

WHAT'S ON

PROJECT GENERATIONS DISCONNECTED

Rock Concert
Title: Project Generations - Disconnected
1.1 - Unplugged Tribute Gig
Venue: Lyceum Conference Center, Lalmonirhat
Date: September 13
Time: 3 pm - 8 pm
Ticket: BDT 250

গণশ্রবণ

Adda Session
Title: Golpoghor
Guest: Nuhash Humayun
Venue: Children's Film Society Bangladesh, Mohammadpur
Date: September 6
Time: 4pm-7pm

জামদানি ফেস্টিভাল

Exhibition
Title: Jamdani Festival 2019
Venue: Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi
Date: September 6 - October 12
(closed on Sundays)
Time: 12 noon - 8 pm

Legacy of Rock N Roll

Rock Concert
Title: Legacy of Rock N Roll
Venue: ICCB, Hall 04 (Naboratiri), Bashundhara
Date: September 13
Time: 3 pm - 10 pm
Hotline: +8801707975206

Ho Chi Minh

Dance Theatre
Title: Ho Chi Minh, First Ever Biography
Dance Theatre
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: September 5-6
Time: 7:30 pm onwards



The artistes who performed during the evening. PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Star Melodies pays homage to Bangabandhu

Every year, the month of August ushers in its fair share of melancholic memories for Bangladeshis, particularly because it marks the death anniversary of our Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Coincidentally, legendary figures of Bengal, Bishwakabi Rabindranath Tagore, National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose also passed away in August.

Sadya Afireen Mallick, Chief, Culture Initiatives, *The Daily Star*, conceptualised the musical tribute, titled, *Tomar Shomadhi Phule Dhaka*. She also hosted the special event, as part of Star Melodies, an initiative of *The Daily Star* to promote Bangla music. The musical soiree was held at The Daily Star Centre yesterday. Mahfuz Anam, Editor and Publisher, *The Daily Star*, welcomed the guests, prior to the commencement of the programme. "Throughout history, we have witnessed how the power of music played a pivotal role as a means of awakening for the people of a nation, and we are no different," addressed Sadya Afireen Mallick. "From 1905 onwards, numerous Bangla patriotic songs were composed by various



The audience at the programme.

artists, often taking a stance against oppression." The programme began with Rabindranath Tagore's *Moron Re Tuhu Momo Shyam Saman*, voiced by Shemonty Monjari, as homage to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Various other popular songs by Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Kamal Dasgupta, Sudhin Das Gupta, Shyamal Mitra, Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul. Famed singer Shelu Barua, enthralled the audience with *Tomar Shomadhi Phule Dhaka*, *Tumi Chhile Tumi Achho*, *Mukhtir Mondire Shopan Taley* and *Ghumaite Dao Shrantu Robire*. Mafizur Rahman's songs *Duare Ayshache Palki* and *Jibone Jare Tumi Dawni Mala*, among others, equally

matched the spirited performance. As the evening progressed, the audience continued to sway to the mellifluous tunes. Renowned artistes, Shaheed Kabir Polash, Shemonty Monjari and Luipa charmed the audience with several songs which included, *Pashaner Buke Likhona Amar Naam*, *Achhey Dukkho Achhey Mrittu*, and *Shei Rail Liner Dhare*, respectively. Renowned vocalist Alif Laila presented the songs, *Baash Baganer Mathar Upor* and *Ghumiye Gechhey Shrantu Hoyo*, among others. The instrumentalists for the evening -- Shakib on octapad, Ruptanu on keyboard, Dipon on guitar and Pallab on tabla -- performed marvelously throughout the event and kept the audience entertained.

Litmosphere's website launches

Members of Litmosphere, an online book club that provides people a platform to share their viewpoints on books and much more, have launched their official website, in honour of the club's third founding anniversary in August. Litmosphere is the first ever book club in Bangladesh to have their own website. "I am really emotional and overwhelmed at the moment," says Rubaiya Tasnim Chowdhury, the founder of Litmosphere. I started Litmosphere because I was going through a reading slump, and I was not sure where I wanted to take it. Seeing the club accomplish so much in just three years has been incredible." Litmosphere also recently launched their own merchandise, primarily notebooks and bookmarks. They also offer membership cards, through which people can avail special discounts and offers from stores that the club has partnerships

with. People can place orders for the merchandise and register for membership cards directly from the website. Litmosphere also hosts theme-based 'Book of the Month' meet ups monthly at Dhaka, Chattogram, Sylhet and Rajshahi. All information related to the meet ups will be available on the website as well. As of now, many other segments of the website are still under construction. Moving forward, the team of Litmosphere hopes to make the website a more dynamic and interactive forum. They also hope to host literary and cultural discussions on a wide range of topics. "I am grateful to Wadia Chowdhury, the Sylhet representative of Litmosphere the designer, Rohan Raihan and their team, who have created the website from scratch, entirely free of cost, for us. I would also like to appreciate the admin panel of Litmosphere, who continue to work tirelessly to take the club to greater heights," adds Rubaiya.

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POETRY FOR PEACE

International Poetry Recital held



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Arts & Entertainment Desk World Festival of Poetry and KATHAK, a Bangladesh-based poetry initiative, jointly organised a poetry recital event in Dhaka on August 30, 2019 titled *Poetry for Peace*. The arrangement of this event was focused on getting poets and poetry lovers together. Two renowned poets from Mexico,

Dr Yuri Zambrano and Dr Mayra Chavez joined the event, where prominent poets from Bangladesh were also present. The event took place at the auditorium Bishwo Shahitto Kendro, where poets Mohammad Nurul Huda, Aminur Rahman, Jahidul Huq, Jahagir Firoze, Najma Chowdhury, Shakib Lohani, Tarik Sujat, among many others, attended the event.

TV WATCH



'Bhalobashar Alo Adhar' will be broadcast on Deepto TV at 9 pm. Directed by Golam Sohrab Dodul, it features Sushama Sarker, Shahed Sharif Khan, Abul Kashem and Afroza Banu, among others. PHOTO: COURTESY



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Selim Al Deen's 'Chaka' staged in Srimangal

MINTU DESHWARA, from Sylhet On an autumnal evening, when everyone else was exhausted from the heat, a group of people worked relentlessly to set the stage where the work of one of the country's greatest playwright's work would come to life. On Friday night, the play *Chakha*, written by Selim Al-Deen, was staged in Mohsin Auditorium in Srimangal Upazila town in Moulvibazar. Directed by Jewel Kabir, the drama was staged by Prantik Theatre. The play revolves around a cart carrying a dead body. The story begins when the carman and his accomplice deliver the corpse to the wrong address.

Together, they set on a journey to take the lifeless corpse home. The theme of the play revolves around how the state is imposing the responsibility of an unjust death on marginalized people. The story goes on with the wheel, as the carman and the *dom* continues their search for the identity of the dead man. They search and they search, stumbling upon one wrong address to another, yet cannot find the dead man's home. Eventually, the body starts to rot, inviting ants and mice. The stench from the corpse makes his presence even stronger. Yet, the carman and the *dom* are determined to protect this nameless cadaver, despite their own

poor lifestyle. They mourn for the corpse and the dead man's predicament. In the end, it turns out all their hard work were in vain, as they are buried alongside the corpse without ever finding his address. The actors of the play include- Nilkant Deb, Prasenjit Roy, Pulak Chakraborty, Anik Kumar Bhattacharji, Mrinal Kanti Deb, Aparajita Deb, Nilima Rani Deb and Jhumma Akhter, among others. Shelly Sutradhar, Pranab Kumar Chowdhury, Partho Das, Malli Dutta, Badhan, Turja, Tridib were among the instrumentalists and musicians in *Chaka*.