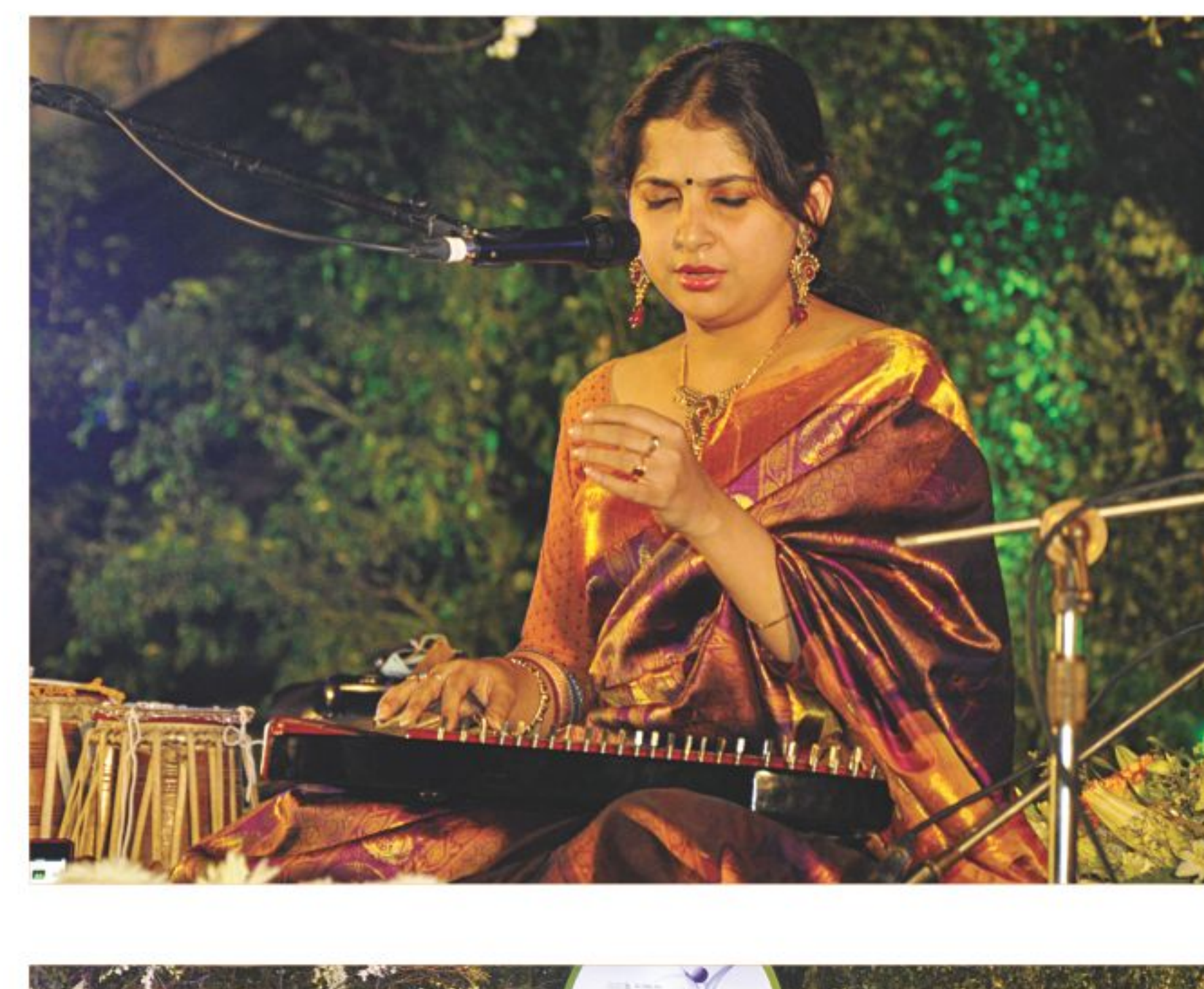




In the realm of melody's paradise

Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty with Kaushiki Desikan enthralled Dhaka music connoisseurs



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All roads led to Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium yesterday. Eager crowds flocked to the fifth award ceremony of "Celebrating Life", a Standard Chartered Bank-The Daily Star tie up to award talents in the sphere of photography, lyrics and film. This year's theme was "Celebrating Youth of Bangladesh."

Hosted by media personality Afzal Hossain, the gala ceremony began with Bangladeshi diva Sabina Yasmin rendering a song written by Ripa Sarker, who won the first prize in the lyrics contest. The song was accompanied by a dance performance by artistes of Shadhona.

The award ceremony over, the packed hall awaited with bated breath for the highlight of the programme - performances by classical singer Kaushiki, daughter of the famous classical artiste Ajoy Chakrabarty, and the maestro himself.

Kaushiki Desikan set off the soiree with a khayal performance set on Raga "Madhubanti". Kaushiki's immersion in the vilambit bandish (on vilambit ektaal) "Sham Bhayee Ghanosham Nehi Aaye" (Evening sets in while Ghanashyam or Krishna is yet to come) of the raga was evocative.

Sitting amid an aesthetically designed idyllic stage, Kaushiki looked like a celestial nymph of graceful while performing the mellifluous piece, the accomplished vocalist seemed like a tender-aged Radha longing for her Krishna's arrival at their love tryst Brindaban. Showcasing a bit murki of tappa, she gripped the mukhra of the bandish presenting it with various types of loykari coupled with boltaan.

Kaushiki emptied endless expressions of emotion while throwing in the excerpts "Ghanosham Nehi Aaye" during her maiden performance for the Dhaka music connoisseurs.

Kaushiki's performance had reminiscent features, including bistar together with boltaan, pukar, meed, gamak, ragdari, shom accompanied with tehai mingling sargam, equal interplay of three shaptak (scales) using entire swar and many more.

The artiste's *drut bandish* (on teentaal) "Kahey Maan Karo Sakhi Ri Ab" was in a word superb. Tabla artiste Sandip Ghosh embellished the performance by presenting exquisite *peskar*, *kayda*, *takra* and its *bistara* and *javabi tehai*. At the end of her performance, Kaushiki, with folded palms, gave a graceful bow to the audience.

Her father, the legendary maestro Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty, was to regale the audience next. The senior ITC-SRA scholar termed Bangladesh as the holy and opulent place of folk music, the root of classical music. Presenting a folk song "O Bish-er Banshirey, O

Pora Banshirey, Ghar-er Bahir Korlirey Tui Amarey", the maestro later expounded on its resemblance with the performed folk genre with sargam.

"The prime source of all the elements of the Ragas-- 'Bilawal', 'Khamaj' and 'Kalyan' is Bangladesh. The hearts of the people of Bangladesh are tender with passion. If Ustad Enayet Hossain Khan and Ustad Alauddin Baba were not born in this country, a Pandit Ravi Shankar or an Ustad Ali Akbar Khan would not flourish," said Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty, who won many hearts with this introduction. The applause said it all!

"Portraying a picture in air within air is Raga. Five things --tone or voice, lyrics, tune, rhythm and colour or essence of melody or music -- are important for the presentation of classical music. Swar or tone represents kavya or lyrics while sur or tune touches the soul. The voice is the closest instrument of the mind. The earth was created with sound. Sound is swar that comes first; later appears the picture of sur," explained Pandit Chakrabarty.

Presenting a demonstrative alap, Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty first performed a khayal based on Raga "Hanshadhwani", belonging to the thaat "Bilawal". "Hanshadhwani", a south Indian raga was on addha taal. The eminent maestro performed the very bandish "Lagi Lagan Pati Sakhi San" that the Dingibazar Gharana Ustad Aman Ali Khan first rendered. A Bangla song "Shawan Raat-e Kheyra Paraparey" followed. The living legend also showcased various combinations using four swar.

Rendition of a romantic Raga "Behag" followed on audience demand. The vilambit and drut bandish of the raga -- "Kanha Mo Karana Phul" and "Lata Ujhi Phul Jhaji Balam" -- were set on vilambit ektaal and teentaal respectively. Pandit Chakrabarty later performed two other bandish -- "Ab Toh Raat Lagi Lagi Mori" and "Jhumjham Dhumdham Kar Aye Kar" based on the same raga.

And last but not the least, Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty and his daughter Kaushiki performed a jugalbandi thumri "Pia Bholo Abhiman", set on darda. The blissful presentation mesmerised the audience as the father-daughter duo mingled the essence of Raga "Pilu" with Raga "Pahadi". A westernised fusion intruded into the performance. Rounds of applause were like rhythmic waves of the ocean that the packed enthusiastic audience produced every now and then.

Gourab Chatterjee on harmonium and Bangladeshi artistes -- Haimanti Julio and Ovi Priyo on tanpura accompanied the entire performance.

With a pleasant personality, wit and precise outpouring of sensibilities, taste and humour, media personality Afzal Hossain enced the event.

The entire event was co-ordinated by Editor, Star Insight, Rafi Hossain. Channel i was the media partner.

(Clockwise from top-left): Award recipients Ferdousi Rahman, Firoza Begum, Amanul Haque (front row), with minister Abul Kalam Azad ©, flanked by Intiaz Ibne Sattar and Mahtuz Anam; Contest awardees with the chief guest and organisers; Part of the enthusiastic audience; Rafi Hossain seen with Abul Kalam Azad; Bangladeshi diva Sabina Yasmin renders a song at the gala hosted by Afzal Hossain; Kaushiki transports audience to melody's heights; Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty in music's ecstasy; Shadhana dances at the show.



Bangladeshi Rajeeb Samdani appointed founding member

Tate forms South Asian Acquisition Committee

The founder of Samdani Art Foundation & Dhaka Art Summit and the Managing Director of Golden Harvest Group, Rajeeb Samdani has been appointed as the founding committee member of the South Asian Acquisition Committee (SAAC) of Tate Museum United Kingdom, according to a press release. This is the first time in the history of Bangladesh that an individual from the country has been invited by an international museum to hold such a prestigious position.

Tate, founded in 1897, is a network of four

museums; it is an institution that houses the United Kingdom's national collection of British Art, and International Modern and Contemporary Art. According to BBC, Tate is the world's 5th most visited Museum with over 4.8 million visitors in 2011.

The Committee is chaired by Lekha Poddar, founder and president of Devi Art Foundation, who is the daughter of the legendary Indian businessman, G.P. Birla. Sir Nicholas Serota, director of Tate has officially announced the formation of three new Acquisition Committees

including the South Asian Acquisition Committee on November 1 at a press conference in London. The newly formed Committee will focus on increasing the representation of artists from the South Asian Region and enhancing Tate's existing collection of South Asian Art.

Representatives from Tate Modern have already visited Bangladesh last year in December and again during the Dhaka Art Summit at the invitation of Samdani Art Foundation.



Ambassador of France to India, Francois Richier (R), conferred the honour on Aishwarya (2-R).

Happy tidings Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters conferred on Aishwarya

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

It was a birthday Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan had to wait for a year. And she finally got it when she was honoured by France with a prestigious civilian award for her contribution to art on her 39th birthday on November 1.

Francois Richier, Ambassador of France to India, conferred the honour of 'Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters' (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres), the second highest civilian French honour on her at a function in Mumbai.

"I want to thank the French government for honouring me with this award. It is truly overwhelming," Aishwarya told reporters here.

"Also, I take this opportunity to thank everyone who I have worked with as they made it possible for me to have such a glorious career," she said.

Aishwarya's entire family, including husband Abhishek, in-laws Amitabh and Jaya Bachchan, daughter Aaradhya were present on the occasion.

Aishwarya was crowned Miss World in 1994 and made her acting debut three years later. She starred in films in various languages including English, Tamil, Telugu, and Bengali. She is a regular on the red carpet at the Cannes Film Festival.

Her father-in-law, megastar Amitabh Bachchan was awarded France's highest civilian award, the Legion d'Honneur in 2007.

One can recollect that in 2009, Aishwarya was to be presented the same French award but she did not accept it because her father Krishnaraj Rai was unwell.

BTV	11:05 Janar Pratyasha	09:00 Tele-quiz
	12:35 Shukhi Paribar	09:00 CHANEL 9
	09:15 Drama Serial: Rajkonna Lilaboti	09:00 Bangla Feature Film
	10:25 Ittyadi	07:45 Drama Serial: Shamikaran
ATN BANGLA	08:40 Drama Serial: Nagarik	09:25 Kobar Lorai
	11:20 Business and Finance	CHANEL 24
	06:15 Shustha Thakan	08:10 Musical Lounge
	08:40 Drama Serial: Shongshar Shukher Hoy Bedonar	01:05 Musical Programme
	Guany	08:10 Musical Lounge
	11:30 Drama Serial: Boiri Batzab	10:15 Drama Serial: Jolchhobi
CHANEL i	02:45 Goney Goney Gaaner Ushab	Gtv
	09:05 Drama Serial: Jonani	11:30 Bangla Feature Film
	09:35 Harmony	09:35 Drama Serial: Jonani
	06:20 Rupantar	Fox Movies
	09:35 Kingbadanti 2012	01:50 The Recruit
	11:30 Prokriti O Jibon	03:45 Conan the Barbarian
		05:35 Underworld: Rise of the

abv: Radio FM 89.2	12:30 No Tension
09:30 Eka Oka	04:00 Dhaka Calling
05:30 Kacha Lanka	09:00 Full Volume
06:30 Mitha Kara	11:00 Back to Back music:
07:20 GP Lunath	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
07:45 Hesh Bara	06:00 Green FM
09:30 Love Hour	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
11:10 Hindi Hits	12:00 Today's Adda
RADIO FOORTI	04:00 U Turn
10:00 Morning Express	07:00 Tobey Tai Hok

Ittyadi
On BTv at 10:25pm (Re-cast)
Entertainment Show
Host: Hanif Samket

The Matrix Reloaded
On HBO at 02:35pm
Genre: Action/Sci-Fi
Cast: Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne

Binodon Sharadin
On Maasranga Television at 06:30pm
Entertainment Show
Guest: Subarna

ntv	08:45 Bangla Feature Film	09:50 Lycans
	04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	11:20 Don't Be Afraid of the Dark
	09:00 Drama	HBO
	11:30 Ideas Change Lives	02:35 The Matrix Reloaded
BANGLAVISION	01:05 Bangla Feature Film	05:23 Star Up
	06:05 Ebong Class-er Baiery	07:35 From Paris with Love
	08:15 Drama Serial: Ladies First	09:30 Mr. Bean's Holiday
	11:25 Business Vision	12:03 Waterworld
Rtv	12:25 Bangla Feature Film	StarWorld
	06:00 Mastron Onary, Ashun Eke Nirapad Kori	01:30 Master Chef Australia
	09:50 Dhruopadi Kahini	08:30 The Deawists
	12:05 Shimana Perley	09:30 Revenge
Desh TV	03:02 Gaan R Gaan	10:30 Once Upon A Time
	06:30 Sanskritir Sharadesh	11:30 Two and a Half Men
	09:45 Tribute to Legend	National Geographic Channel
	12:30 Total Sports	02:30 Monkey Thieves
Maasranga Television	11:02 Bangla Feature Film	04:30 Long Way Down
	06:30 Binodon Sharadin	08:30 Seconds from Disaster
	08:30 Drama Serial:	09:30 Nordic Wild
		10:30 Nat Geo Investigators
		Discovery Channel
		03:30 Year in the Wild
		04:30 Countdown to Collision
		08:30 Inside Planet Earth

DRAMA SERIAL		
ATN BANGLA	09:20pm	Long March
ntv	09:20pm	DB
CHANEL i	10:55pm	Scandal
ETV	09:30pm	Noorjahan
BOISHAKHI TV	08:00pm	Boro Boro Chhota Boro
BANGLAVISION	08:00pm	Sat Sawdagar
ntv	08:15pm	Oghoton Ghoton
CHANEL i	07:50pm	Potiyschi
ETV	09:00pm	Oloshpur
Desh TV	07:45pm	Saarkhon
Maasranga Television	08:00pm	Sat Sawdagar

NEWS BULLETIN		
BTV	01:00am	Omo Dinshi
ntv	12:30pm	Taroka Kothon
CHANEL i	12:00am	Ei Shomoy
ETV	10:10pm	Media Gosop
BOISHAKHI TV	12:00am	Zero Hour
Boishakhi TV	10:00am	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm
BANGLAVISION	07:45pm	News (English) at 9am, 6pm, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10:30pm
CHANEL i	08:00pm	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm
ntv	09:30pm	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm
ETV	08:00pm	News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm
Boishakhi TV	10:00am	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm
Desh TV	07:45pm	News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm
Rtv	07:00pm	News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm
Desh TV	07:45pm	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm
Maasranga Television	08:00pm	News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am

TALK SHOW		
ATN BANGLA	01:00am	Omo Dinshi
CHANEL i	12:30pm	Taroka Kothon
ntv	12:00am	Ei Shomoy
ETV	10:10pm	Media Gosop
BOISHAKHI TV	12:00am	Zero Hour
Rtv	11:20pm	Our Democracy
Desh TV	07:45pm	Shoja Kaha
Maasranga Television	12:02am	Shampontik
CHANEL 24	11:50am	Moodyrater
CHANEL 24	11:50am	Muktabak
Gtv		