

Deshikottom Dr. Sanjida Khatun's birthday celebrated at Chhayanaut

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To celebrate Dr. Sanjida Khatun's 80th birth anniversary, cultural organisation Chhayanaut hosted a celebration programme at Chhayanaut Shangskriti Bhaban in Dhaka on April 4. A cultural event followed.

The event began with the playing of a recitation originally recorded by late actor and elocutionist Golam Mustafa. A documentary featuring the illustrious life and creative works of Dr. Sanjida was screened at the programme. Cultural organisation Panthajan of Tripura, India, has made the documentary.

With the title “Sanjida Khatun: Taar Abhijatra”, noted cultural personality Mafidul Haque elaborately discussed the life and works of Dr. Sanjida at the event. In his words, “To awaken the sense of humanity among the common masses through her enormous creative efforts and intellectual ability, Dr. Sanjida Khatun has played an unparalleled role. Sanjida Khatun excelled in higher research, literature, linguistics, music, poetry and culture. Emerging from her cocoon, she stood upright in the face of an adversarial outer world, immersed in deep creativity and shaped diverse forms of excellent work.”

The performance of a choral song



Sanjida Khatun (L) speaks and Khairul Anam Shakil sings at the programme.

“Jhoro Jhoro Jhorey Rong-er Jhorna” by the artistes of Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Shammilan Parishad followed. The artistes also presented another choral song “Parbi Naki Jog Ditey” at the end of the cultural programme. Elocutionist Zahirul Haque Khan recited “Rabindranath-er Shesh Bashonto” at the event.

A number of noted singers performed solo songs in tribute to Dr. Sanjida Khatun. Among others Khairul Anam Shakil, Iffat Ara Dewan, Suman Chowdhury, Laisa Ahmed Lisa, Mohiuzzaman Chowdhury and Fahmida

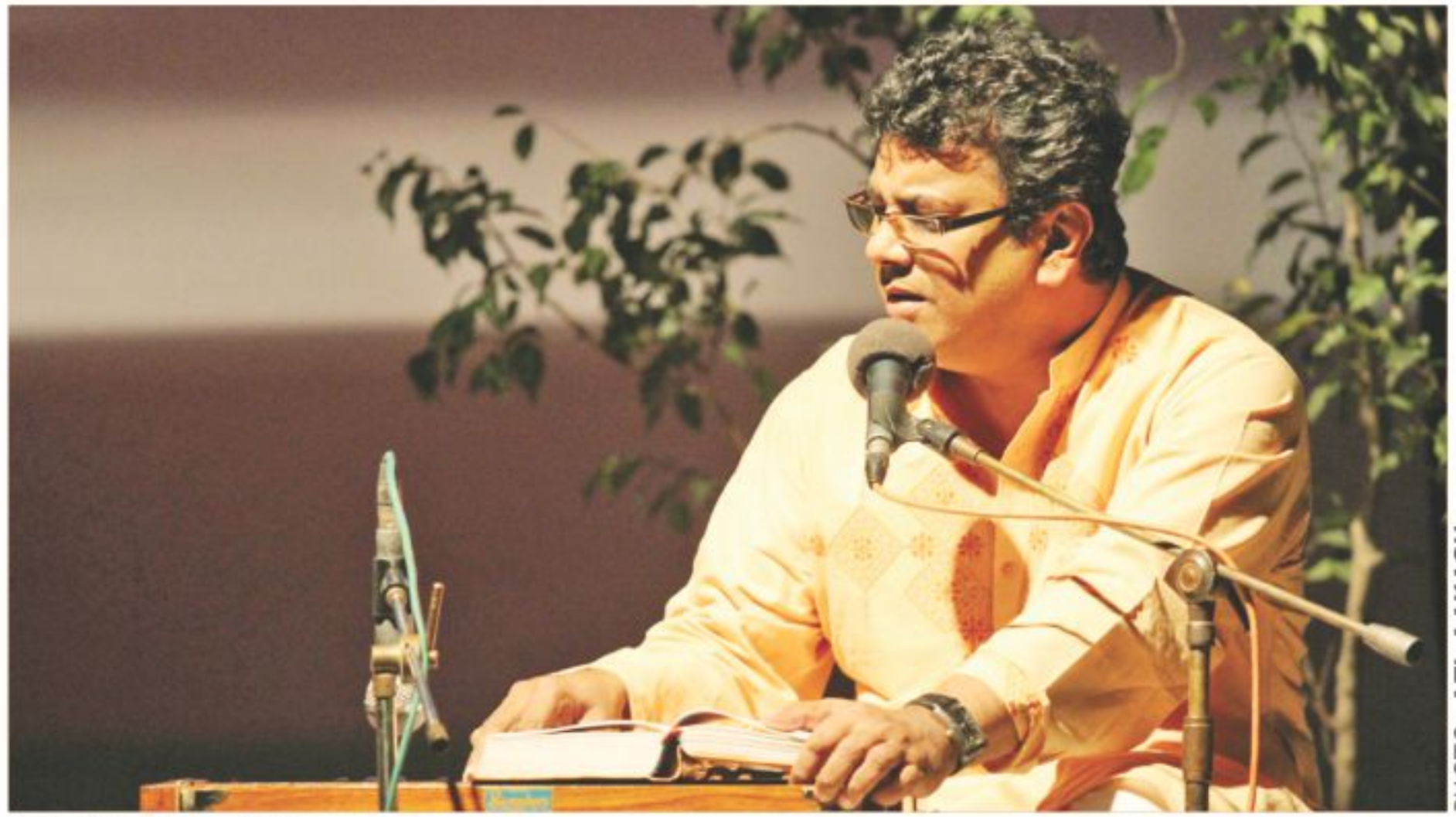


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Khatun performed “Mago Chinmoyi Roop Dhorey”, “Tomari Tulona Tumi Pran”, “Jaha Kichhu Momo”, “Tomaye Notun Korey Pabo Bole”, “Ami Chanchal Hey” and “Peyechhi Chhuti” respectively at the programme.

Seated amidst her admirers, Dr. Sanjida also enjoyed listening to two of her favourite records of Tagore songs -- “E Porobash-e Robey Ke” and “Bajey Korun Sur-e” -- originally recorded by Malati Ghoshal and Kanika Bandyopadhyay respectively. The event was wrapped up with a choral rendition of the national anthem.

Widely known as a prominent Tagore exponent and researcher, Dr. Sanjida Khatun has made a long and arduous journey from being one of the first women to speak at public meetings, to being under constant surveillance of the government of erstwhile East Pakistan and its cohorts; from the formation of Bangladesh Mukti Sangrami Sangstha during the Liberation War, to the foundation of Chhayanaut. Yet, at 80, Dr Sanjida Khatun still stands tall as she always has, and exudes confidence and a strong personality.



To celebrate National Film Day, Bangladesh Film Archive and Bangladesh Film Archive Alumni Association jointly organised a three-day exhibition of film posters at the Zainul Gallery of Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University from April 3-5. The exhibition, featuring posters of post-liberation war classics to the latest releases, drew a large crowd.

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Exuberance and weariness Sohel Rana's Art exhibition at Dhaka Art Centre



FAYZA HAQ

Sohel Rana, with his cheeky smile and curling moustache, presented his mastery over mono chrome colours with his art exhibition at the Dhaka Art Centre, Dhanmondi.

Trained by Shishir Bhattacharya and Nisar Husain, he goes in for minimisation and symbols. He is bold and dynamic in his analysis of the political, economic and social turmoil that faces us today and has been eating up our economy and education for years. He is against the burning and ruination of factories, buses, the destruction of Hindu and Buddhist temples. The entire exhibition is a clarion call to end the mishaps in our country. He believes that Bangladesh is a secular state where other religions should be allowed to flourish.

As a consequence, there is a nostalgic escape into the past, spent in countryside, with farmers and fishermen. The crumpled existence of the townspeople who have no clear goal, except to rake in monetary gains the most amount of reward, leaves him cold. The chicks on farm sand fishing in boats make much more sense to him than buses and factories. Nature is his answer to the ills that plague the planet, a philosophy that he shares with many painters, writers, and musicians. He has admirers among local painters, like artist Rashid Amin and art teacher Anukul Majumder.

Sohel Rana's “Bongomata”, oil on canvas and “Kristir Sadhok” also on oil, are bursting with colours and joie de vivre. They have shades of gold and brown, while the dancing figures with multiple limbs with bows and arrows are vibrant and full of youthful zest, with his philosophy of admiration of the past and weariness of the present confusion.

The fact that the display is in the Dhaka Art Centre premises tells one that it has the backing of the gallery patrons like Wakilur Rahman and Manzar-e-Haseen. The artist says that he has whiled away his time, being close to the creative world of Shantineketan before he took to imaginative flights -- as many artists of Fine Arts Department DU do around the pond and the statues, the trees and the bushes of their Dhaka Art College, that has the passing of maestros galore, such as Mohammed Kibria, Shafiuddin Ahmed and Aminul Islam. Like so many of his contemporaries and predecessors, he is weary of the overpopulated city of Dhaka and other major cities of Bangladesh. The paintings which depict overcrowded building with no respite of gardens or patches of grass and trees, speaks of his displeasure of congested flats and the general pattern of survival in Dhaka; where the water level has fallen, “hantals” take away the shopkeeper's incentive to work; for students cramming classes on weekends, and for service holders losing out on the take-home money.

The exhibition opened on March 22 and ended on March 27.

Queen of England given honorary Bafta award

The Queen of England has received a honorary Bafta for her lifelong support of the British film and television industry. Actor Sir Kenneth Branagh presented her with the award in a star-studded gala at Windsor Castle on Thursday.

Bafta chairman John Willis described the monarch as “the most memorable Bond girl yet” - a reference to her cameo in the London Olympics opening ceremony. The Queen, who attended with the Duke of Edinburgh, featured with Daniel Craig as James Bond at London 2012 - when she appeared to parachute from a helicopter.

Hollywood director George Lucas, who flew in especially for the event, said the UK had been influential for him.

Presenting her with the award, Sir Kenneth Branagh said if the



Queen should wish to venture further into the film industry there were plenty of people here that evening with scripts offering marvellous parts.

Actress Minnie Driver admitted to being nervous meeting the Queen and had flown over from the US especially.

The 300 guests represented all areas of the industry including actors, directors,


writers, producers, costume and set designers, publicists and critics.

TV's “Homeland” star Damian Lewis, who attended the event with his actress wife Helen McCrory, said: “The arts and film industry punch above their weight with little funding.”

Source: BBC

ATN BANGLA		09:45	Tribute to Legend
11:20	Business & Finance	Maasranga Television	
06:15	Shushtha Thakun	10:02	Bangla Feature Film
09:20	Drama Serial: DB	06:30	Binodon Saradin
11:30	Drama Serial: Boiri Batash	08:00	Drama Serial: Biltu Mama
CHANNEL i		CHANNEL 9	
02:45	Grorey Ghorey Gaaner Utshab	09:00	Bangla Feature Film
05:30	Drama Serial: Protishod Garbo	04:30	PEPSI IPL-6, Pune Warriors VS Kings XII Punjab
09:35	Prokriti O Jibon	08:30	PEPSI IPL-6, Sun Risers Hyderabad VS Royal Challengers IPL Power Pace 2013
ntv		CHANNEL 24	
08:45	Bangla Feature Film Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	08:00	Shopping & Cocking
04:10	Shubho Shondhya Tomakei khujche Bangladesh	08:30	Travel Show
06:15		09:00	Drama Serial: Ashin
ETV		Gtv	
03:30	Ekushey-er Business		

Biltu Mama On Maasranga Television at 8pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Shahadat Hossain, Jhuna Chowdhury



Mission: Impossible-Ghost Protocol
On HBO at 09:30pm
Genre: Action/Thriller
Cast: Tom Cruise,



Circle the Globe
On CHANNEL 24 at 08:30pm
Travel Show
Host: Maria



04:30	Documentary: Jibon Brittey	11:30	Bangla Feature Film
06:30	Desh Jurey Oporadh Porikroma	05:45	Ei Shondhyai Harmony
12:05	Ekushey-er Raat	09:35	Drama Serial: Jonani
Boishakhi TV		Fox Movies	
10:45	Bangla Feature Film	08:40	Transporter: The Series
06:15	Drama Serial: Gupta Dhon	09:25	Recruit, The
08:35	Spot Light	11:20	Next Three Days, The
11:00	Reporters Dairy	HBO	
BANGLAVISION		11:20	Rango
11:05	Gaan O Road Show	04:00	Fast Five
08:15	Ananda Bedonar Kabbo	06:25	Disaster Movie
08:50	Drama: Sikandar Box Ekhon Onek Bor Concert	07:54	Rush Hour 3
Rtv		Star World	
11:20		12:30	Open Season
12:35	Bangla Feature Film	02:30	One Tree Hill (Season 2)
07:35	Drama Serial: Thanar Nam Shonir Akhra	09:30	Arrow
09:50	Dhrupadi Kahini Shimana Periy	10:30	Brokeback Mountain
Desh TV		National Geographic Channel	
03:02	Gaan R Gaan	02:30	Taboo: Hoarders
06:00	123 Sisimpur	07:30	Mission Covershot
08:15	Drama Serial: Radio Chocolate	10:30	Scam City: Istanbul
		11:30	Taboo: Extreme Bodies
		Discovery Channel	
		03:00	Destroyed in Seconds
		07:00	Time Warp

ATN BANGLA		09:20 Maa	
08:40pm	Shongshar Shukher Hoy Bedonar Guney	ETV	Pancho Premik
CHANNEL i		09:30pm	Boishakhi TV
07:50pm	Noorjahan	09:20pm	Ognipath
ntv		Rtv	Apon Ghor
08:15pm	Oghoton Ghoton Potiyoshi	09:05pm	Oloshpur
Maasranga Television		Desh TV	Saatkahan
08:40	Rhonikaloy	07:45pm	

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	
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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.	

ATN BANGLA		Rtv	
01:00am	Onno Drishti	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	