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Waheedul Haq Memorial Festival begins in the capital

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With the theme "Tomatey Royechhe Shokol Dhormo, Shokol Jugabotar", a two-day (March 11-12) Waheedul Haq Memorial Festival began yesterday at Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium of Central Public Library, Dhaka. Journalist Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, information adviser to the Prime Minister, inaugurated the festival as chief guest.

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Golam Kuddus, President of Sammilito Sangskritik Jote; Poet Habibullah Shirajee; elocutionist Ahkam Ullah; theatre personalities Jhuna Chowdhury and Mannan Hira and ganosangeet artiste Fakir Alamgir were among others to attend the opening day's programme as special guests.

Ahmadul Hasan Hasanur, president of Kanthosheelan (the organiser of the festival) presided over the programme.

The guests spoke on Waheedul Haq's lifelong contributions to diffusing the core of Bangladeshi culture among the masses. Later, a colourful rally circled several streets of Dhaka University Campus.

The opening day's proceedings featured students' reminiscence on the cultural icon, discussion, performance of music and solo and group recitation. Manchasarathi Ataur Rahman elaborated the life and works of Waheedul Haq while artistes of Udichi performed a choral song. The highlight of the event was the performance of the recitation production "Chand Boniker Pala" written and directed by Shambhu Mitra and Golam Sarwar

respectively.

Artistes of Swarshruti and Swarkalpan presented group recitations while several elocutionists including Kazi Madina, Kazi Arif, Laila Afroz, Hasan Arif, Mahidul Islam and Rafiqul Islam recited poems at the event. Today's programme will start at 10am at the same venue.

Waheedul Haque was a major organiser of the Tagore birth centennial celebration in 1961. The same year he founded Chhayanaut, now one of the leading cultural organisations in Bangladesh. He was also a founder member of other renowned cultural organisations including Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad, Kanthosheelan, Anandadhoni and more.



Guests and organisers at the colourful rally.



RUPCHANDA-THE DAILY STAR SUPER CHEF Finishing off the Central Round

NAZIBA BASHER

Rupchanda-The Daily Star Supechef came back with a bang for the third season and just within the first two episodes, we saw six aprons already being handed out. These six participants will be going straight to the

enthusiast Tariq Anam Khan and executive chef of Watercress Restaurant Tazammul Huq Tareq, with exciting flavours, technical cooking skills, and simple, yet attractive plating.

In the first episode, participants like Rafia and Mashnoor immediately won the judges' hearts with

they were impressed with her skills and passion. Undoubtedly, she was called up to the stage to take away that fourth apron. Following some more participants, came Asma Huq, who being eliminated from the Superchef Kitchen last season.

returned to the competition after

The judges deliberate on a participant's dish.

Superchef Kitchen. Just in the first their delicious dishes. In the sectwo episodes, it was already evident that this season brought Rupchanda-The Daily Star Superchef back - bigger, bolder

and better. The judgment is already rigorous as the participants try to impress the judges, culinary expert Shaheda Yeasmin, actor and food

ond episode, the first participant, Jeenia Jahangir, a Master's degree holder from North South University, entered with her heart on her sleeves. What she had cooked for the judges was the ever-complicated Chicken a la Kiev. As the judges walked up to her plate to examine her dish,

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Asma came this year with her husband and her brother-in-law. While the experienced of the three, Asma and her husband Nazmul -- who are restaurant owners -- went into waiting only to have to cook one more time to impress the judges, brother-in-law Nazimul won them over with his Chicken Shnitzel. Competition

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had seeped into this family as well, then and there. Along with Asma and Nazmul, Nargis and Dr Samia, who dreamed of being like our last year's Champion Dr Umme Kulsum, went into waiting for one more round of cooking. While some had hearty smiles and some half-hearted on their faces, luck didn't favour everyone so well. Last year's participant, Mahfuza Akhter's daughter walked the path to the table to present her dish to the judges. Toma, unfortunately, could not follow her mother's footsteps into the prestigious Superchef Kitchen, and was asked to try again after gaining some more experience. With heartbreaks, tears, and overjoyed cheers, the second episode came to a close on an absolute high as Utpal Sarkar won over all three judges at a go with his brilliant coconut-infused dishes.

This week, in the third and fourth episode of Rupchand-The Daily Star Superchef, prepare for more drama, more anxiety, and most of all some gorgeous food, as the central round comes to a close this week, after which our participants in waiting will compete one last time before we go into the Superchef Kitchen. Six aprons have already been given away, with 12 to go.

Some more very exciting participants, stories, and dishes coming up, only on Rupchanda-The Daily Star Superchef season 3. Keep your eyes on ntv every Saturday and Sunday at 9pm and catch the most prestigious cooking competition in the country.

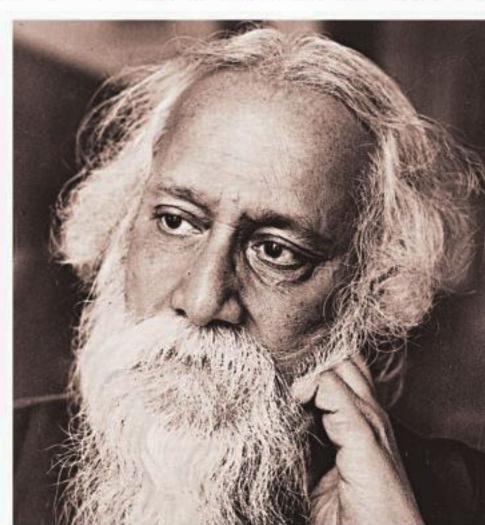
To take part in the Superchef Quiz, flip to page 4.

Jatiya Rabindra Sangit Sammelan in Patuakhali

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

A three-day programme began in Patuakhali district town on, marking the 35th Jatiya Rabindra Sangit Sammelan. The programme, at Sheikh Rasel Children's park was inaugurated by cultural icon Dr. Sanjida Khatun, president of the Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammelan Parishad. Prof. Anisuzzaman will open the programmme as the chief guest while Laisa Ahmed Lisa, general secretary of the organisation will deliver welcome speach in the function.

Performances by prominent Rabindra singers, discussion, and cultural programmes will be featured at the event.



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NEWS bytes

Jake Gyllenhaal joins "Life"

Sci-fi thriller "Life", penned by "Deadpool" writers Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick, has already attracted some top shelf talent, but it just added another in the form of Jake Gyllenhaal.

Daniel Espinosa, the man behind "Snabba Cash" and "Safe House", will direct "Life", and Variety reports that Jake Gyllenhaal has just joined the science fiction party. And he's only the latest big name to sign up, as "Deadpool" star Ryan Reynolds has agreed to reteam with Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick,

and "Mission: Impossible—Rogue Nation" breakout star Rebecca Ferguson has also been cast in a key role.

There isn't a lot to know about what "Life" entails at this point. The story revolves around

a crew of astronauts on the International Space

Station. They discover life on Mars, only to realize that it is much more intelligent than they originally anticipated.

The casting notice doesn't indicate who Jake Gyllenhaal is going to play in "Life", but given the

ever horrors the extraterrestrial menace presents.

available plot description, the assumption is that he will be one of the astronauts trying to survive what-





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