remain on the same page, pulling out all the stops for a book's success.

Dhrubo Esh is one of the leading cover artists in the country. His plate is full with cover designing projects throughout the year. His schedules are even more flooded during the Ekushey Boi Mela (book fair) each year when he works round the clock.

Dhrubo says he remains busy 365 days a year with new book cover projects, as that is his sole profession. Writing books, meanwhile, is just one of his hobbies, the artist adds.

Most of the covers for Humayun Ahmed's novels have been designed by Dhrubo. Other famous authors who sought the service of the artist include Hasan Azizul Haq, Syed Shamsul Haq, Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Imdadul Haq Milon, Anisul Haq, while his repertoire is also rich with book covers for many upcoming writers.

Brought up in Sunamganj, Dhrubo aspired to be an artist since his school days. But his father wanted him to choose a more "stable" profession. However, the allure of brush and canvas drew him to Dhaka, where he gained admission at the Fine Arts Institute (now Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University). It was there his dreams began to materialise.

Dhrubo designed his first book cover in 1983: a book of rhymes titled "Chhuto Chhuti", written by Mostaq Ahmed. The artist says that he began the career on a professional note, securing payment for even his first assignment. However, Dhrubo adds that the book's publication ceremony was the only occasion that he ever met that author.

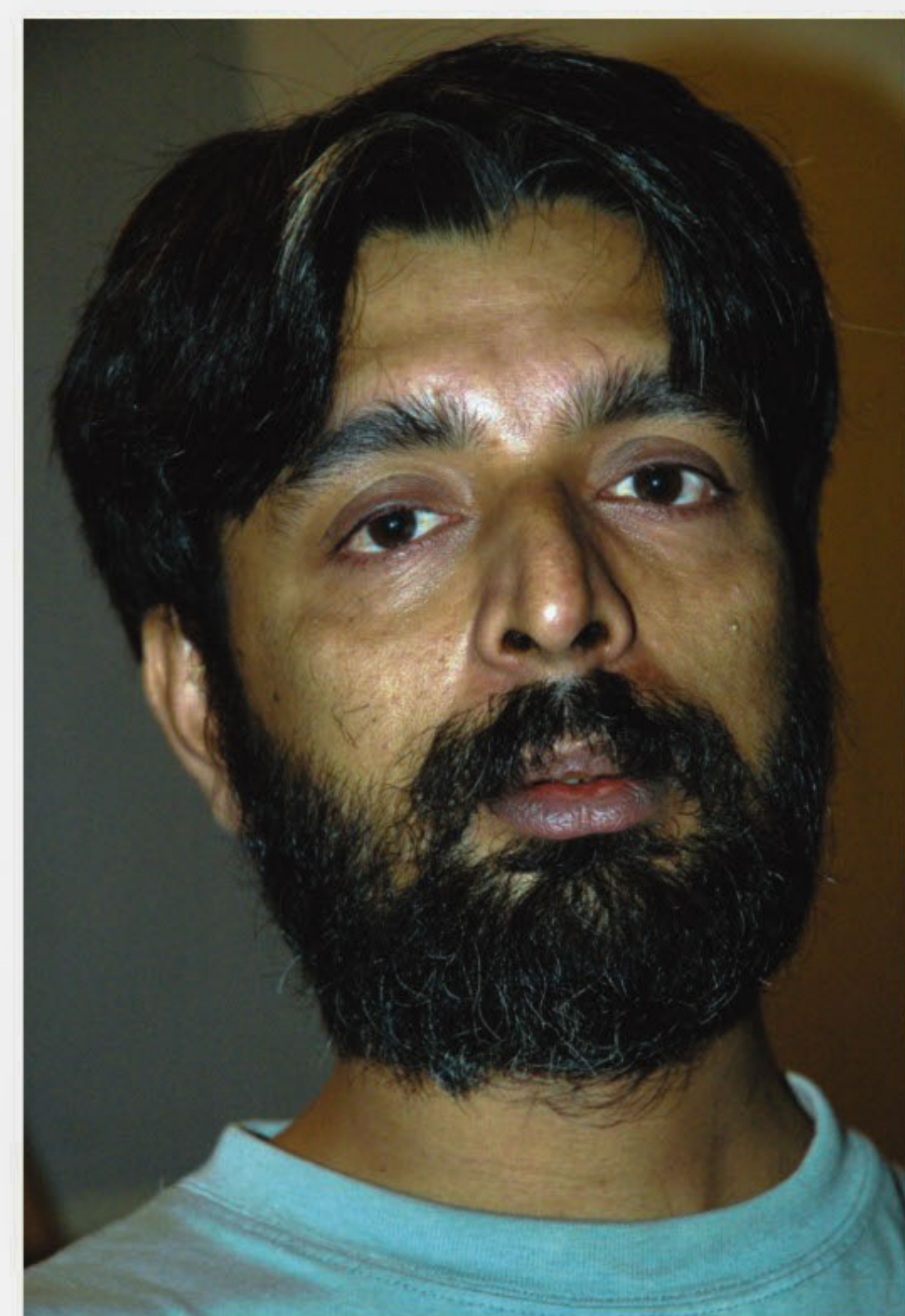
Asked on how many book covers he does each year, Dhrubo replies that he has to design a book a day, as it remains his sole source of income. However, recent years have seen the annual number of assignments exceed 500, adds the artist.

During his childhood, Dhrubo was wonderstruck by his mother's habit of reading books. She used to begin reading after lunch and also got up when evening set in. Dhrubo says he inherited the hobby of reading books from his mother, adding that he now reads more than he writes.

Asked about his notion of fame, the artist informed that he does his job for the love of it. He wishes to continue his work with dedication for the rest of his life.

Dhrubo's ultimate dream project would be to design the cover of Sunil Gangopadhyay's "Eka Eboog Koejion", which was originally done by Purnendu Potri. Among his many favourites, Dhrubo named Purnendu Potri and Quayum Chowdhury.

His leisure hours are spent watching movies, Dhrubo says, adding that all but Hindi movies are on his playlist. Films from the James Bond series are his favourites. Dhrubo says that he grew up reading books of the Masud Rana series, and that is why watching James Bond



films always gives him goose bumps. Anjan Dutta is another personality that Dhrubo admires, as his singing, acting and film direction all appeal to the artist.

Rhymester Amirul Islam acted as his mentor, guiding and inspiring him throughout the journey, Dhrubo asserts.

Dhrubo also writes occasionally. Two of his books -- adult novel "Shonkhonil Das Shoron Shonkha" and a novel for children "Radio Kattikpur" -- were published by Shomoy Prokashoni during the last Ekushey book fair.

So far Dhrubo has written 30 books, most of them children's stories. His first publication was "Rongdhonur Rong Shat-ta".

National Dance Festival kicks off today at Shilpakala Academy

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With the theme "Nrityer Taal-e Taal-e Bishwa Aaj Eksathey", Bangladesh Nriya Shilpi Sangstha (BNSS), in association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), is holding the weeklong 6th National Dance Festival marking International Dance Day (April 29). The festival kicks off today at National Art Gallery Plaza of BSA where a dance fair will be held. Director General (DG) of BSA, Liaquat Ali Lucky, will inaugurate the fair.

A discussion, awards giving ceremony, dance performances and staging of two dance-dramas will be held at National Theatre Hall of BSA today at 5pm. BSA secretary will inaugurate the programme. Information Secretary Hedayet Ullah Al Mamun ndc; Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University, AAMS Arefin Siddique and Programme Chief (Dance) of BTU, Laila Haque, and others will be present as guests of honour and discuss at the programme.

The organisers will confer Nriyaguru Gawhar Jamil Memorial Award to President of BNSS (Bogra), Abdus Samad Palash, and Nriyaguru GA Mannan Memorial Award to President of BNSS (Rangpur), Professor Azizul Islam. Liaquat Ali Lucky will preside over the programme.

Nriyashoili, a Sylhet-based troupe will stage the Tagore dance-drama "Chandalika". Dancer-choreographer Saju Ahmed has choreographed the production. Another

dance-drama, "Mahua", will also be staged at the festival. Choreographed by MR Wasek, the production will feature Arpita Shome and Amit Chowdhury as Mahua and Nader Chand.

A seminar on "Bangladesh-er Loknritiya O Shamprotik Motbironi" will be held at Seminar Hall of BSA at 3pm on April 28. A member of BNSS, Mahfuzur Rahman, will present the keynote paper. History Professor Syed Anwar Hossain; general secretary of BNSS, Deepa Khandakar, and organising secretary of Udichi, Sangeta Inam, will speak at the seminar. Dancer-choreographer Minu Haque will preside over the seminar.

Programmes on International Dance Day will start at the Shoparjito Shadhinata Chattr (in front of TSC) of Dhaka University at 7am on April 29.

A discussion; conferring of Lifetime Achievement Award to President of BNSS (Rajshahi), Bazulur Rahman Badal; dance performances and staging of a dance-drama -- "Rupsha Nadir Bakey" -- by Bangladesh Academy of Fine Arts will be held in the evening. Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes; State Minister for Cultural Affairs Advocate Promode Mankin; Chairman of University Grants Commission Professor A.K. Azad Chowdhury and DG of BTU M. Hamid will grace the occasion as guests of honour. President of BNSS, Laila Hasan, will preside over the programme.

The festival will be dedicated to the late Nriyaguru Pijush Kiran Paul. Founded in 1978, BNSS has been observing International Dance Day since 1992.

A solo performance featuring elocutionist Hasan Arif was held recently at Bengal Shilpalaya in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Titled "Amar Rabindranath", the programme featured readings of several literary works on the Nobel laureate poet. Arif recited poems as well as read out letters, and excerpts from short stories and essays, written by Kazi Nazrul Islam, DL Roy, Abanindranath Tagore, Shamsur Rahman, Sunil Gangopadhyay and Waheedul Haq.



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IGCC hosts an evening of rock music by Souls



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Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC), High Commission of India, Dhaka hosted an evening of rock music by one of the most popular and seasoned rock bands of Bangladesh, Souls, at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi on April 21.

Souls' repertoire at the event included "Mon Shudhu Mon", "Mukhorito Jibon", "Hajar Borsha Raat", "E Emon Porichoy", "Byastota", "Cha-er Cup-e" and "Keno Ei Nishongota".

The present line-up of Souls comprises of Naseem Ali Khan (vocal), Partha Barua (vocal and guitar), SK. Ahasanur Rahman (drums), Zaker Hassan Rana (bass), Meer Shahriar Hossain (keyboard) and Tushar Ranjan Datta (percussion).

In 1972, after the Liberation War, a group of young men inspired by Western rock music decided to form a band called, "Shurella", meaning "in tune". A year later the band was renamed "Souls".

Souls participated in the Bangladesh Pop Competition in 1977 and won the Best Band Award. The 1980s were the eventful years of Souls when the band became hugely popular. Their first album -- "Super Souls" -- was released in 1980 and became a milestone of modern music in Bangladesh. Souls participated in a series of concerts at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, universities, schools, colleges and at many open air venues. The '80s also witnessed Souls' four successful hit albums that made the band a household name.

In 1988, Partha Barua joined the band and initiated focus on contemporary Bangla music combined with Western trends. In 1993, Souls released their fifth album "E Emon Porichoy" and followed it soon with the album "Aaj Din Katuk Gaaney" that was a raging hit. With entry into the new millennium in the year 2000, Souls blended its music into a new dimension. In the year 2006, Souls won the Best Band Award at the Meril-Prothom Alo Puroshkar.

ATN BANGLA	09:50 Business and Finance	09:50 Road
	12:15 Vision 2020	09:50 Bridal Show
	01:25 Matir Shubash	05:00 Desh TV
	05:15 Aaynar Shamney	05:00 Durpath
	08:40 Shimana Charhiye	06:30 Prantojoner Shukhoktha
		08:15 Drama Serial: Mayer Doa
CHANNEL i		08:15 Poribahan
	01:05 Eboog Cinemar Gaan	09:45 Cinema Express
	01:30 Hridoyer Gaan	12:30 Total Sports
	06:00 Jibon Jekhoneye Jemon	
	07:50 Drama Serial: Chhuti Din	10:02 Bangla Feature Film
		05:30 Backyard Science
	11:30 Travel On	08:30 Drama Serial:
nTV		09:02 Khonikaloy
	08:45 Bangla Feature Film	09:02 Kingkortobobimur
	04:10 Janar Achhey Balaar	09:30 Drama Serial: Ishkul
		11:00 Ontor Bajao
		09:30 Achhey
	06:10 Shubho Shondhya	
	09:00 Maggi Test an Balance	02:15 The A-Team
	11:30 Drama Serial: Terminal	04:15 Reign of Fire
		06:00 Homeland

RADIO	
abc radio FM 89.2	10:00 Morning Express
06:00 Bhojer Santaly	12:00 My Time
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboneye	01:00 No Tension
12:00 Darun Duppye	04:00 Dhaka Calling
03:00 Duranta Bhojey	06:20 Night Rider
05:00 Shoudhobata	01:00 Back to Back music
07:00 Shajher Maya	
09:00 Raat-er Akashy	06:00 Green FM
11:00 Gajper Shesh Nei	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
Radio Foorti	12:00 Today, Aada
07:30 Hello Dhaka	04:00 U Turn

Pathorer Kanna
On Boishakhi TV at 08:30pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Fazul Rahman Babu, Alvi

Avatar
On Fox Movies at 08:30pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana

Long March
On BANGLAVISION at 09:05pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Mohshar Karim, Tisha

ETV	07:00 True Justice
10:02	08:30 Avatar
	11:15 Man of the House
05:25	HBO
07:50	01:30 Megamind
09:30	01:30 Step Up 2: The Streets
10:10	02:40 The World is Not Enough
12:05	05:45 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
Boishakhi TV	08:30 Clash of the Titans
11:10	11:45 Star World
03:30	11:00 Desperate Housewives
04:15	02:00 Supernatural
08:00	03:00 The River
11:00	10:00 Dexter
BANGLAVISION	11:00 Joey
01:05	01:00 Discovery Channel
05:20	02:30 Man vs. Wild
08:15	03:30 World's Worst Mom
11:25	08:30 Dinosaur Revolution
12:10	10:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive
05:00	11:30 Tattoo Hunter
08:20	BBC World

DRAMA SERIAL	
ATN BANGLA	08:45pm Pathorer Kanna
08:00pm	09:20pm Batpar
08:40pm	BANGLAVISION
CHANNEL i	09:05pm Long March
09:35pm	Rtv
nTV	09:05pm Boya Paribar
08:15pm	11:30pm House Number 138
09:45pm	Desh TV
Boishakhi TV	08:15pm Sat Kahon

NEWS BULLETIN	
BTV	Boishakhi TV
News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm.	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm.
News (English) at 10am, 6pm.	News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
ATN BANGLA	BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7-30pm, 10-30pm.
News (English) at 9am, 6pm.	News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.
CHANNEL i	Rtv
News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10-30pm.	News (Bangla) at 1-45pm, 6-45pm, 10-45pm.
nTV	Desh TV
News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7-30pm, 10-30pm.	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
ETV	News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.

TALK SHOW	
ATN BANGLA	12:00am Zero Hour
11:30pm	BANGLAVISION
12:30am	06:25pm Front Line
CHANNEL i	Rtv
09:45am	10:40am Taroklap
12:30pm	07:40pm Our Democracy
nTV	Desh TV
12:10pm	11:45pm Shoja Kotha
Boishakhi TV	Maasranga Television

Baishakhi Fair in Tangail

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

A weeklong Baishakhi Fair ended in Tangail town last Friday amidst much festivity.

The district administration of Tangail arranged the fair at Shaheed Smriti Municipal Park, from April 14 to 20, to celebrate the first day of the Bengali New Year.

Tangail District Shilpakala Academy, Tangail Shishu Academy, Tangail Municipality, different commercial, educational and socio-cultural organisations in the town assisted in holding the fair.

Around 50 stalls carrying various goods, including cosmetics, handicrafts, clothes and food attracted large



Folklore researcher, artiste Abdur Rashid Miah remembered



M. Hamid (C) with the book at the programme. PHOTO: STAR

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Professor Abdur Rashid Miah, a noted folk artiste and folklore researcher, was remembered through a programme held at the district Shilpakala Academy Auditorium on Saturday evening. Abdur Rashid Miah Smriti Sangsad organised the programme marking the third death anniversary of the folk exponent.

The programme included a discussion, musical soiree and reception accorded to noted personalities.

Abdur Rashid Miah, a Professor at the Bengali Department of Alamgir Mansur Memorial College in the town, was also the deputy director of Birishiri Cultural Academy in Netrokona, and a special grade music director of BTU.

Artistes of different local cultural groups performed at the event. The artistes danced to songs written and tuned by Abdur Rashid.

The singers were accompanied by AKM Shabuddin Khan on flute, Fazlul Haque Master on dotara, Dhanesh Chandra Saha on violin, Shantanu Saha on tabla and Rajkumar Wrishi on dhol.

Director of BTU, M. Hamid, was the chief guest. Convener of Sammilito Sangskritik Jote's Mymensingh unit, Professor Amir Ahmed Chowdhury Ratan; secretary of Bahurupi Natya Sangstha, Shahadat Hossain Khan; journalist and

drama director Shahiduzzaman Mohan; RKM Nazim-ud-Daula and Md. Hafizur Rahman spoke at the discussion.

ABM Amjad Hossain, president of Abdur Rashid Miah Smriti Sangsad, presided over the meeting. The organisation's secretary Ibrahim Khalil delivered the welcoming speech.

The speakers were of the view that Abdur Rashid Miah was well-known as a folk artiste and researcher in Mymensingh region and the country as well. Throughout his life, Abdur Rashid was dedicated to preserving and generating public interest in folklore and folk music.

To show proper respect to this accomplished artiste, many of his unpublished writings should be published and a documentary on his life and works should be made, they also emphasised.

Terming Mymensingh region as a treasure-trove of folklore, the speakers said that the long-standing demand of establishing a folklore academy here should be fulfilled.

Earlier, the chief guest unveiled the cover of a book titled "Abdur Rashid Smarak Grantha", dedicated to the folk exponent's memories.

Two eminent personalities -- Narayan Basak, a make-up artiste, and Sirajul Haque Manto, a family drama and film artiste -- were also accorded reception at the programme. A video on life and works of Abdur Rashid Miah was also screened at the programme.

Guess who's joining the cast of "Iron Man 3"?

As we anxiously wait for "The Avengers" to come out, we can't help but get excited whenever there is any news about "Iron Man 3".

So imagine our delight when it was announced that a certain actor is this close to signing on for the next sequel.

So who's the lucky thespian?

It's none other than Guy Pearce! And what's more, Variety reports that the "Lockout" actor would be taking on the role of Aldrich Killian, who per comic book lore, is the geneticist that invents the powerful Extremis serum that both Iron Man and terrorists wind up using.

Of course, the likely casting of Pearce isn't the only thing we've learned so far about the highly anticipated production. Gandhi gets into the game: Or, more

specifically, Ben Kingsley, who is in negotiations to play a supervillain. However, there's no word yet on which baddie it will be.

New direction: While Jon Favreau helmed the first two flicks, Shane Black will take the director's chair this time around. Favreau opted out so he could focus on a lengthy "Magic Kingdom". "I've had a great run with Marvel and wish them the best," he tweeted.

Time to suit up: Downey will be slipping into his now-familiar duds next month, when filming begins in and around Wilmington, N.C.

How long do we have to wait: Disney has scheduled for it to arrive on May 3, 2013.

Source: **Internet**



Guy Pearce

DS CAFÉ
Popular actor and model Sajal is the featured celebrity of this month at DS Café. He will be on the hot seat and take your calls at The Daily Star Centre on April 26, between 5 and 6pm. Readers, fire away all your questions at him! The best question will be highlighted in the transcription. Call 8126155, 01711623915 and 01711623917 to speak to Sajal.

Beetle Baily by Mort Walker
12-6
MOST PEOPLE SPEND 1/3 OF THEIR LIVES IN BED... I FIGURE YOU SPEND 1/2 OF YOURS.
THAT'S ME! ALWAYS TRYING TO BE BETTER!

Henry by Don Trachte
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