

A Game of Melodies

Songs of Panchokobi at Bangla Gaan-er Utshab



Sharmin Sathi Islam sings at the festival.

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The penultimate night (February 15) of the nine-daylong “Bangla Gaan-er Utshab” mainly featured songs composed by Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam. The programme featured Bangladeshi artistes Sharmin Sathi Islam, Aditi Mohsin and Indian artistes Shreya Guhathakurta, Swagatalakshmi Dasgupta. The festival, jointly organised by Bengal Foundation and ITC-Sangeet Research Academy, is being held at ITC-SRA ground in Kolkata, India.

Founder and Chairperson of BRAC, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, graced the event as chief guest. Vijay Kichlu, the first Executive Director of ITC-SRA, and Abida Islam, Bangladeshi Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata, were present as special guests.

Shreya Guhathakurta set off the musical night with several Tagore songs including “Bashonti Hey Bhubon Mohini”, “O Amar Chander Alo”, “Bon-e Jodi Phutlo Kushum”, “Krishnakoli”, “Dujoney Dekha Holo” and a *baitalik* song “Bajey Korun Sur”. The renditions had a soothing effect.

Sharmin Sathi Islam was next to take the stage. The artiste performed Nazrul’s compositions: “Rosh Ghano Shyam”, “Amar Kon Kuley Aaj Bhirlo Tori”, “Srijan Chhondey”. “Amar Apnar Cheye Apon Jejon”, “Amar Bhubon Kaan Petey Roy” and more. She seemingly won hearts of many with her rendition of the song “Kihu Kuhu Kuhu Koyelia”, set on Raga Khamaj. Her concluding song was a *kirtan*, “Shokhi Ami

Na Hoy Maan Korechhinu”.

Rabindra Sangeet enthusiasts in Kolkata were thoroughly entertained by Aditi Mohsin’s renditions of “Ki Dhwoni Bajey Gahon Chetonar Majhey”, “Anandadhara Bohichhey Bhuboney”, “Bipul Tarongo Rey”, “Je Raat-e Mor Duarguli”, “Bhalobeshey Shokhi” and more. The singer immaculately rendered a “Bhanusingher Padaboli” number, “Moron Rey Tuhu Moho Shyam Soman”. Aditi’s cover of the song “Gharetey Bhromor Elo Gunguniye”, set on Raga Lalit (from the drama “Tasher Desh”), brilliantly captured the imagery of spring. The singer further impressed the audience with a *baitalik* song, “Tobu Mon-e Rekho”.

Swagatalakshmi Dasgupta was the last performer of the night. The artiste, in her own fashion, first performed a *Matrivandana*, wishing all well. She rendered several of the basic tunes that inspired Tagore to compose what are known as “Bhanga Gaan”. The artiste’s rendition of one such tune, based on Raga Bilaskhani Todi, eulogising the goddess Saraswati, seemingly moved many. Her repertoire also included “Daradim Daradim”, originally composed by Sheikh Saadi, and the Tagore song “Sukhoheen Nishidin”; a Bhupen Hazarika song “Shobar Hridoye Rabindranath Chetonaye Nazrul” and a Nazrul Sangeet “Bhoria Poran Shunitechhi Gaan”.

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BTV		12:05	Shimana Periey
12:35	Shukhi Paribar	Desh TV	
03:30	Onushandhan	03:02	Gaan R Gaan
07:30	BPL 2013 (Live)	06:30	Sanskritir Sharadesh
10:30	Digital Bangladesh	08:15	Drama Serial: Bhalobashi Archarja Meghdal
ATN BANGLA		09:45	Tribute to Legend
11:20	Business and Finance	Maasranga Television	
01:25	Shurer Madhuri	10:02	Bangla Feature Film
06:15	Shustha Thakun	04:02	Drama Serial: Notun Alo
11:30	Drama Serial: Boiri Batash	06:55	Shudho Shobdo
CHANNEL i		11:00	Tele-quiz
02:45	Grorey Ghorey Gaaner Utshab	CHANNEL 9	
06:20	Rupantar	08:00	Bangla Feature Film
09:35	Garbo	02:30	Power Play
11:30	Prokriti O Jibon	07:30	BPL 2013 (Live)
ntv		12:00	Sports Daily
08:45	Bangla Feature Film	CHANNEL 24	
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar	08:00	Shopping & Cocking

RADIO			
abc Radio FM 89.2	10:00	Morning Express	
09:30	Edik Odik	12:30	No Tension
05:30	Kacha Lanka	04:00	Dhaka Calling
06:30	Mitha Kara	09:00	Full Volume
07:20	GP Lounch	11:00	Back to Back music
07:45	Megh Barata		RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
09:30	Love Hour	06:00	Green FM
11:10	Hindi Hits	08:00	Good Morning Dhaka
RADIO FOORTI		12:00	Today's Adda
07:30	Hello Dhaka	04:00	U Turn

Tomakei Khujche Bangladesh

On ntv at 09:00pm

Musical Talent Hunt

Judges: Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul, Fahmida Nabi &





Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows

On HBO at 09:30pm

Genre: Action/Adventure

Cast: Robert Downey Jr., Jude

Prerona

On CHANNEL 24 at 09:40pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Shyamal Mawla, Prova



Shah Abdul Karim's 97th birth anniversary celebrated

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

The two-daylong folk festival -- to observe of the 97th birth anniversary of the bard Shah Abdul Karim -- began last Friday. The festival was dedicated to the young who have been protesting across the country, demanding justice for war crimes. The festival began at the bard’s birthplace, Ujandhol, under Derai upazila of Sunamganj district.

Karim’s son Shah Nur Jalal chaired a discussion at the opening programme. Sylhet Divisional Commissioner ANM Zeaul Alam formally inaugurated the event. Sunamganj Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Yamin Chowdhury, Upazila Parishad Vice-chairman Chhobi

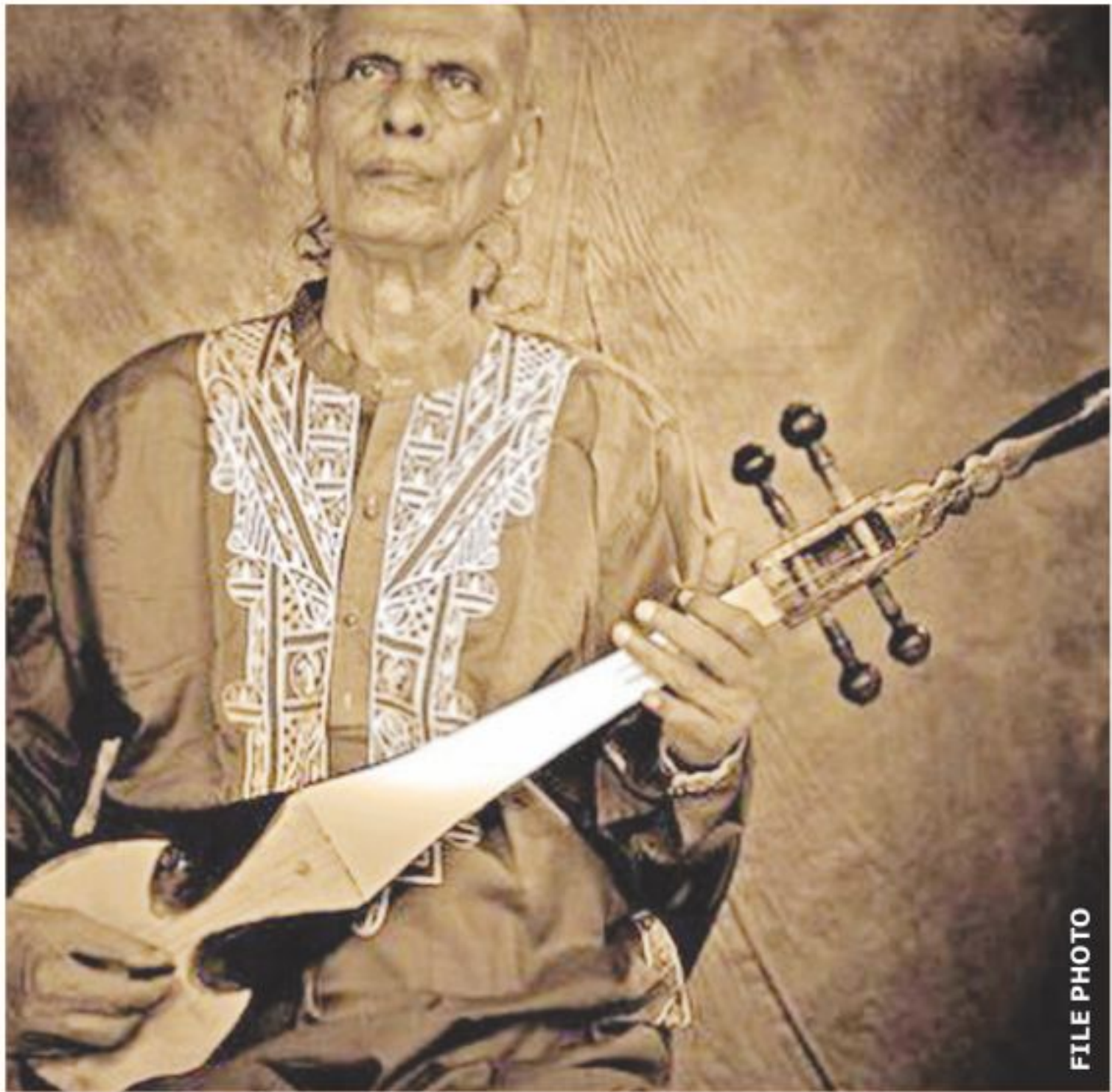
Chowdhury and others attended the discussion.

The musical programme began with the patriotic song “Salam Salam Hajar Salam”. Artistes then started performing songs of the bard: “Agey Ki Sundar Din Kataitam”, “Bondhu Ailaye Na”, “Bashonto Batashey”, “Keno Piriti Baraila”, “Bondhurey Koi Pabo” etc.

Artistes -- both young and seniors -- kept the audience engrossed with their covers of Shah Abdul Karim classics.

The speakers were of the view that through his songs, Shah Abdul Karim had uniquely voiced the lives and aspirations of the common man.

The second day’s programme began in the afternoon yesterday. Disciples of the bard from different areas took part in the renditions.



FILE PHOTO

Swedish photographer bags World Press Photo award



AP, Amsterdam

Swedish photographer Paul Hansen won the 2012 World Press Photo award on Friday, for newspaper Dagens Nyheter - with a picture of two Palestinian children killed in an Israeli missile strike being carried to their funeral.

“The strength of the pictures lies in the way it contrasts the anger and sorrow of the adults with the innocence of the children,” said jury member Mayu Mohanna of Peru.

World Press Photo, one of photojournalism’s most prestigious contests, issued awards in nine categories to 54 photographers of 32 nationalities.

Hansen’s November 20 shot won top prize in both the spot news single photograph category and the overall competition. “This prize is the highest honour you can get in the profession,” Hansen told The Associated Press. “I’m very happy, but also very sad. The family lost two children and the mother is unconscious in a hospital.”

Hansen will receive a 10,000-Euro prize at ceremonies and the opening of the year’s exhibition April 25-27 in Amsterdam.

Violence in the Middle East, and its effect upon civilians, was the dominant theme in the hard

The Award winning photo shows two Palestinian children killed in an Israeli missile strike being carried to their funeral.

PHOTO: AP/PAUL HANSEN

news categories.

The Associated Press won eight awards in all, including top prizes for a spot news series for Bernat Armanque of Spain for photos he took in Gaza during November; and for Rodrigo Abd of Argentina for general news single photograph, with a picture of a woman with a bloodstained face weeping in Idlib, Syria, on March 10.

In other categories, Wei Seng Chen of Malaysia won in the sports singles category with a shot of what might be considered a local "extreme sport": a man clutching the tails of two bulls as they pull him through a watery rice field in Batu Sangkar, Indonesia. The competition also includes portrait series, scenes from everyday life, and nature photography, among others.

The contest drew entries from professional press photographers, photojournalists and documentary photographers across the world. In all, 103,481 images were submitted by 5,666 photographers from 124 countries. The photos were submitted anonymously to a panel of 19 jury members, and judged in multiple rounds.

The winners were all "stellar examples of first-rate photojournalism," said chairman of the jury panel, AP Director of Photography Santiago Lyon.

National Classical Music Conference in Chittagong

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Chittagong

Music aficionados of Chittagong city attended the two-daylong Classical Music Conference at Theatre Institute here. The event ended on Friday.

Featuring vocal and instrumental performances by artistes from home and abroad, the programme, titled “16th National Classical Music Conference 2013”, was arranged by Sadaranga Ucchanga Sangeet Parishad Bangladeh.

Educationist Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed inaugurated the conference as the chief guest. Somnath Ghosh, Assistant High Commissioner of India to Chittagong, was present as special guest. Professor Tapanjoyti Barua chaired the ceremony.

Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed, in his speech, said that the lust for wealth and quick fame is hindering the practice of classical music all over the world nowadays.

The first day’s programme started with the song “Mora Anbo Natun Din”, composed by Ustad Swarnamoy Chakraborty, who is also the secretary of the organisation. Fifty artistes of Sadaranga rendered the chorus in Raga Mishra Kirwani. Khairul Anam Shakil presented Raga Behag. His subtle vocal works received applause from the audience.

At the second day’s programme, Salauddin Shantanu presented Raga Yogakosh on santoor, as Bivash Shanghai from India played tabla with him.

Prasenjit Chakraborty from India presented Raga Madhukunj. Pritam Pollay accompanied him on tabla. Indian artistes Subhendu Das and his wife Shruti Pathak Das played a duet *table lahora*. Their skillful play of fingers kept the audience spellbound.

The programme concluded with a sarod performance by Avijit Roy. He presented Raga Bageshri. Bivash accompanied him on tabla.

A seminar, on the theme “Intellect and emotion in music”, was also held at the conference where Babu Rahman, head of Performing Art of International Culture University, was the keynote speaker.

06:15	Achhey	08:30	Travel Show
09:00	Shubho Shondhya	09:00	Drama Serial: Ashin
	Tomakei khujche Bangladesh	09:40	Drama Serial: Prerona
ETV		05:15	The Grey
03:30	Ekushey-er Business	08:40	Transporter: The Series
04:30	Documentary: Jibon Brittey	09:30	127 Hours
06:30	Desh Jurey Oporadh Porikroma	11:05	Ghost Rider
12:05	Ekushey-er Raat		HBO
Boishakhi TV		01:00	Kung Fu Panda 2
10:45	Bangla Feature Film	02:50	Johnny English Reborn
05:30	Battle of Cricket	05:00	Super 8
11:00	Reporters Dairy	07:10	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
11:30	Praner Mela	09:30	Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows
BANGLAVISION			Star World
01:05	Bangla Feature Film	02:30	Grey's Anatomy
06:05	Ebong Class-er Bairay	07:30	How I Met Your Mother
08:15	Drama Serial: Ladies First	08:30	Arrow
11:25	Business Vision	10:30	Bolt
Rtv			National Geographic Channel
12:35	Bangla Feature Film	03:30	Fin Fighters
07:35	Drama Serial: Thanar Nam Shonir Akhra	04:30	Air Crash Investigation
09:50	Dhrupodi Kahini	08:30	Man hunt
		10:30	Scam City

DRAMA SERIAL			
ATN BANGLA	09:30pm	Pancho Premik	
08:40pm	Shongshar Shukher Hoy Bedonar Guneey	Boishakhi TV	
CHANNEL i		09:20pm	Ognipath
07:50pm	Noorjahan	BANGLAVISION	
ntv		09:05pm	Red Signal
08:15pm	Oghoton Ghoton Potiyoshi	Rtv	
ETV		09:05pm	Oloshpur
		Desh TV	
		07:45pm	Saatkahon

NEWS BULLETIN			
BTV	Boishakhi TV		
News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm,	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm,		
News (English) at 10am, 4pm, 10pm,	News (English) at 9am, 6pm,		
ATN BANGLA	BANGLAVISION		
News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm,	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm,		
News (English) at 9am, 6pm,	News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm,		
CHANNEL i	Rtv		
News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm,	News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm,		
ntv	Desh TV		
News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm,	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm,		
ETV	Maasranga Television		
News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm,	News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am,		

TALK SHOW			
ATN BANGLA	Rtv		
01:00am	Onno Dristhi	11:20pm	Our Democracy
CHANNEL i		Desh TV	
12:30pm	Taroka Kothon	11:45pm	Shoja Katha
ntv		Maasranga Television	
12:00am	Ei Shomoy	12:02am	Shampatrick
ETV		CHANNEL 24	
10:10pm	Media Gossip	12:05am	Modhyraater
Boishakhi TV			Muktabak
12:00am	Zero Hour	Gtv	