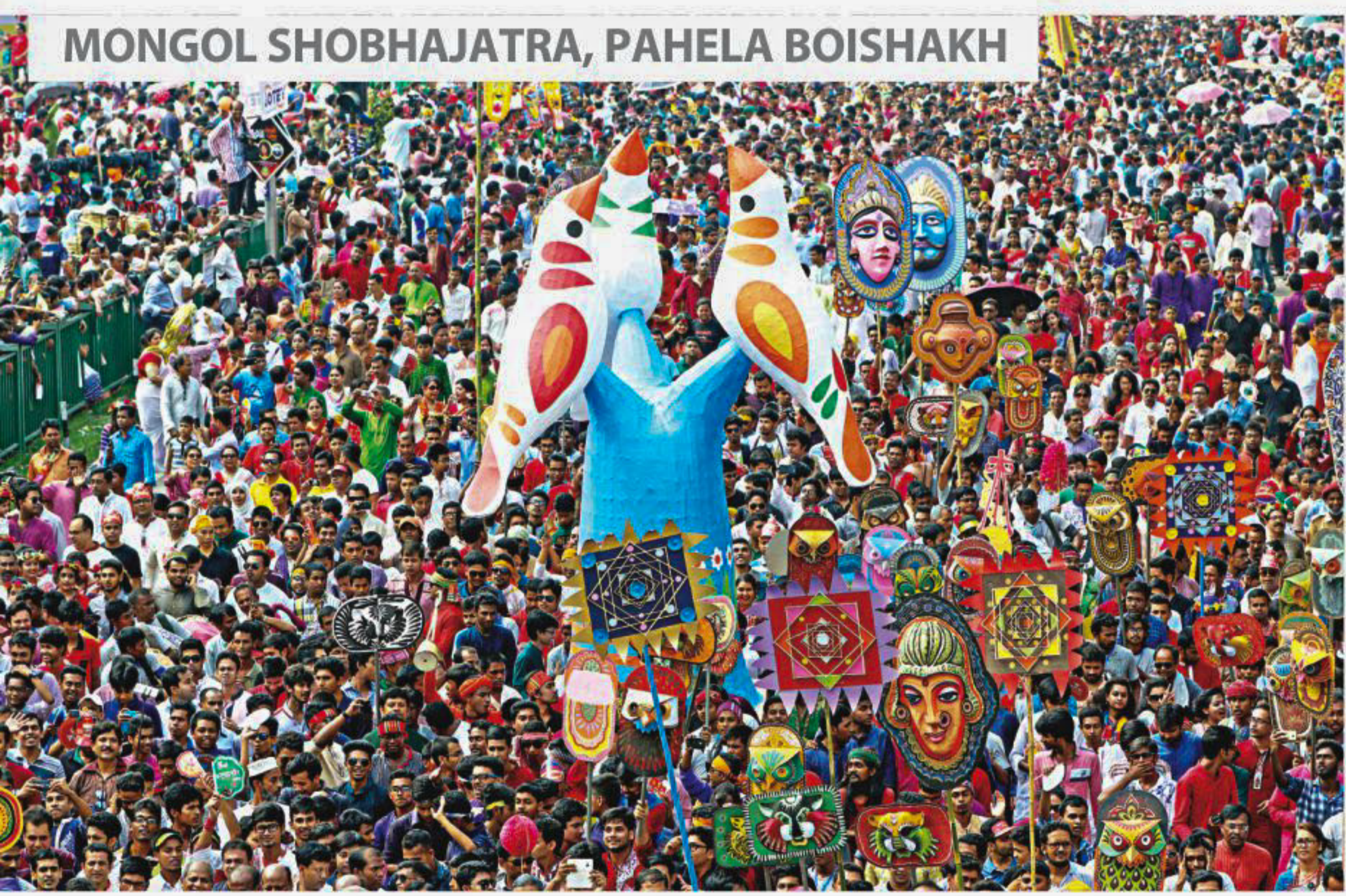


# THE SWEET NOTES OF THE YEAR

*2016 remained a largely happening year in the arts and culture arena of Bangladesh, despite turbulent times. Be it music, dance, visual arts, theatre or films, major organisations were active despite the looming gloom cast by terrorist incidents and security concerns. A number of events of all scale happened all through the calendar -- including international-level celebrations like the Dhaka Art Summit, International Folk Music Festival, the marquee Bengal Classical Music Festival and Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh. People of all walks of life defied fear to attend the major festivals in tens of thousands, in a testament of this country and its people's love for their arts, culture and heritage.*

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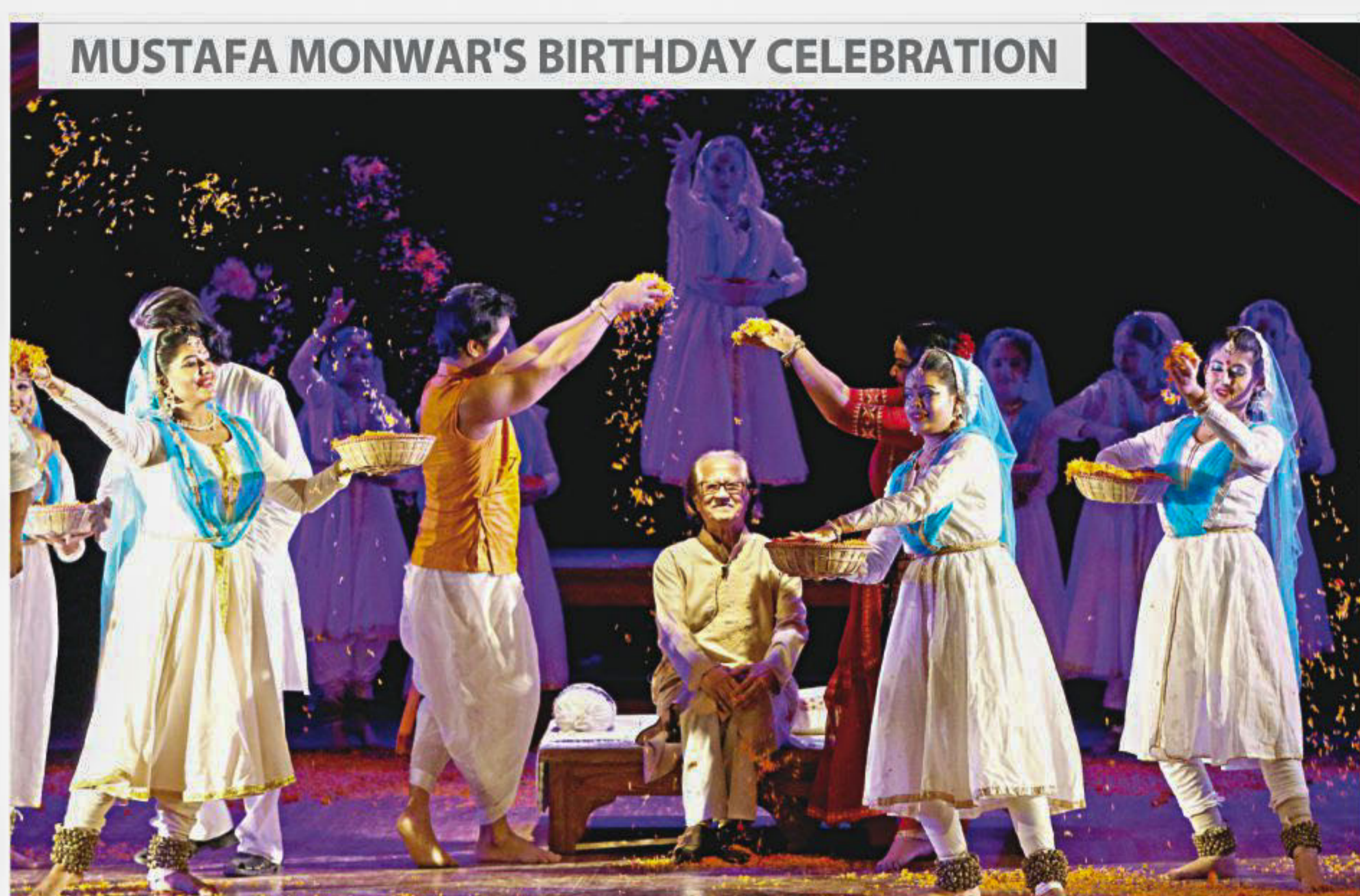


BASHANTA UTSHOB

Bangladesh's culture and heritage continued to be celebrated in the year, be it by the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy's "Bangladesh Cultural Festival", or celebrations of Bashanta (Spring), Noboborsho (Bangla New Year) or Sharat (Autumn).



TAGORE SONG SOIREE, CHHAYANAUT



MUSTAFA MONWAR'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Cultural organisations took every chance to hold programmes, be it the anniversary of Tagore or the birthday of celebrated artists like Mustafa Monwar.