RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

May 02-17

Alliance Francaise in Dhaka is hosting an exhibition of Dokra sculpture on rail platform, woodcut print works on rail boggy and paper cut installation on railroad. The show is open everyday from 9 am to 12 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm except

May 09-23

The Bengal Tours Ltd. and Gallery Chitrak will jointly hold a painting exhibition by renowned artists titled Sundarbans: A Beauty in Silence from May 9. The artists include Abdur Razzaque, Bulbon Osman, Rafigun Nabi, and others. The show continues up to May 23 daily from 10 am to 8 pm.

Anniversary

Bulbul Lalitokala Academy organises a musical programme commemorating the birth anniversary of Tagore today at 10:30a.m at the Wiseghat central auditorium.

Theatre

Mav 15 The theatre group of Asim Das will present Moliere's 'George Dandin ou le Mari Confondu' on May 15 at 6:30p.m. at Alliance Française de

Exhibition

May 22 - June 5

The inauguration of a painting exhibition by Kakoli and a sculpture exhibition by Reaz will take place at the Alliance Française de Dhaka on May 22 at 6:00p.m. The exhibition will continue till June 5.

Music

May 22 French musical evening at the Café La Veranda at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka

Corrigendum

The article titled *A proposal for Tagore institute* published in the Culture page of our May 8 issue was written by Profssor Rajib Humayun. The author's name was inadvrtently left out from the article. Also the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore was mistak-enly mentioned as 144th, which actually is 142nd. We regret the

Exhibition

Dwelling in "dokra" and woodcuts

Matia Banu speaks about her exhibition at La Galerie

FAYZA HAQ

HEN I first went to it very much. However, getting admitted I didn't like the academic course there. The Foreign Casual Course that I was doing was too easy going for my liking. Instead I was drawn to the 'dokra' work by the ordinary craftsmen there. As there was no binding that I had to work in the department I was free to look around, roaming from one railway station to another. Sitting at the stations, I would do my sketches, and the sculptor was just



another form of my work which I did with pencil and paper. The woodwork too is based on my experiences on the rail line," said Matia Banu, who recently had her exhibition at La Galerie, Alliance

Asked to comment on her teachers, Matia said, "I used to go the department quite seldom and did not take much help from the teachers. As my teacher I had Ram Das Karmakar, who taught me sculptor, who worked in a village two stations away from Santiniketan. Ramu Da was not a formally educated man but I learnt from him every day, working from morning till sunset. I did the work in three different stages, visiting



the place for about four months in all. As I had completed my Masters course from Dhaka in the Print Department, I felt that I knew all the techniques and there was nothing new for me to learn there. My teacher at the department had been Nirmolindu Das. I preferred the teachers back at Dhaka like Safiuddin Ahmed and Mohammed Kibria when I had been a student in the '90s, beginning in 1986. Having completed my course here I used to work in various studios and specialized in print. My last exhibition had been in collography which I had prepared at Safiuddin Ahmed's studio. I had made prints from collages and the exhibition had been held at the Fine Arts

Talking about why she had concentrated in woodcut, Matia said, " I had weakness for woodcut for a long time. I had learnt it at a workshop held by a visiting teacher, Karen Kuntz. Woodcut is easy to do at home when you don't have a studio and I was concentrating on this since 1994."

Touching on the subject of sculpture Matia said, "I learnt it only after I'd been to Santiniketan, working on brass. My work presents the everyday life around me at the station. I didn't stop at the big stations but rather the small ones which I found more fascinating. In one group of my 'dokra' work you see women cleaning and combing hair. There are the women going to



heads. I found sleeping people and even mad men. There are then the hawkers which are inevitable in any Indian station as they go about selling everything from cups of tea to vegetables. I was a regular visitor to the stations and these vendors grew to recognize me. As I sat sketching they would communicate with me. You find, among the sculpted pieces, people returning home or sleeping at the station. There are then people waiting impatiently for a long time. At times a train might be as late as three hours. There are then the 'Sauntal' women carting potatoes to and fro side by side with men playing cards. Sometimes I'd even confront a caring newly married couple or performing actors in costumes bearing artificial weapons as I've shown

CULTURE

"I'd never done sculpture before. I learnt to cast with mud cow dung, wax and tar and this was like doing handicrafts and something that the family members of the people there made at home and sold at the numerous Indian fairs. The wax model is first made and the broken bits of brass are melted and poured into this. This is put in an oven so the metal shape takes place based on the mould when the brass melts and takes the place of the wax. The 'dokra' craftsmen take about ten minutes to make each figurine but it took me half an hour. In Orissa the wire moulding is done on machines whereas at Gushkora, near Santiniketan, where I learnt, it is done manually.

Dwelling on the woodcuts, Matia said, "The entire work is based on the railway stations and the scenes that you see there. I dealt with scenes in 27 different bogies. I took a figure or a theme and so presented each compartment. I dealt with card players in those prints that have purple tints in them. Those with the yellow colour deal with the sunlight falling on the window panes which is very welcomed in winter. Those with pink splashes brought in the relaxed mood in the sleepers where people travel for days together. The ones that deal with the women's section with the feuding female voices have red splashes along with

An exhibition of our very own rural culture

Handicrafts displayed by the Bangladesh Homeworkers Women Association

NOVERA DEEPITA

HILA was sewing on her own and was deeply concentrating on her needle and cloth. This 25-year-old woman earns about one thousand taka per month and leads a life along with her three children. Her husband died in an accident a few years ago. She appeared quite shy to talk and was hesitant to speak about her remuneration. She said however that if she worked hard she would get more money, and that the payment is negotiable.

Bangladesh Homeworkers Women Association (BHWA) wants to promote the goods made by these workers like Shila, who work in making handicrafts under the association, for the national and international market.

An exhibition of handicrafts by the workers of BHWA collected from all over the country, was recently held at the Drik Gallery in association with Home Net Bangladesh. The exhibition continued for five days. Among the products of the exhibition there were Nakshi Kantha, cushion cover, embroidered dress, bed cover, pillow cover, sofa back, yoke, hat, saree, processed dry flower, different showpieces made of cloth, bamboo, leather, wood and other materials. And most importantly it should be mentioned that the price



Nakshi Kantha the traditinal hand made quilt of Bangladesh attracts the enthusiastic eyes.

of these goods were offered at half the price available in the market.

The products on display are a proof of the creativity inherent in the womenfolk of our country who have had little access to any formal training or education. All of them, right from the laboriously detailed Nokshi Kantha, the brightly embroidered cushion covers and table cloths, the trendy looking dress materials and sarees to the meticulously-made dry-flower arrangements have been created over months of hard work by a number of women working singly

The General Secretary of BHWA, Dilruba Anguri said that BHWA firmly believes that their motto, 'My home my workplace' is

or in groups.

an idea that will help combat the future labour and economic problems faced by the country. If the government can equip and fund every home as a workplace, unemployment caused by closure of factories can be dealt with effectively and thereby the country's economic downslide can be pre-She added, 'Although the homebased workers are working hard

and earning a living, there is no specific government policy for these homemade workers. So, they are deprived of the facilities available to the factory workers in the country. There is no unemployment in this sector and everybody is earning from 500 to 3000 taka every month. Our objective of this exhibition is implementing one way of marketing policy. And we are confident that the government will agree with us and make a policy for the cottage industry workers.' Dilruba said with joy that the

workers would be very inspired if the policy is implemented and they will produce more of their goods and will be economically solvent.

TV GUIDE

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12:00 **STAR WORLD** Kenneth Copeland Ministries 6:30 The Simpsons Friends Suddenly Susan 7:30 8:00 Hollywood Squares 8:30 The Brady Bunch 9:00 Cheers 9:30 **Oprah Winfrey Show** 10:30 Vienna Philharmonio With Zubin Mehta In Mumbai 12:30 An Audience with Ricky Martin 1:30 Chicago Hope 2:28 Star Asia Travel 2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show 3:30 Bold and Beautiful 4:30 Hollywood Squares

The Brady Bunch

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS HBO: 08:00 Final Impact. Nick,



former world champion in kick boxing, discovers Danny, who just became light heavy-weight champion of Ohio. Danny is very ambitious to become world champion, so Nick offers to train him. After a tense training they set out to the the kickboxing world championships in Las Vegas, where Danny will meet the brutal champion Joe, who once dethroned Nick.



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Raymond

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STAR MOVIES: 9.45 p.m. Men of *Honor*. The story ultimately revolves around two "men of honor": their relationship, their individual and joint failures and triumphs. Carl Brashear is determined to be the first African American Navy Diver in a time where racism is strife. Leslie Sunday is his embittered trainer, determined to see him fail. Fate, challenges and circumstances eventually draw these two men together in a tale of turbulence and ultimately triumph

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PICK OF THE DAY



On HBO at10:00pm

Realizing that the FBI and their by the book tactics may be unsuccessful, the Chinese consul recruits the aid of a loyal Hong Kong inspector to help rescue his kidnapped daughter. Outlawed by the FBI, the inspector must form an unlikely partnership with a cocky, street smart LAPD officer who prefers doing things his own way. Hongkong, the last night of British rulership. Detective Inspector Lee, close friend to Consul Han Solon, manages to prevent precious pieces of China's

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SoloWoman 8:30 High Peak Rescue 9:00 Explorer's Journal Danger Diaries 11:00 NG adventures 12:00 Surfer's Journal Explorer's Journal 12:30 1:30 Windborn Wildlife Tourism In 2:30 Africa 3:30 **Danger Diaries** 4:30 On Assignment Explorer's Journal 5:00 Storm Chaser 7:00 Honey Hunters 7:30 Explorer's Journal

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DISCOVERY Wild Discovery Lion of 8:30

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English Premier League Highlights 2002/2003 London England Arsenal Vs Southampton School Quiz Show ESPN School Quiz

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2003 Antigua, Antigua

West Indies Vs Australia 4th Test. Dav 1, 2nd & 3rd Session **STAR SPORTS**

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