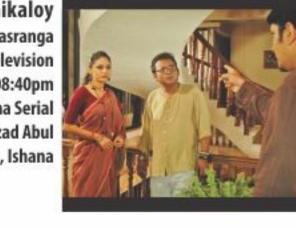


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11:30 Prokriti O Jibon Bits Unlimited **CHANNEL 24** Musical Programme Shopping & Cocking Shubho Shondhya

Documentary: Jibor 06:30 Desh Jurey Oporac Porikroma 11:40 The Beach

12:05 Ekushey-er Raat Boishakhi TV

BANGLAVISION Drama Serial: Ladies Business Vision

NEWS BULLETIN

BTV News (Bangla) at 10am, News (Bangla) at 12pm,

2pm, 5pm, 8pm. News (English) at 10am, ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 11am, News (English) at 9am.

The inaugural ceremony was pre-

sided over by Nurul Islam Sherwany and addressed among others by Mustafizur Rahman Pintu, Nazrul Huq, Rabindranath Roy and local elites.

The participants at the programme

The new library can accommodate about 100 readers at a time and has an initial collection of more than 500 books, magazines and newspapers.

WHAT'S ON





Organiser: Mazharul Islam













Traditional horse race held in Panchagarh



QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

A traditional horse race was held at Shaldaga village under Debiganj upazila in Panchagarh on Tuesday afternoon. Thousands of people from the adjacent

Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Nilphamari dis tricts came to view the event at the field of Dulijhari Girls High School in Shaldanga union under Debigonj upazila in Panchagarh

The competition had 29 participants from Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Nilphamari dis-

Of the participants 12 were selected for the final round after primary selection.

In the final competition Abdur Rahim, a student of Class-IX of Islambag village, Panchagarh won the first prize, the second prize was wrested by Asraful Islam of Panga village, Nilphamari and the third prize winner was Mohammad Ali Tulu of Chandanbari village, Panchagarh.

The first prize winner took home a 24-inch colour television, the second prize was a 14 inch colour television and the third prize winner bagged a 10-inch colour television.

A delighted Abdur Rahim, who secured the first prize told this correspondent that he has been riding horses from class-IV as he used to look his maternal uncle's horse. The Upazila Chairman of Debigonj Abdul

Maleq Chisti was chief guest at the programme The local Hathath Committee organised the The president of the Hathath Committee Kamruzzaman Chowdhury told The Daily Star that

the annual event held on December 18, sought to promote an old village tradition. "We began the competition here on December 18, 2004. The participants in the competition increase every year. Last year 24 participants took part in the race," he added.

A treasure trove of rich drawings

Nasir Ali Mamun's collection on exhibit





Clockwise (from top-left): Artworks by Monirul Islam, Murtaja Baseer, Shuvaprasanna and K G Subramanyan.

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Under the title "His Light His Shadow", Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts has organised a group drawing exhibition featuring the works of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan, SM Sultan, Mohammad Kibria, Paritosh Sen, Shamsur Rahman, Humayun Ahmed, Mrinal Sen, Jogen Chowdhury, Ganesh Pyne and many

land

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other renowned Bangladeshi artists, poets and writers. Works displayed in the exhibition are selected from the private collection of renowned photographer Nasir Ali Mamun. Part of the sales proceeds will be used for organ-

ising Nasir Ali Mamun's Photoseum (photo museum) Drawings are the articulate expression of an artist's thinking process. The exhibition is based mainly on drawings collected by Mamun at different periods while

The soft spoken, modest and easily accessible Mamun

he visited the artists to take their photos.

REZAUL KARIM, Faridpur

Hajera Bibi.

BBC News

A riveting cultural programme and

Faridpur on the occasion of the 6th

death anniversary of gifted folk singer

Faridpur Sahittya Parishad (FSP)

on Mujib Sharak in the town. The

cultural programme included

Successful solo artistes are twice as

in bands, the journal BMJ Open

1,400 European and North

likely to die early compared to those

The study looked at the careers of

American rock and pop stars who

The chances of a European solo

Experts suggest that peer support

The cut-off point of the study was

from band mates may be protective.

February 20, 2012 - at which point

These included solo artists like

137 performers had died prema-

Elvis, Jimi Hendrix, rapper 2Pac,

and Whitney Houston

Michael Jackson, Amy Winehouse

And band members like Kurt

Cobain from Nirvana, Sid Vicious

from the punk group Sex Pistols and

artiste dying young was one in 10 -

and twice as likely for those in

North America.

were famous between 1956 and

arranged the programme at its premises

discussion were recently held in

is also considered to be "The Poet of Camera" for his creativity with the camera. His subjects are renowned creative figures and personalities and he has been photographing them for the last 40 years. He was the first to introduce the concept of portrait photography in our

At the exhibition, the artists' modes of expression are realistic, semi-realistic, neo-expressionism, expressionism and the varied forms and compositions are the key elements in their works.

Hamidur Rahman, Aminul Islam, Murtaja Baseer, Kazi Abdul Baset, Abdur Razzague, Monirul Islam, Shahabuddin Ahmed among other drawings are a signif

icant part of the exhibition. At the exhibition, Mustafa Monowar's ink on paper highlights the monsoon and the scenic beauty of our country. Translucence and simplicity are the main traits of his works, while panoramic beauty, rural life and sea-

Among others, Shajahan Molla

of Commerce; Professor ABM Sattar

Board : Munshi Harun ur Rashid

president of Faridpur Sangbadik

Azmol Shah; cultural personality

former president of Faridpur Chamber

former chairman of Jessore Education

Samity; Mafiz Imam Milon, secretary of

of Ambikapur union; Lalon singer Fakir

FSP; Saiful Islam Nilu, former chairma

Shamima Begum and Josna Begum,

Faridpur Sahittya Parishad recalls

Early death 'more likely in solo artistes'

of a band may be protective.

She said: "Solo artistes in general

approach life in a solitary manner

situation where everyone around

them are paid employees - the PR

guru, their manager - all interested

in them from a financial point of

needs - it's hard for the artiste to

friends and family for long periods

of time and only seen for their pub-

lic image, not their real self - which

The study also found that while

gender and the age at which fame

was reached did not influence life

those from non-white backgrounds

And those that died of drug and

childhood than those dying of other Amy Winehouse died aged 27 - Michael Jackson,

Elvis and Whitney Houston all died prematurely.

alcohol problems were more likely

to have had difficult or abusive

expectancy, ethnicity did - with

can make them feel inferior, iso-

"They travel a lot, are away from

view and not in their personal

know who to trust.

lated and invalidated.

more likely to die early.

deliberately choosing to go it alone.

"They can find themselves in a

gifted folk singer Hajera Bibi

The discussants pointed out that

regular artiste of Bangladesh Television

articulate the attractions of the simple

pastoral life. However, her work and life

country. Her songs should be collected

from her disciples and a road en route

to Hajera Bibi's house in Ambikapur of

Faridpur should be named after the

Hajera Bibi was a gifted singer and

and Radio. Her numerous songs

remain unknown to the rest of the

renditions of folk songs.

Stuart Cable from Stereophonics.

and top 40 chart successes, while

details of their personal lives and

range of music and official websites,

published biographies and antholo-

The average age of death was 39

years for European stars, with those

from North America being six years

as likely to die prematurely com

or Northern American.

pared to those in a band, irrespec-

And while the chances of a

was one in 10 - it was double that

for American solo artists at one in

be due to longer tours in North

five. The authors speculate this may

America plus variations in access to

Honey Langcaster-James, a psy-

health care and exposure to drugs.

chologist who specialises in celeb-

rity behaviour, believes the support

European solo artiste dying young

tive of whether they were European

Solo performers were about twice

childhoods were drawn from a

The stars' achievements were

determined from international polls

sonal change are recurring themes. He won a gold medal in 1958 for his superb watercolour technique as a student of Calcutta Art College.

Murtaja Baseer's meticulous drawings have definitely enriched the exhibition. Some of his line -based drawings depict realistic portraits where one could easily comprehend the flavour of visual rendering. Throughout his illustrious career, he has been approaching several styles and mediums. At the age of 80, he is still actively exploring the diverse world of art.

Hamidur Rahman and Aminul Islam's simple portrait drawings have added a unique dimension to the exhibition. Both were students of first year of Government College of Arts and Crafts (currently the Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka), in 1948,

Monirul Islam is mainly recognised as a printmaker. However, currently he has focused more on painting. His application of paint is intense and the lines are more minimised; colours seem to be bold and vivacious. These works simultaneously display technical finesse and

Some veteran Indian painters' drawings have added to the significance of the group show. The artists, K G Subramanyan, Jogen Chowdhury, Shuvaprasanna, Ganesh Pyne, Ganesh Haloi are well known for their individual style and technique. Mamun collected their works at different points of time.

At the exhibition, K G Subramanyan's work depicts a seated goat. His works usually draw upon the rich resources of myth, memory and his unique observation of the universe.

Indian painter Shuvaprasanna's pencil based drawing "Crow" depicts a superb realistic imagery at the exhibition. The city of Kolkata has always figured prominently in his artworks. His themes are derived from his personal interactions with its urban milieu -- city life, people's way of expression, underbelly of the city, shared joys, festivals and more.

Jogen Chowdhury, the painter, is very well known among Bangladeshi artists and critics. He has visited the city several times. At the exhibition, his floral imagery and organic forms depict the uniqueness of nature. The painter is widely acknowledged to be, the master of the unbroken line. Most of his works has been stirred by the linear Kalighat pat tradition, but his lines are sensitive and used to express and suggest the character

of a person The exhibition is unique as drawings of as many nonpainters' are also on display. Doodles and sketches of a number of writers, poets, filmmakers and photographers have been included. Indian poet Purnendu Pattrea and Bangladeshi writer Humayun Ahmed's watercolours splendidly feature the freshness and simplicity of nature as well as its mystifying setting. Their works are purely realistic with a touch of impressionism. Meticulous balancing of light and shade is another trait in their works.

grand daughter of Hajera Bibi spoke on

president of FSP chaired the discussion.

Ayub Ali Boyati, Mokhtar Dewan

Sushil Kumar, visually impaired Rafik,

Nasrin Jahan, Shahadat Hossain, Hajrat

Ali and Dollar Sadhu rendered songs at

A huge audience enjoyed the

the cultural programme.

the occasion. Professor M.A. Samad,

The exhibition ends on December 25.

a number of vocalists and instrumentalists.

The sixth season of Chhayanaut's two-

ZAHANGIR ALOM

day classical music festival got underway Bahauddin Dagar from Mumbai, on December 20 at its main auditorium Dhanmondi. The festival, comprising three sessions, featured performances by Khairul Anam Shakil, General Secretary

of Chhavanau inaugurated the programme in the absence of veteran Bangladeshi tabla guru Madan Gopal Das who was scheduled to inaugurate the festival but was not able to attend due ill health. President of Chhayanaut Dr. Sanjida Khatun delivered the vote of thanks. Kazi Farms was a key sponsor the festival and ATN Bangla the media

The festival was dedicated to world renowned sitar maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar who recently breathed his last at the age of 92. The artistes along with the large audience observed a one-minute's silence in memory of the Pandit.

A Chhayanaut guru Asit Dey elaborated on the life and work of Pandit Ravi Shankar. "No one seems to surpass the art of sitar played by Ustad Vilayat Khan, Pandit Ravi Shankar and Pandit Nikhi Ranjan Banerjee. Adapting three ragas 'Tilak Shyam', 'Nat Bhairab' and 'Bairagi'

--from South Indian music, Pandit Ravi Shankar enriched the trend of North Indian classical music. The maestro also created distinctive ragas including 'Swar Kakoli', 'Probhati', 'Parameshwari', 'Jogeshwari', 'Kameshwari', 'Gangeshwari' and 'Charukosh'," said Asit

The discussion was followed by a shortened version of a documentary produced by Apple Films (USA) on the life and music of Pandit Ravi Shankar.

the festival featured an array of artiste Chhayanaut artistes ended the day's presented dhrupad music on his Rudra Veena at the first session. Parag Pratim performance with a kheyal in Raga Chakrabarty's performed Raga "Yaman captivated while Mahmudul Hasan

A subtle game of gamak and meed

Chhayanaut's Classical Music Fest wraps up

Ustad Mohi Bahauddin Dagar (left) and Rajrupa Chowdhury play Rudra Veena and sarod at the festival.

Gope, Mahmudul Hasan and Parag

Chhayanaut artistes. Ustad Mohi

seemed to touch new heights of

Pratim Chakrabarty were accompanied

by a number of group performances by

presented Raga "Maru Behag" Accomplished vocalist Priyanka Gope performed a kheyal set on Raga "Multani" on vilambit ektaal and teentaal followed by a bhajan. During her performance Priyanka also prompted a tabla lahora by artiste also performed a chhoto kheyal Iftekhar Alam Pradhan together with based on Raga "Hansadhwani". Bizon Chandra Mistry's accompanime on the harmonium. The audience responded warmly to Priyanka's presentation of a Kabir bhajan that

excellence. Ustad Mohi Bahauddin Dagar, son of the legendary Rudra Veena maestro Ustad Zia Mohiuddin Dagar, performed a dhrupad based on Raga "Maukauns" Through presenting dhrupad alap, alap jod and several gaut, the Ustad seemed cast a magical spell on the audience Gamak (profound waves of melody) dominated his entire performance especially during presenting the alap. Sanjay Agle accompanied the performance on dhamar taal on his

Satindranath Haldar, Swarnamoy Chakraborty, and Maidul Islam were the featured vocalists who performed kheyal on Raga "Gunkeli", "Tori" and "Aahir Bhairo" respectively during the second session. Alauddin Mian presented a dhun based on Raga "Bairagi Bhairo" on his violin while Sabuj Ahmed expertly performed a solo tabla lahora on teentaal. Featuring a morning raga "Sohini", Aloke Kumar Sen presented several gaut on

showcased kayda, peshkar, loggi and tukra at the festival. The nightlong third and final session

nagma accompanying Ahmed who

"Bheempalashree". Chhayanaut classical guru, Asit Dey, directed the performance Syeda Sanjida Zohra Beethika's solo kheyal performance on Raga "Yaman Kalyan" was enthusiastically received by the listeners while a Chhayanaut guru Rezwan Ali's presentation of Raga "Puria" also received great appreciation. The

Chhayanaut secretary general Khairu Anam Shakil's inclination of fashioning taan and raagdari during a kheyal performance on Raga "Rageshree" caught the attention of the packed audience Rajrupa Chowdhury's performed Raga

"Behag" on her sarod to great applause also. Her gamaki alap, jod and jhala was also a poignant performance. Later the artiste played one of her guru's (Professor Sanjay Banerjeer) compositions titled "Anil Madhyam". Swarup Hossain aptly showcased his brilliance during accompanying on tabla. Mortuza Kabir Murad played Raga

"Jogkauns" on his banshi accompanie by Swarup Hossain on the tabla. Kabir extraordinarily showcased his dexterity during a speedy taan performance.

Chhayanaut guru Asit Kumar Dey first rendered a kheval on Raga "Abhogi Kanara". Starting with a slow alap, the artiste appeared to reach musical nirvan at the end of his performance. He also presented an uncommon Raga "Suha Kanara". Badal Chowdhury on tabla and Bizon Chandra Mistry on harmonium accompanied the guru. Anup Barua's pristine performance of artistes the world over.

immaculate performance definitely owes much to many accomplished instrumentalists as well. Pinu Sen Das on tabla, Shantanu on harmonium and Parag Pratim Chakrobarty and Tanveer Ahmed on tanpura accompanied the artiste in a touching musical journey which seemed

Raga "Bageshree" will remain etched in

the memory of many music lovers. An

PHOTO: ATL AAKASH

to recall past pain. The artiste also performed a bandish "Koyelia Kuk Sunabe" on Raga "Khamaj" and a thumri on Raga "Pahari". Ebadul Huq Shaikat, a disciple of Pandit Ravi Shankar, was next to take the

stage. Shaikat's gamaki alap recital on Raga "Parameshwari" (created by Pandit Ravi Shankar) echoed brush strokes of genius. None can forget Shaikat's speedy and mysterious gaut performance coupled with a rhythmic tehai. The artiste's Dhamar ang gaut was on Rupak taal. A teentaal composition, followed by the artiste, went on the same raga. Sabuj Ahmed produced a brilliant tabla lahora

to the symphony of the sitar. Yakub Ali Khan with his son Yousuf Ahmed Khan came next to perform Raga "Bairagi". The father son duo captivated the audience with their performance.

The concluding performer was Indian artiste Arnab Chatterjee from Kolkata with Swarup Hossain on tabla and Shantanu on the harmonium accompanying him. The artiste first presented raga "Mian Ki Tori" followed by chhoto kheyal on Raga "Ramkeli" for an

The festival was extremely well attended by enthusiastic listeners who were duly rewarded with captivating performances by artistes. It was a fitting homage to Pandit Ravi Shankar who had done so much to inspire musicians and

THEATRE

50th show of "Mahajoner Nao" staged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Subachan Natyasangshad's biographical play on the folk legend Shah Abdul Karim saw its 50th staging on December 21 at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Written by architect Shakoor Majid and directed by Sudip Chakrobarthy, the play is a journey into the life and philosophical doctrines of the bard endearingly known as 'Baul Samrat' among the masses. Prior to the staging, the landmark show

saw a brief formal arrangement at the venue. Members of the troupe sang Karim numbers. After the show, invited eminent personalities including poetplaywright Syed Shamsul Haq warmly expressed their appreciation of the play. Apart from shows in the city, the play

has been overseas on a couple of occasions, as it was showcased at the 24th Keochang International Festival of Theatre in South Korea this year. The play has also featured in several Indian theatre features nearly 20 songs from the festivals in Kolkata, Assam and Tripura The director of the play informed that articulated partly through these songs,

it will be staged at another Kolkata theatre festival this week. Apart from Dhaka, the play was also country. Four public universities including Jahangirnagar University and

Rajshahi University were among the



venues as well.

and social injustice has also been

depicted in the play.

Written in a lyrical form, the play repertoire of Karim. His life has been as he saw 'Nao' or boat as an allegorical representation of the human body while Saiful Imam, Amirul Islam, Tanveer 'Mahajan' symbolically represents the Dipu, Lithu Rani, Sohel Khan, Imtiaz creator. Karim's stance against bigotry Shaon

Apart from directing, Chakrobarthy also designed the set, light and costumes

play through music and dance. Multiple actors played the role of Karim at different stages of his life. The

cast included Ahmed Gias, Mohammad Ansar Ali, Asadul Islam, Sonia Hassan,

Mysticism, that was the core aspect of for the play.

society

A public library has been inaugurated at Ramjankathi village under Gava-Ramchandrap union of Jhalakathi district on Friday morning

Sardar Md. Shah Alam, DC Jhalakahti, inaugurated the Ramjankathi Public Library, the only public library in the union, by lighting 42 candles symbolising the 42nd year of independence.

took an oath to make the union free from illiteracy. They said a revival of the tradition of running local public libraries would not only enlighten people, but could play a vital role in developing healthy cultural activities and preventing criminal activities in surrounding areas and society.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

01:00am Onno Drisht

CHANNEL i News (Bangla) at 2pm 9pm, 10:30pm. News (Bangla) at 2pm. 7:30pm, 10:30pm. News (Bangla) at 1pm,

11:00 Tele-quiz





Cast: Azad Abul Kalam, Ishana

Bangla Feature Film Drama Serial: Jonani Ekushey-er Business Shongbad Shonglap

Conan the Barbarian

Johnny English Rebor

How I Met Your Mother Last Man Standing Discovery Channel

02:30 Man vs. Wild DRAMA SERIAL

> 09:05pm Long March 09:05pm Oloshpur

Maasranga Television

News (English) at 9am, News (Bangla) at 10am. 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm. News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.

News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm. News (Bangla) at 2pm. News (Bangla) at 7pm

TALK SHOW 11:45pm Shoja Katha

CHANNEL 24

Maasranga Television 12:02am Shampratik 12:05am Modhyraater Muktabak oishakhi TV 12:00am Zero Hour