different composers. You always get

What differences do you find

had become a crowd favourite?

Kona: When I go out on the

me for autographs and pictures.

the senior people also show their

appreciation for my songs. After

listening to the comments and

observing their interest, I real-

ised that I had become one of

would've been impossible to

Some of your songs on rain and the

rainy season have gained much popu-

Kona: I've done four songs on the

Rimjhim Brishti" for the movie "Jaago".

I sang it with Kumar Bishwajit. Habib

composed the tune for "Badla Din-e"

composed by Fuad Nasser Babu. I also

Mazumdar. Earlier, I was teased with

particle) and "Dhulor Kon" (dust parti-

changed to "Brishti Kona" (rain drop).

soared after you hosted Radio Today's

Kona: That's true. My popularity

1,600 SMS. The Radio Today authori-

Kona: I will record an album on

Nazrul Sangeet. I want to work hard on

this. I've done a lot of planning on the

more admiration from audience on the

album. I would also like to do more

good songs for movies. I wish to get

music, and I want to stick with it for

stage too. All my plans surround

What are your future plans?

grew after doing the show. When Radio

Many say that your popularity

the nicknames "Balur Kona" (sand

cle); but now the nickname has

show "Simply Kona".

ties were also surprised.

Achhe Jol". The song "Borsha" was

did a song on rain done by Bappa

theme, all of them becoming crowd

pullers. One of them was "Rimjhim

survive in media otherwise.

their favourite artistes. It

Not only the young crowd, but

street, people come to me and ask

between pop/urban and film songs?

Kona: None. I work equally hard in

When did you first realise that you

Simply Kona

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Kona is a top name in the music indus-

try. However fame did not come her

way overnight. Years of dedication

The artiste released a video album

helped her secure a spot at the zenith.

titled "Simply Kona" recently (around

Eid-ul-Azha), and has plans to release

another album on Nazrul Sangeet

The audience favourite Kona

recently spoke to The Daily Star on her

How packed is your schedule nowa-

Kona: This is a very busy time. Years

You are credited with giving voice to

of hard work have paid off. Music has

become everything for me now.

take on your popularity?

continue to do so.

many popular songs. What is your

Kona: A singer's popularity is

gauged by the love of the listeners. If

hearts, only then can I say I'm popular.

It depends a lot on luck. I don't know if

I'm popular, but there are people who

admire my work. If I start getting an

stop trying. I started working a long

time ago and didn't become popular

overnight. I've struggled a lot and will

What is your target as a singer?

for films. I always try to give my best

that I still have to learn to emote per-

fectly. I'm still trying. I don't wish to be

the most popular singer on the scene.

Excess popularity can eventually lead

to a downfall. I want everyone to like

You've worked with Shawkat Ali

Emon, Emon Saha; as well as contem-

poraries Bappa Mazumdar, Habib and

Fuad. What has your experience been

Kona: I've been working with

Shawkat Ali Emon for a long time,

to collaborate a lot with Habib or

Fuad. It's always fun to work with

worked with Emon Saha, but I'm yet

since I was in college. I've also

the ears of the listeners.

for film songs. When I sing, I realise

Kona: My target is doing playback

overwhelming taste of fame, then I will which featured in the film "Amar

me. I want to sing for more movies and Today first made the offer, I was ner-

hope that the tunes continue to ring in vous. But the first show received over

people allow a space for me in their

chair. Speakers at the function were of

its secular cultural movement against

the view that Udichi will boldly carry on

all kinds of aggression and fanaticism in

the country. They expressed deep con-

cern over the incident of shameful

attacks on the Buddhist temples at

time. The Daily Star will not

be responsible for any change in the programme. BANGLAVISION 10:10 Bangla Feature

02:10 Tele-film: Bhetorer 05:15 Adda O Gaan Drama Serial: Arman

Bhai Honeymoon-e

Drama Serial: Maya

Bangla Feature Film

Tele-film: Kick Off

07:15 Drama Serial: Jolpori

08:10 Stars Fun

Tele-film: Fall in Love

08:10 Drama

09:40 Shwapno Tumi

03:30 Musical Programm 06:10 Cine Dot Com 07:05 Drama: Ekjon Bhalo 08:30 Drama: Kaida 10:30 Drama: Sharal \

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2pm, 5pm, 8pm. News (English) at 10am,

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3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, News (Bangla) at 7pm,

Udichi holds 10th conference in Faridpur ality Siraj-e-Kabir Khokon in the

REZAUL KARIM, Faridpur

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Goshthi, Faridpur unit recently held its 10th district conference at Kobi Jasimuddin Hall in the town.

The conference was inaugurated by educationist and veteran journalist Jagodish Chandra Ghosh, Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Goshthi's central committee vice president, Sukhen Roy, attended the event as special guest.

At the opening session, Dr. Sushanto Kumar Biswas, chairman of the conference; Sangeeta Imam; Belayet Hossain; Professor Abdul Motaleb; Abu Sufian Chowdhury; and Shamima Shimu spoke at the programme with cultural person-recitation.

Ramu and Ukhia. They demanded the exemplary punishment of the culprits. At the council, Professor Abdul Motaleb and Advocate Touhidul Islam Stalin were elected president and secretary respectively.

Artistes of Udichi Faridpur performed at cultural programme which included Gano Sangeet, dance and

Bengal-BATB Art Lamp in Colombo

The four-day art camp, titled "Bengal-

people aware of water preservation as part of the World Water Week, to be held in 2013, by the United Nations. The participating artists were Qayyum

Chowdhury, Hashem Khan, Rafigun Nabi, Mahmudul Haque, Nazli Laila Mansur, Farida Zaman, Ranjit Das, Mohammad Younus, Rokeya Sultana, Kanak Chanpa Chakma, Maqsuda Iqbal Nipa and Biswajit Goswami. Tahera Khanam and Abul Mansur attended the camp as guest artists. The BATB calendar (2013) will incorporate a total of 12 paintings from this camp.

The camp ended on October 27.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The camp is an initiative to produce some prolific paintings that would make Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, in associa-

tion with British American Tobacco Bangladesh (BATB), arranged an art camp at Berjaya Colombo Hotel in Sri Lanka.

BATB Art Camp 2012", featured 12 senior and promising Bangladeshi artists and opened on October 24. The Bangladeshi High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, Mohammad Sufiur Rahman, inaugurated the art camp as chief guest. Subir Chowdhury, director of Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, and veteran artist Qayyum Chowdhury spoke on the occasion.

Laxmi Puja festivities

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

The 100-year-old traditional bazaar known as 'Laxmir Haat' -- for sales of in Laxmi Puja -- began at Barisal

Kalaskati, Kumarkhali, Bakerganj, Char Aicha of Barisal, Sadar of Jalakathi and Failpara of Shariatpur districts with their

that they came from Madhabpasha

Gurudas Paul, a trader at the bazaar had come from Char Aicha to sell his wares. "The demand for these products is decreasing," he lamented.

Skyfall gives James Bond his biggest opening weekend

the rest of my life.

New James Bond movie "Skyfall" has had the biggest Bond opening weekend of all time, according to figure Co-starring Dame Judi Dench from film company Sony Pictures. It took £20.1 million following release on Friday making it the big gest UK opening of 2012 so far and

anniversary year."

the third biggest UK opening of all However "Skyfall" failed to smash the record set by last year's "Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows Part 2".

The final film in the wizard franchise, in 3D, took £23m in its first in two more Bond films.

It is also just behind "Toy Story 3", Hollywood Reporter that one of which took £21.2m in its opening weekend according to Screen Daily although the animation also bene fited from four days of previews Michael G Wilson and Barbara the series' original author Ian Broccoli, producers of the 23rd 007

Source: BBC

Logan has previously worked on movie, said: "We are absolutely overwhelmed with the reaction to 'Skyfall' this weekend. It is particularly thrilling as the UK is home to James Bond and it being the 50th

James Bond is the longestnning film franchise in history.

and Javier Bardem, it opened in 587 cinemas across the UK and Ireland, while US fans will get to see the film from 9 November. "Skyfall" marked director Sam

Mendes' Bond debut, but sees Daniel Craig back in the role of the spy for a third time, following the success of "Casino Royale" and "Quantum of Solace".

He has signed up to return as 007 Last week it was revealed in The

Skyfall's co-writers, John Logan, had begun work on a two-part original Bond story, not based on the work of

Martin Scorsese films "Hugo" and "The Aviator" and Ridley Scott's

South Asian Film Festival in Vancouver PALLAB BHATTACHARYA

"Mrityu Parey Bari", a feature documentary directed by Razibul Hossain and the stu dents of Media Studies and Journalism of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), has been selected for the special environmental day of the South Asian Film Festival in Vancouver, Canada next

The festival, which is to be held from today (October 31) November 4, will screen the film on November 1-3.

The film is the outcome of a investigation by a group of uniin a media statement versity students along with their teacher into the lives of resimeet the resilient people of the areas who not only survived dents of natural disaster-prone



in 1973.

"Mrityu Parey Bari" creates a stir

nature's fury but also surmounted it. This interaction which was devastated by between students and the comcyclone Aila, and Pathorghata, hit by cyclone Sidr, Hossain said munity created a dialogue filled with tales of awe, vulnerability loss, agony, strength, faith, During their journey, they

SHARAF AHMED, Hanover, Germany

Charles University.

To celebrate 40 years of diplomatic relationship between

observe 37th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman, the Bangladesh Embassy in Germany

organised an event at Charles University in Prague on

October 16. The programme featured a seminar, musi-

Professor RNDr. Våclav Hampl, DrSc, rector of

nar was conducted by Professor Jaroslav Vacek, CSc,

Institute of South and Central Asia, Faculty of Arts,

The Bangladeshi Ambassador to Germany, Mosud

Department, Dhaka University; Mgr. Martin Hribek, PhD,

Mannan ndc; Professor Rafigullah Khan, Bangla

Institute of South and Central Asia, Faculty of Arts,

Charles University were present as discussants at the

seminar. A number of expatriate Bangladeshis and senior

officials of different embassies also attended the seminar.

Amitabh Roy; Mohsin Mortaba and Kaniz Ahsan

At the reception, Mosud Mannan ndc and his wife

Tajuddin Ahmed's solo

exhibition at Institute

After a hiatus, noted Bangladeshi expatriate painter Tajuddin Ahmed is hold-

ing a solo painting exhibition. The current exhibition, titled "My Basket Full of

Kash Phul and Dandelion", will open at Institute of Art and Culture in Gulshan,

Hedaetullah Al Mamoon, secretary, Ministry of Information, is set to inau-

Tajuddin began his career as a semi-abstract painter and his themes at the

Dhaka today, and will continue till November 10. His last solo art show was

current exhibition include urban landscapes, nature's mysteries, nostalgia

exhibition. Tajuddin is also the founder of Tivoli Gallery, which was founded

Tajuddin graduated from the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka

exhibitions in France, USA, South Africa, India, Australia, Pakistan and other

and expressions of emotions. About 35 artworks will be displayed at the

(now Faculty of Fine Arts) in 1980. He has held seven solo exhibitions in

France, the Netherlands and Bangladesh. He took part in 28 major group

of Art and Culture

Khan rendered songs at the programme. Sumaiya

Dr. Nuzhat Amin Mannan; commercial counselor

Binte Hossain Piu performed dance.

held at Tivoli Gallery in Gulshan in 2009.

The painter now lives and works in Toronto.

gurate the exhibition as chief guest.

Charles University inaugurated the seminar. The semi-

cal soiree, dance performance and reception.

Bangladesh and the Czech Republic, as well as to

inspiration and unity. Hossain describes "Mrityu

Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and Afghanistan. The festival showcases the latest feature and short films, documentaries and animation films by established and new South Asian filmmakers.

second movie "Unaditya" was shown at South Asian Film Festival in Goa in 2008.

Razibul Hossain's first film was "Balughori" (2007) and his

Parey Bari" as a case where

community-based disaster

risk reduction has created

students along with their

life-changing experiences for

South Asian Film Festival

showcase 40 films from seven

Canada (SAFF Canada) will

countries -- India, Pakistan,

on Banglavision A CORRESPONDENT

Indian singer Haimanti Shukla will be aired on Banglavision tonight. Titled "Swapno Tumi", the

programme will be aired at 9:40pm Apart from singing her popular numbers, Shukla will also share

Celebrating 40 years of

Dhaka-Prague relationship

Mosud Mannan (Centre) with guests at a reception programme.

Abdur Rouf; First Secretary Nazrul Islam greeted the

Milan Hovorka, vice-minister of Commercial

Mosud Mannan ndc delivered the welcome speech.

residents of adjoining villages.

A painting by Tajuddin Ahmed.

The 7th annual South Asian Film Festival

(SAFF) was held in Goa, India from Octo-

SAFF-2012 showcased the changing

phases in Indian cinema. The festival

short films, documentary films, main-

film, according to a press release.

stream films and premiere of a Marathi

The festival featured some Indian

classics and popular recent films like

"Rajneeti", "Udaan" and many more.

included "Hot Days of Torkham" from

Afghnaistan; "Amar Bondhu Rashed"

from Bangladesh; "Seday" from Bhutar

"Insaaf" from Maldives; "Diyalee" from

Films from South Asian countries

organisers screened more than 40 films

from all the South Asian countries, with a

blend of different genres like classic films

ber 25 to 28.

of Jagadish Mondal from Kuchiamora union in Magura sadar upazila clinched the first prize and the boat of Kanai Lal Biswas of Baliakandi upazila sadar "Chokher Polok" emerged second while the boat "Mayer Doa" owned by Ramesh

petition.

Biswas from Agpotra village from the same upazila bagged the third prize in the com-

HOSSAIN SERAJ, Magura

A boat race was held on the river Gorai on the occasion of Durga Puja. 'Amra

Grambashi', a group of Kalinagar village under Sreepur upazila arranged the traditional event with the cooperation of the

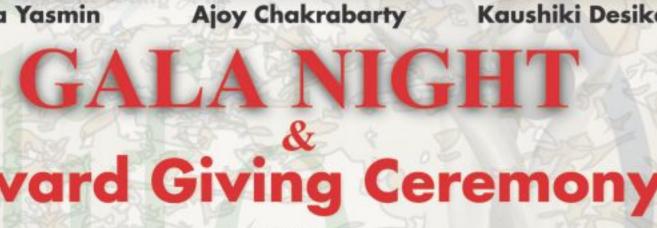
in the event attended by several thousand enthusiastic people. The boat "Jai Bangla"

idols and varieties of pottery items used Hatkhola Hori Mandir premises from last Saturday on the eve of the Puja. Sellers of the traditional items said The Baily Star Standard < Chartered S Here for good CELEBRATING LIFE 2012









Award Giving Ceremony 2nd November (Friday), 2012

Entry is free with card!

Collect your entry card from The Daily Star Centre (11am-6pm) 64-65 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215 Look for Zia Nazmul if any inquiries

Dissolving boundaries were Indian regional films like "1:30 am" Hosted by the South Asia Foundation with the theme "...dissolving boundaries", SAFF also celebrated 100 years of Indian cinema. This was the first effort to celebrate 100 years of Indian cinema at the South Asian level, in the presence of prominent filmmakers of all the South Asian





Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium, Mirpur

EID SPECIALS Swapno Tumi

programme.

untold stories from her life at the Nahid Ahmed Biplab is the producer of the programme.

A total of 16 boats from Magura, Jhenidah, Faridpur and Rajbari took part

val were Sanjay Chauhan's script writing workshop, filmmaker Rahul Mittra's announcement about the latest Hindi

South Asia Foundation received support from the ICCR and Public South Asia Foundation Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Among the other highlights of the festi-



and "Ekaa Ekaa".

Professor Ivana Cenková, CSc, vice-dean for

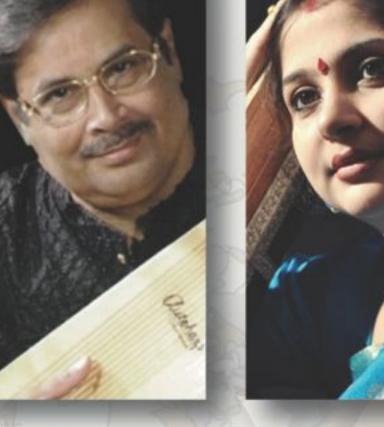
from different areas attended the reception.

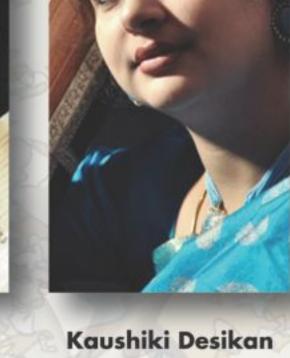
Ministry, Czech Republic was present at the reception. Charles University, expatriate Bangladeshis and people

International Relations Faculty of Arts, Charles

University also spoke at the programme. Teachers of

South Asian Film Festival in Goa







News (Bangla) at 11am News (English) at 9am. CHANNEL i News (Bangla) at 2pm 9pm, 10:30pm. News (Bangla) at 2pm News (Bangla) at 1pm,

Dance Programme Drama Serial: Love in Celebrity Adda Drama: Tritio Drama: Biye Bhiti Phone Live Studio **CHANNEL 24**

Drama Serial: Shear

Drama Serial: Dotana

Bazar Dot Com

Drama: Astray

Drama Serial: Chhele Tele-film: Holiday Drama Serial: Love Yo

Me, Love You Not

News (Bangla) at 10am,

News (Bangla) at 10am, News (English) at 1pm,

1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm. News (Bangla) at 2pm.