



PREMIERE OF EKATTORER CHITHI HELD

A docu-fiction brings forth forgotten tales of heroism

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Forty one years have passed since our heroes freed the country from the Pakistani oppressors, but how many of us know about the Freedom Fighters? We now celebrate Independence Day, Victory Day without having any clear idea about the life sketches and sentiments of those people who toiled to bring about Sonar Bangla. Many of those sacrificed their lives in the hope of a new country, but their feelings and experiences at the battlefields remained unknown to us.

The premiere of "Ekattorer Chithi" a docu-fiction adapted from a compilation of letters of the same title written by the Freedom Fighters was held on December 18 at Star Cineplex



Bashundhara City. Directed by Aminul Akram, satellite television Ekattor TV has produced this visual representation of 26 letters which the Freedom Fighters wrote to their families and acquaintances during the Liberation War in 1971.

In the first segment of the programme, Ekattor TV's chief

editor and managing director Mozammel Babu gave an introductory speech. He said named after 1971, Ekattor TV has been patronising many events in a bid to uphold the spirit of our Liberation War, and this docu-fiction is a part of its endeavor to spread the essence of independence among the new

generations.

During the opening session, Finance Minister AMA Muhit said this docu-fiction will surely give the new generation a glimpse of the Liberation War, while Prime Minister's advisor HT Imam recollected the struggle for independence.

Ekattor TV's editor and CEO Samia Zaman described the inception of the idea of making this audio visual. Aminul Akram, director of the docu-fiction, termed his work as the audio visual representation of the spirit of '71.

Freedom Fighter Mujahidul Islam Selim walked down memory lane when he read aloud a letter which he had written to one of his comrades during the Liberation War.

In his speech, Information

Minister Hasanul Haq Inu spoke about his experiences during 1971. He welcomed the endeavour of Ekattor TV and said this docu-fiction will help create a bridge between the young generation and 1971.

Later in the evening, the third and final phase of the programme took place with the screening of the first and second episodes of the docu-fiction. These two episodes were the visual representation of Freedom Fighter martyred Colonel Khandoker Nazmul Huda's letter to his wife Nilufar Dil Afroz.

The audience left the hall charged with the spirit of the Liberation War.

Starting from December 19 the docu-fiction will be aired on Ekattor TV on the first and last Wednesday of every month.

Shuddha Sangeet Festival at Chhayanaut begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As part of its ongoing annual programme, Chhayanaut is holding a two-day classical music festival (both vocal and instrumental) at its main auditorium. Starting on December 20 evening, the festival comprises three sessions - first from 6pm to 11pm on the opening day; second from 9am to 1pm on December 21 and starting from 7pm on the concluding day, the third and final session will continue at a stretch and come to an end on Saturday morning (December 22).

Veteran Bangladeshi tabla maestro Madan Gopal Das will formally inaugurate the festival while Deshikottom Dr. Sanjida Khatun and Khairul Anam Shakil, President and GS of Chhayanaut will be present at the inaugural programme.

"With an aim to generate interests of common people in classical music and to diffuse the genre in every nook and corner of Bangladesh, we are holding this festival that will see participation of noted local and two Indian classical artistes -- Ustad Bahauddin Dagar (of Mumbai) will play Rudra Veena on the first session and Arnab Chatterjee (vocalist) of Kolkata will perform on the third session. The festival always inspires and pro-

motes many accomplished Bangladeshi artistes who have learned from India," said Khairul Anam Shakil.

Apart from group performances by Chhayanaut artistes in every session, Priyanka Gope, Mahmudul Hasan and Parag Pratim Chakrabarty will render solos at the first session.

Satindranath Haldar, Swarnamoy Chakraborty, and Maidul Islam will be the featured vocalists while Alauddin Mian (violin) and Sabuj Ahmed (tabla) will present solo instrumental recitals at the second session.

The nightlong third and final session of the festival will have a number of artistes including Khairul Anam Shakil, Md. Yakub Ali Khan, Rezwan Ali, Asit Dey, Anup Barua and Syeda Sanjida Zohra Beethika performing vocal music while Rajrupa Chowdhury (sarod), Ebadul Huq Shaikat (sitar) and Mortuza Kabir Murad (flute) will present instrumental recitals at that session. Several Bangladeshi artistes with two Indian artistes will accompany the performances of all the three sessions on tabla, harmonium and tanpura.

Kazi Farms has been assisting in the festival while ATN Bangla is the media partner.

Photo exhibition on Liberation War

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Marking the Victory Day celebrations, Alokchitra Shilpi Sangsads (Ashis), Mymensingh organised a photography exhibition at Boishakhi Mancha of Shaheb Quarter Park area on December 16.

More than 300 photographs, including some 60 photographs on the War of Liberation taken by internationally reputed photographer late Nayeb Uddin Ahmed and others were displayed at the exhibition. It was the 36th exhibition by Ashis organised to celebrate the 41st anniversary of the Liberation War.

Photographs displayed at the exhibition were also on wildlife, environment, agriculture, cultural heritage, nature and daily life of the rural people.

Visitors in hundreds enjoyed the day long exhibition.

Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Lokman Hossain Miah inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Education and Development) Shibir Bichitra Barua, District Cooperative Officer Horidas Thakur, Ashis vice-president Subudh Chandra Chanda, its executive member Mustafa Kamal addressed the inaugural session of the

exhibition.

Ashis secretary AHM Motalab delivered the welcome speech while Kamruzzaman Miah, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of sadar upazila, also convener of the exhibition celebration committee presided.

The speakers at the inaugural session said that the photographs taken during the War of Liberation are a vivid description of the Liberation War's history and the images will imbue the new generations with patriotic vigor and spirit.

The photographs on the Liberation War drew the attention of the international community who drummed up support in favour of the war, said the speakers adding many world leaders then came forward to assist the war victims and the freedom fighters.

Internationally reputed photographer, also president of Bangladesh Bird Association Enam Al Haque; mountaineer M A Muhit; Adiluzzaman Adil; Mazeda Begum; Biplob Kumar Guha Manik; Surindra Kishore Dutt Chowdhury; Shanta Roy; Prithish Sarker; Shahidur Rahman Hira among others took part in the exhibition.

Ashis also organised a cultural function marking the occasion. The artistes performed chorus, dance sequences, comic acts and a magic show at the programme.

Victory Day celebrations by Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy

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On Victory Day, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy (BSA) organised a cultural programme and discussion. The cultural programme featured a musical soiree and dance performance. Artistes from the different socio-cultural organisations from different parts of the country performed at the National Theatre Hall of BSA.

Liaquat Ali Lucky, director general of the academy; Suraiya Begum, Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra artiste Ashfakur Rahman Khan, among others

delivered speeches at the programme.

Artistes of Bangladesh Sangeet Sangathan Samonay Parishad rendered patriotic songs. Inspirational songs were presented by singers of Ganasangeet Samanay Parishad. Artistes of Dhaka Sangskritik Dal and Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad (NSSP) also performed at the programme.

Dance drama "Shankhae Pathchola" (directed by Dipa Khandokar) focused on how the Pakistani army embarked on their notorious Operation Searchlight to unleash a genocide against civilians of the then East Pakistan on March 25, 1971.



PHOTO: ATL AAKASH

Scorsese to make Bill Clinton documentary

AFP, Los Angeles

Veteran filmmaker Martin Scorsese is to make a documentary about Bill Clinton, he said Monday, describing the former US president as "a towering figure" on the world stage.

Scorsese, who has made award-winning films about Bob Dylan and former Beatle George Harrison, will have Clinton's full cooperation on the project with cable broadcaster HBO.

"A towering figure who remains a major voice in world issues, president Clinton continues to shape the political dialogue both here and around the world," said the director.

"Through intimate conversations, I hope to provide greater



PHOTO: REUTERS

Martin Scorsese

insight into this transcendent figure," he added.

Clinton added: "I am pleased that legendary director Martin Scorsese and HBO have agreed to do this film ... I look forward to sharing my perspective on my years as president, and my work in the years since, with HBO's audience."

His "world view and perspective, combined with his uncommon intelligence, make him a singular voice on the world stage," they added.

Scorsese, whose fictional dramas include "Taxi Driver" and "Goodfellas," won a primetime Emmy for the small screen film "No Direction Home" in 2005 about Dylan, and two for 2011's "George Harrison: Living in the Material World."

In a statement announcing the Clinton film, recently-named HBO boss Richard Plepler and the broadcaster's head of programming Michael Lombardo said: "President Clinton is one of the most compelling figures of our time."

His "world view and perspective, combined with his uncommon intelligence, make him a singular voice on the world stage," they added.

The prizes were presented by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at the UNCA Awards Dinner on December 19 in New York.

Zillur Rahman of ATN Bangla wins UNCA Award

An episode of ATN Bangla's documentary series 'Environmental Development and Poverty Reduction' was awarded the silver medal at the United Nations Correspondents Association (UNCA) Award 2012, says a press release. Zillur Rahman - Manager (Program) of ATN Bangla, received the award in the category of 'The United Nations Foundation Prize for Coverage, in any Medium, of the Humanitarian & Development Aspect of the UN'. This was the only award in this year's competition that came to Asia.

The award winning episode of the documentary series, focuses on how environmental degradation, natural disasters and poverty are taking their toll on a sizeable percentage of the population in Bangladesh.



ATN BANGLA

11:20 Business and Finance
03:05 Bangla Feature Film
08:00 Drama Serial: Pogga
11:00 Drama: Bar Bar Phirey
Ashi

Maasranga Television

10:02 Bangla Feature Film
06:30 Binodon Sharadin
08:00 Shera Pratibha
11:30 Tomay Gaan
Shonabo

CHANNEL 1

11:05 Ami Ma Hoje
Cholechhi
02:40 Hridoye Mati O
Manusher Daak
03:30 Bangla Feature Film
07:50 Sherakontha

CHANNEL 9

09:00 Bangla Feature Film
08:15 Drama: Tin Odhyai
10:30 Drama Serial: Nishigandha

ntv

10:05 Tele-film
06:15 Shubho Shondhya
09:00 Amaro Gaite Ichche
Holo

CHANNEL 24

03:25 Drubotara
08:00 Musical Programme
10:10 Drama Serial: Chithi
11:30 Gtv

11:30 Bangladesh Utshab

11:30 Bangla Feature

RADIO

abc radio FM 89.2
05:30 Kacha Lanka
03:30 Golok Dhadha
06:30 Mitha Kara
07:20 GP Lounch
07:45 Megh Barata
08:10 Adda
11:10 Studio Live
Radio Foorti
07:30 Hello Dhaka

10:00 Morning Express
12:00 My Time
01:00 No Tension
04:00 Dhaka Calling
09:00 Night Rider
12:00 RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
06:00 Green FM
08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
12:00 Today's Adda
04:00 U Turn

Bipashar Otihi
On BANGLAVISION
at 09:05pm
Celebrity Talk Show
Guest: Hasan Imam

ETV

04:30 Shamskrit Shomachar
07:50 Drama
09:30 Ekushey-er Chokh
12:05 Ekushey-er Raat

04:45 Bhalobashi Gaan
09:05 Drama
11:00 Ghor Mon Janala

Fox Movies

02:10 Garfield
03:35 Rio
05:15 The Taking of Pelham 123

07:00 The Grey
10:05 Armageddon

Boishakhi TV

09:15 Bangla Feature Film
12:15 The Business Show
04:15 Shorashori Doctor
05:20 Dure Kothao

03:45 The Great Debaters
06:15 Final Destination
07:55 Torque
09:30 Rush Hour 3
11:15 Paranormal Activity 3

BANGLAVISION

11:05 Shokal Belar
Ruddor
06:05 Shamol Bangla
09:05 Bipashar Otihi
11:25 Gaane Gaane Deshe Deshe

03:45 The Great Debaters
06:15 Final Destination
07:55 Torque
09:30 Rush Hour 3
11:15 Paranormal Activity 3

HBO

12:35 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Drama Serial: Shwapon London
11:30 R Music
12:05 Music Fest

02:30 Grey's Anatomy
04:30 Revenge
09:30 Packed to the Rafters
11:30 Two And A Half Men

Desh TV

03:00 Gaan Ra Gaan
06:00 123 Sisimpur
09:45 Style & Fashion
11:55 Drama: Mukti

02:30 Life in Cold Blood
05:30 Man vs. Wild
09:30 Survivor Man Ten Days

Discovery Channel

03:00 Gaan Ra Gaan
06:00 123 Sisimpur
09:45 Style & Fashion
11:55 Drama: Mukti

02:30 Life in Cold Blood
05:30 Man vs. Wild
09:30 Survivor Man Ten Days

DRAMA SERIAL

ATN BANGLA
08:40pm Chupi Chupi
09:20pm Chayabrita
CHANNEL 1
09:35pm Boeing 757
11:30pm Roshni
ntv
08:15pm Mayanigam
09:45pm Shunno Shumikaran
Boishakhi TV

09:20pm Ognipath
08:15pm Generation Next Dot
Rtv
09:05pm Oloshpur
09:50pm Eti Dulabhai
Desh TV
07:45pm Saatkahon
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