





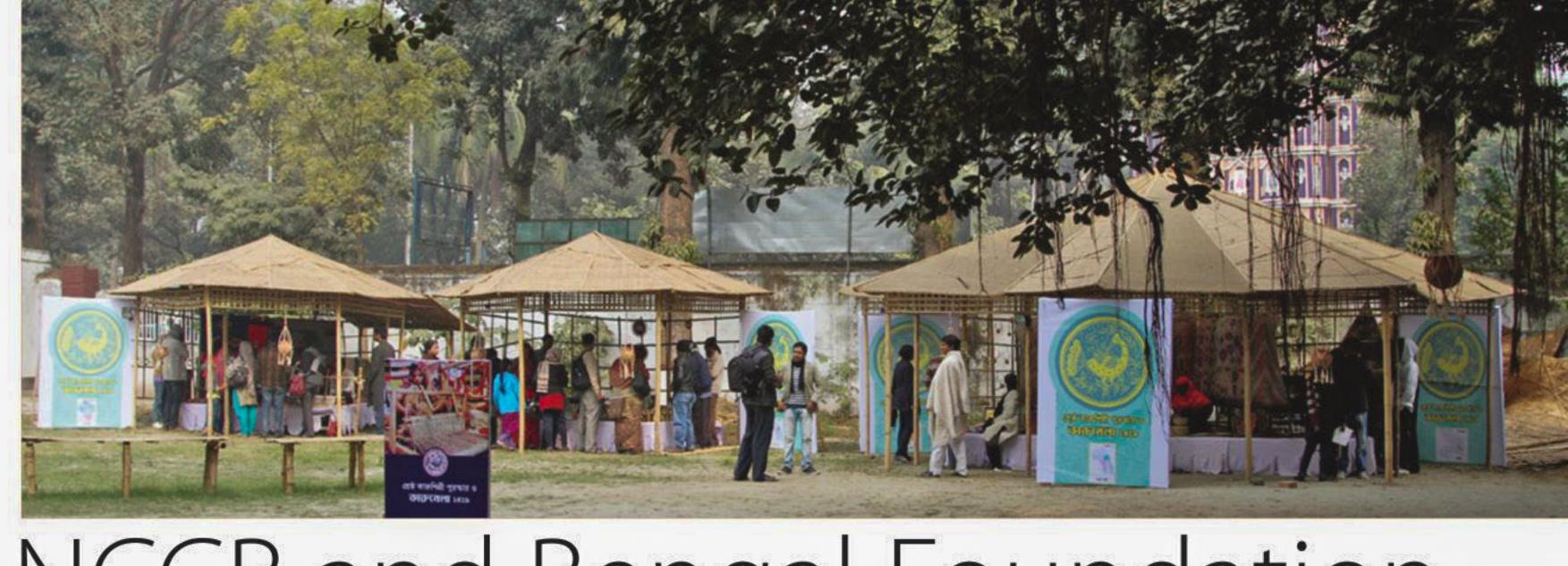






Time: 10am-7pm

Cantt Girls' Public School & College



# NCCB and Bengal Foundation honour Master Craftspersons



Award-winning craftsmen with the guests including Commerce Minister GM Quader (seated, 2-R) and litterateur Selina Hossain (seated, 2-L).



The programme also includes a crafts fair.

The National Crafts Council Bangladesh and Bengal Foundation yesterday honoured craftsmen from across the country, in four categories, at the Mastercraftspersons Award and Crafts Fair 2013. The event was held at the Bangla Academy premises.

Four master craftsmen received Taka 50,000 each, while 32 others were given certificate of appreciation for their work. Commerce Minis ter GM Quader was the chief guest at the award-giving programme. Noted writer Selina Hossain and Director General of Bangla Academy, Dr. Shamsuzzaman Khan, were special

The winners were: Md. Arifuzzaman from Rangpur for shatranji (crafted floor mats); Pradip Kumar Das from Kushtia for bamboo and cane crafts; Subodh Chandra Pal from Rajshahi for tepa putul (handcrafted clay dolls); and Md. Shariful Islam from Kushtia fo darushilpo (wooden crafts). The programme also includes a crafts fair that will continue till January 13 from 10am to 8pm, where artisans of various crafts are displaying their products

Winner in the wooden crafts category, Shariful, said that he was a furniture carpenter in the initiatives along with the foundation.

before, and took up the crafts of making folk musical instruments such as dotara from his love for music. Although business is not great, the mental satisfaction is what pushes him to pursue the crafts, he said, adding that over time, he has also learned to play the instruments. He also hoped that with this fair, more people would come and get introduced to their crafts, and grow appreciation and inter-

Director General of Bengal Foundation,

Luva Nahid Chowdhury, said that the initiative aims to bring the actual craftspersons forward, to meet the buyers face to face instead of selling them to dealers. She thanked the National Crafts Council for its work in finding the artisans at the grassroots level, but said that the network needed to be stronger and wider to find talented craftsmen of dying crafts from remote places. She also said the long-term plan of the initiative is to link these craftsmen to trade and investment forums so that they can be financially solvent and the crafts are developed and diversified. She also pointed out the need for more exposure of these crafts -- both locally and internationally, design institutes, and documentation, urging the government to come forward

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## Robi pays tribute to Pandit Ravi Shankar

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Mobile operator Robi Axiata Limited organised a music ensemble (sitar orchestra), as a tribute to sitar maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar, at its corporate head office in Gulshan-1, Dhaka on January 10.

Michael Kuehner, chief execu tive officer of Robi, was present along with distinguished guests at Pandit Ravi Shankar, the legend

ary musician and composer, died on December 11 last year in USA. At the programme, a group of Bangladeshi sitarists offered their musical homage to the sitar maeBangladesh" in New York in 1971 and drew global attention to the

Satyajit Chakraborty, Mohiuddin Babar, Abul Qasem, Abdul Hamid, Nurul Amin, Sabuj Ahmed played sitar at the programme. Gopinath on tanpura, Ovijit Chakraborty on tabla and Alamgir Hossain on percussion accompanied the sitar

Robi believes great things happen when people come together and recognises the initiative of every individual who supported Bangladesh during the Liberatio



### "Amina Shundori": Chittagonian folklore moves Port City audience

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Chittagong

Theatre enthusiasts here, on Thursday, attended a staging of "Amina Shundori", a folk tale popular in the Chittagong region, at Muslim Hall auditorium

On the occasion of 103rd birthday of Binod Bihari Chowdhury, a revolutionary who was a close aide to Master-da Surja Sen, Shonkho-Dyang, a cultural troupe working on Chittagong's folklore, organised the

Directed by Milon Chowdhury, the production featured local songs that narrated the tale of Amina.

In 1976, renowned writer Sucharit Chowdhury composed the play "Amina Shundori", based on a 17th century Chittagonian folk tale. Unti then, the story was narrated orally, in the form of songs.

The play was first staged at Muslim Hall auditorium in 1976, and later in 1994. Eminent researcher and manuscript collector Ashutosh Chowdhury compiled it from folk singers in the 1920s.



Shonkho-Dyang staged the play to celebrate Binod Bihari Chowdhury's birthday.

The play follows the fate of a young village belle, Amina, who lives by the Shonkho river. Naser, Amina's husband, goes to Burma (now Myanmar) for work, promising to return in six months. But six month turn into six years and Amina faces immense hardship.

The programme started with a short discussion on the life of Binod Bihari Chowdhury. Later, the organ isers accorded a reception to

Chowdhury. Abul Momen, resident editor of the daily Prothom Alo, spoke on the folklore.

Expressing his gratitude to Shonko-Dyang Parishad for arranging the programme, Binod Bihari Chowdhury said, love and affection are universal and "Amina Shundori" depicts that truth.

"Binod Bihari is not only a revolutionary, but is also a living part of our history," Abul Momen said.

# A group of Bangladeshi sitarists offered their musical homage to the sitar maestro.

# British-Bangladeshi

in Dhaka



The British Council is organising a British-Bangladeshi jazz folk concert on January 15 at Rabindra Sharobar in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The event will feature award-winning British jazz musician Sam Lee, with Francesca Ter-berg, Jonah Brody and Camilotomas Tirado. Bangladeshi artistes set to perform at the concert are: Shayan Chowdhury Arnob, Labik Kamal Gaurob, Nobonita Chowdhury, Rob Fokir, Tarek Bin Taher, Arko, Saadul Islam, Shofik Mia, Jalal Ahmed and Bart Nandit Areng. They are also set to hold a three-day collaborative workshop in Cox's Bazaar, ahead of the event, according to a press

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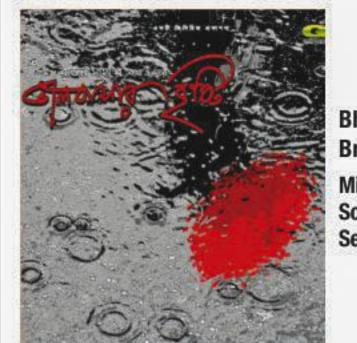


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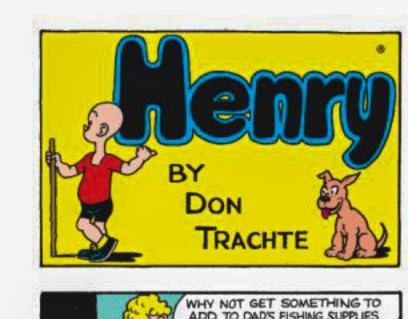


















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