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Pahela Baishakh Celebrated at Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC

The Pahela Baishakh, the first day of the Bengali New Year-1423, was celebrated at Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC amid presentation of spectacular dance, songs and poetry recitation portraying Bengali culture and heritage.

Shedding the past year’s pangs and pains to oblivion, the members of the Bangladeshi diaspora attending the celebration welcomed the New Year with a new pledge to enrich the thousand year’s Bengali culture and heritage even living abroad.

Foreign diplomats, officials of the US state department, members of civil society, and high civil and military officials also attended the celebration. Md. Shahabuddin Partwary, Minister (Economic) at the embassy, welcomed the guests. The merrymakers in large number attired in colourful sarees and pajama-panjabi turned out in the function celebrating the most colourful festival of the Bengali year.

Traditional Pahela Baishakh song—Esho hey Baishakh—Eso, Eso-- was sung in chorus by the embassy family members at the tastefully decorated podium of the Bangabandhu Auditorium. Artistes of ‘Barnamala’, ‘Ektara’ and ‘Friends and Family’ performed songs and dances enthralling the audience.

Sarkar Kabiruddin recited Rabindranath Tagore’s poem while Dinar Moni sang a song. Aupsora Banik and Riyan sang solo musics. Ms. Samia Israt Ronee, First Secretary (political and cultural) at the embassy conducted the cultural program.

The embassy offered Bengali traditional foods for the guests on the occasion.