

WHAT'S ON

Ekushey Book Fair
 Organiser: Bangla Academy
 Venue: Suhrawardy Udyan
 Date: February 1-28
 Time: 3-8pm



Chobi Mela IX
 Title: Transition
 Venue: BSA Art Gallery, Northbrook Hall, BAFA, Beauty Boarding
 Date: February 3-16

CHOBIMELA
 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF PHOTOGRAPHY BANGLADESH 2017

Terracotta Fair and Exhibition
 Venue: Bangladesh National Museum
 Date: February 11-18
 Time: 10am-5pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Title: The Naked
 Artist: Tilottama Bhowmick
 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka
 Date: Feb 10-18
 Time: 3pm-9pm



Art Exhibition
 Title: Alchemy of Losses
 Artist: Asma Sultana
 Venue: Kalakendra, Mohammadpur
 Date: Feb 3-18; Time: 5pm-8pm




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AFZAL'S variety of expressions at Book Fair

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Afzal Hossain, although best known for his work on the small screen in the '80s and '90s, is also a painter, writer and poet. He has been writing poetry for a long time. Publication house Annanya has brought out his poetry book, named "Kono Jonaki Ondhokar Chene Na" at this year's Ekushey Book Fair. Besides, Annanya also published his novel, named "Jahangir Badshah Ghora".

Afzal Hossain has also been writing columns on various issues. The publication house has also brought out a collection of his columns, named "Kothaye Kothaye Raag".

"I have been writing poetry for many years. I published my first book with the help of my friend Faridur Reza Sagor," Afzal told The Daily Star.

Afzal's first novel was published in the volume titled "Jubukdoy". The volume also consisted of a novel by the noted litterateur Imdadul Haque Milon. Afzal has so far written four novels - "Parle Na Rumki", "Birohkal", "Kanamachi" and "Kusumkeet". A few years ago, a book based on Afzal's travel accounts, named "Manashbhraman", was also published.

Regarding writing, Afzal said he writes with spirit and pleasure. "I have been planning to visit the book fair every day, but it doesn't happen," he said.



Participants at the art camp.

Labaid Foundation holds art camp at Cox's Bazar

A CORRESPONDENT

Labaid Foundation organised the fifth edition of its art camps at Inani beach, Cox's Bazar from February 5-10 with famous artists of the country as participants. The theme of the art camp was "Jiboner Jonno Shilpo" (Art for Life). Eminent artist Samarjit Roy Chowdhury inaugurated the art camp.

Some of the celebrated names from the art fraternity of the camp were Abul Monsur, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Abdus Shakoor Shah, Abul Barak Alvi, Alakesh Ghosh, KMA Quayyum, Biren Shome, Abdul Mannan, Ranjit Das, Golam Faruk Bebul, Rezaun Nabi, Ivi Zaman,

Dilara Begum Joly, Nasim Ahmed Nadvi, Samsul Alam Azad and Naima Hoque.

On the second day of the art camp managing director of Labaid Foundation Dr. AM Shamim joined the artists in informal discussions on art and culture. About 100 paintings by 30 artists were subsequently put up at an informal exhibition on an open space. Labaid Foundation will exhibit the paintings at a prominent gallery and the proceeds from sales will go towards the medical treatment of the poor. Some unsold paintings will be on display at Labaid Hospital and other branches of Labaid Hospital.

NEWS bytes

Katy Perry to perform at Brits



Katy Perry is bringing "Chained to the Rhythm" to the Brit Awards later this month, it was announced Monday.

After Perry made the live debut of her new Skip Marley-featuring track at the Grammy Awards on Sunday, her newly announced February 22 performance at The O2 Arena in London will mark her UK TV debut. It will also be her first live UK TV appearance in three years.

"I'm excited to come back to one of my favorite countries, where most of my favorite musical influences come from," Perry said in a statement. "After three years, I'm excited to return to the BRITs' stage to kick off a new era of purposeful pop."

Perry joins a lineup that includes Ed Sheeran, Bruno Mars, The 1975, Little Mix, Robbie Williams, Emeli Sandé and Skepta.

On Twitter, Perry teased the performance as the '2nd chapter' of "Chained to the Rhythm".

Source: Billboard

Pahela Falgun celebrated in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Marking 'Pahela Falgun', the beginning of Spring, different socio-cultural organisations held daylong elaborate programmes in Mymensingh on Monday.

The programmes included musical soiree, rallies, poetry recitation, dance and discussions. Mymensingh Zila

Shilpakala Academy organised the programme. Brahmarshoily, a forum of artistes also organised a daylong programme including an art exhibition adjacent to Shilpakarya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala on the bank of Brahmaputra River.

The artistes of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University performed on the occasion.



Artistes of Zila Shilpakala Academy perform at the programme.

PHOTO: STAR



In celebration of the 75th birth anniversary of eminent lyricist Mohammad Rafiquzzaman, music organisation "Nibedan" paid homage to the romantic lyricist through holding a special programme at National Music and Dance Centre auditorium of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on February 12. The programme featured conferring citation to him, a discussion and an evening of songs composed by Mohammad Rafiquzzaman.



Noted litterateur Anisul Hoque and renowned artist Shahid Kabir with the participating artists and visitors at a group painting exhibition that concluded yesterday at Zainul Galley, Faculty of Fine Art (FFA), University of Dhaka. Outdoor Community organised the six-day exhibition titled "Akash Jol Kada Ebong Amra". Anisul Hoque inaugurated the show on February 9. Professor Nisar Hossain, Dean, FFA, presided over the inaugural ceremony.

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