

RECOMMENDATIONS

**Anniversary**  
*July 31*  
To mark the 12th anniversary of 'Sargam Lalitakala Academy' four eminent cultural personalities will be awarded medals for their special contribution in the field of music at the Russian Cultural Centre at 5pm. A cultural programme will follow.

**Srabon Mela**  
*July 29- August 01*  
The fifth Srabon Mela begins at Gopibaag. This four-day program will include traditional dances, songs, poetry recitation and various other items. Special entertainment will be held for children at the fair. The fair is open all the four days from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at Gopibaag, Goli 3, Dhaka.

**Exhibition**  
*July 11 -August 01*  
A miniature art exhibition is going on at the Shilporag Art Gallery from 11 July to 1 August daily from 11 pm to 8 pm. Venue: Gallery Shilporag, House: 15, Road: 16, Dhanmondi.



**August 02-11**  
A solo painting exhibition titled Maya by artist Khaled Mahmud will be held from August 2 at La Gallery, Alliance Francaise (26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi, R/A). Eminent artist Mohammad Kibria will inaugurate the exhibition at 5.00 pm. The display of artworks will remain open everyday from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm. till August 11.

News-makers

# A meeting of minds

## Journalism to uphold cultural heritage

**SADYA AFREEN MALlick**

A steaming bowl of rice and gravy made from Mourola fish, (a small boney fish variety) is what the people of our country still dream about", said the eminent cultural personality Mustafa Zaman Abbasi. Referring to the participants as Cultural Ambassadors, he expressed his concern at how rapidly the country was losing its grip on its heritage because of lack of preservation of our folk culture.

"Our culture is a melting pot and a conglomeration of Portuguese, English, French, Turkish and Iranian culture," added Professor Abdul

were as varied as their background. The participants were exposed to a diverse range of issues including ethics, professional standards, quality of reporting as well as insights into our cultural roots--how it is changing and the role of reporting in upholding the country's values.

After the opening speeches, Begum Selima Rahman, State Minister for Culture, joined the afternoon session. She delivered her speech and later invited questions; it turned out to be quite a lively discussion.

Dr Rezwan Hossain Chowdhury, Director General, PIB spoke on how the cultural activities of the West

Bangla, spoke at the morning session the following day. The journalists put forward questions as to how the electronic media could be controlled so that televising violence could be censored. "The government should take immediate steps to control the satellite network and thereby enrich our channels," Bari opined.

Ahmed Zaman Chowdhury, a senior editor of cine magazine *Chitrali* was also the guest speaker. He highlighted personalities like Khan Ataur Rahman, Fateh Lohani and Alamgir Kabir, who were the guiding force of the golden age of cinema in the country. Sudhangsu Sekhar Roy emphasised on the

question-answer session with the participants. Many of the questions centered on how this media was on a self-destructive path through use of vulgarity and obscenity in movies. "Films were the reflection of a country facing ruination whether in ethics or in politics," he said. Even after 32 years of independence there has been a total failure in providing jobs for the educated youth, he added further. People apparently were skeptical about whether FDC stood for Film Development Corporation or "Female Development Corporation". The irony was not lost on the audience.

On the fourth and final day, senior journalist Shahadat Chowdhury delivered lecture. He expressed views on how journalists could mould the minds of people, only if they had a definite aim. It was through his magazine *Bichitra* that he had contributed to the development of the *taat shilpo* (handloom) to a great extent, he added. Eminent cultural personalities including Director General of FDC, Wasimul Bari, Film director Amjad Hossain, writer and editor Rahat Khan, actor Ashrafuddin Ujjal, danseuse Rahiza Khanam and Shamim Ara Nipa along with folk singer Abdur Rahman Boyatee joined in a colourful discussion session in the evening.

Chief guest, Minister for Information, Tariqul Islam distributed certificates among the participants. He said that songs, dance, drama or any field for that matter which do not uphold patriotism is not our culture. "It is important for journalists", he said, "to uphold and thereby create a progressive culture in the country."

The workshop was designed to assist the cultural reporters and desks-in-charge, on gathering information and writing techniques. The informal setting, exchange of views with journalists from different newspapers paved the way to unite the thought process and to uphold the rich heritage through their views. Of course, the mouth watering menu was an added benefit to most of the participants!

Drama

# "Protisoron"

## A sophisticated display by Natyakendra

**A REVIEWER**

'NATYAKENDRO', a leading theatre group, presented the drama *Protisoron* (Refraction) at the Mahila Samity Moncho recently. The sophisticated presentation of the play, which was based on struggle of a middle-class urban family, moved the spectators en masse.

The charismatic drama personality, Tariq Anam was the key-player behind the play, written and directed by popular TV-star Toukir Ahmed. Although its plot portrayed surrealistic vision of life, the young and promising playwright included quite a bit of humour--sometimes satirical and sometimes farcical. Again, the story was interlocked with metaphysical traits, along with a mixture of suspense, thrill, romance, tragedy and phathos.

The playwright has incorporated diverse elements in the story based on six characters--Khokon, Lopa, the father, Chhoton, Obayed and the secretary.

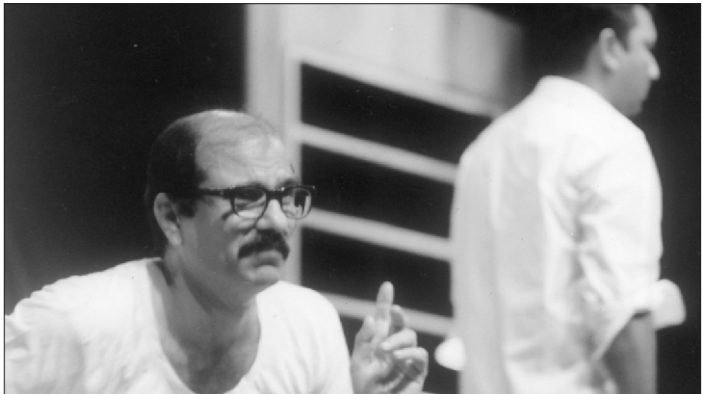
The central character, Khokon, an architect turned businessman, poses as a person of high moral values. Lopa, Khokon's wife, who comes of a noble family, had a pre-marital relation with a man, when she was a teenager. The man now holds the post of secretary, and is very close to Lopa's husband.

Chhoton, a mariner and younger brother of Khokon, has been missing following a ship-wreckage. However, his father believes that he is still alive and might come back one day. Chhoton often appears before his brother, as if in the real world, in time of his crisis.

Obayed, business-partner of Khokon, is basically a jolly person.

residence to receive bribe as part of the deal. It gives rise to a serious misunderstanding between Khokon and Lopa resulting in the separation of the couple--Lopa leaving for an unknown destination.

The actors of *Protisoron* in general, performed well. Although the set-design of the stage was a bit monotonous, the costume and



Jhuna Chowdhury and Tawkir Ahmed in a scene from the play, *Protisoron*

In course of time, they manage to make an ambitious business-deal with the corrupt secretary. Owing to personality clash, Khokon finally declines to do the job. The whole story takes a different turn when the secretary pays a visit to Khokon's

makeup were up to the mark. However, the background music and lighting needed more attention. Above all, the drama was well attended.

Film

## Korean Film

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Dhaka will screen a Korean Film titled *A Tutor of Same Age* (subtitled in English) as a part of the regular film show on the first Sunday of each month with a view to providing opportunity with those who are interested in Korean culture and language in Bangladesh.

The show will start at 5 p.m. on August 3 at the Korean Embassy Auditorium (4 Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka-1212).



# TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

**News Bulletin**

**BTV**  
News Headlines(Bangla) at 12:10 pm. 2:00 p.m 3:10 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm.  
News(Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm.5:00 pm.8:00 pm.  
News (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm. Late Night News(Bangla and English)News Headlines at 11:30 pm.  
**CHANNEL-i**  
Breakfast News 07:15am. 9:00am News(Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.  
Telecast of BTV news(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**ATN BANGLA**  
News(Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.News (English) at 9:00 pm.  
Telecast of BTV News(Bangla and English ) at 11:30 pm.  
Latest News(Bangla) at 09 a.m.10:00 a.m, 11:00 am.1pm. 2:00 pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm.,and 8:00 pm.  
**n tv**  
News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm.  
News (Bangla) 11:00 pm.  
**TARA BANGLA**  
NewsHeadline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm. Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.  
Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm.  
**BBC World**  
Every hour on the hour

**CHANNEL-i**  
07:15 Channel-i News  
09:00 Channel-i News  
09:15 Sangbad Potrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Tritiyo Matra  
10:00 Tele Shomoy  
10:30 Radhuniir Ranna  
11: 00 *Islam Ki Boley*  
02:00 Satyer Shandhaney  
03:30 Drama  
5:35 Jonopoder Khabor  
6:10 Music Plus  
6:45 Talk Show  
7:15 Channel-i News  
7:50 Drama Serial: *Obhimani*  
8:25 Drama Serial: *Horek Rokom Jibon*  
9:00 Channel-i News  
9:35 Drama Serial: *Akannyaborti*  
10:00 Drama: *Kalpurush*  
10:30 Channel-i News  
11:30 Late Night News Of BTV  
12:15 Channel-i News  
**ntv**  
05:02 Headlines  
05:04 Cartoon Show  
05:32 *Hello Music*  
06:00 Cartoon Show  
06:30 Headlines  
06:32 *Shubho Shandhya*  
07:00 *Khoboror Shandaney*  
07:17 *Itihashe Ei Diney*  
08:00 Drama Serial: *Andhokarer Phul* (Ep-11)  
08:35 *Tarar Shathey*  
09:45 Headlines  
10:22 *Shaptaher Khobor*  
11:00 News  
11:30 Telefilm: *Ektuku Chhowa Lagey*  
**TARA BANGLA**  
8:30 Nonte Fonte  
9:00 Gane Gane  
9:30 Rajni  
10:00 Tusher Agun  
10:30 Live Dashtay  
11:00 Live Dashtay  
11:30 Syllebusey Nei  
12:00 Hoi Hullor  
12:30 HMV Chirodiner  
1:00 Heena Kabir  
1:30 Tara Sundari  
2:00 Taka Na Sona  
2:30 Telefilm  
3:30 Tara News Headlines  
3:35 Travel Show

4:00 Antakshari  
4:30 TVC  
5:00 Ei Prithivi  
5:30 Tara News Headlines  
5:35 Aker Shironaam  
6:00 Nonte Fonte  
6:30 Howzzat Hungama  
6:32 Taka Na Sona  
7:00 Tara News  
7:30 Howzzat Hungama  
7:32 Tara News Headlines  
7:37 Hoi Hullor  
8:00 Tara News Bangladesh  
8:15 Tara News  
8:30 Howzzat Hungama  
8:32 Antakshari  
8:40 Bakwas  
9:00 Tara Sundari  
9:30 Howzzat Hungama  
9:32 Serial Rajni  
10:00 Banglar Mukh  
**SONY**  
8:30 Om Namah Shivay  
9:00 Good Morning  
10:30 Chartbusters  
11:00 Music Mantra  
11:30 Indian Holiday  
12:00 Cook it up with Tar  
12:30 Kya Hadsaa Kya Haegeegat  
1:30 Kabhi Biwi Kabhi Jasos  
2:30 Boogie Woogie  
3:00 I Love You  
3:30 Gha Ek Mandi  
4:00 Alpviram  
4:30 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya  
5:00 Cadburys Bourville  
5:30 Quic Contes  
6:00 Dekh Bhai Dekh  
6:00 Just Mohabbat  
7:30 Music Mantra  
8:00 Kya Hadsaa Kya Haegeegat  
9:30 Devi  
10:00 Heena  
10:30 CID  
**HBO**  
8:15 River of death  
10:15 Strange Frequency 2  
12:00 Disappearing Acts  
2:15 Babe: Pig in the City  
4:15 Cinema Secrets III  
4:45 Krull  
7:15 Stealing beauty  
9:30 Jack Frost

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**HBO:** 9:30 pm. *Darkman*. Action / Horror / Crime / Sci-Fi (Liam Neeson, Frances McDormand) A scientist is attacked by gangsters, who blow up his lab, with him inside it. He is presumed dead, but luckily he survives, horribly deformed and unrecognizable. The doctors remove his neurons so that he can't feel pain, but this gives him extreme physical strength and the power to leave the hospital. Now, with the help of the synthetic skin he was working on, he can take his revenge! But how can he face his love again?

**MGM:** 9:30 pm. *The Terminator* . Sci-Fi / Thriller (Arnold Schwarzenegger, Michael Biehn). A cyborg is sent from the future on a deadly mission. He has to kill Sarah Connor, a young woman whose life will have a great significance in years to come. Sarah has only one protector - Kyle Reese - also sent from the future. The Terminator uses his exceptional intelligence and strength to find Sarah, but is there any way to stop the seemingly indestructible cyborg ?

**PICK OF THE DAY**

**All the Queen's Men**  
On Star Movies at 8:30 pm.  
Genre: Comedy / War  
(Nicolette Krebitz, Matt LeBlanc)  
A mismatched team of British Special Services agents led by an American must infiltrate, in disguise, a female-run Enigma factory in Berlin and bring back the decoding device that will end the war.

03:25 Shuprabhat Bangladesh  
08:00 Breakfast News  
08:25 Documentary show  
08:35 Programms of BTV Archive  
09:00 News  
09:35 Shwapner Deshe  
10:00 The News  
10:05 Nuton Kuri 2003  
11:00 News Headlines  
11:35 Alor Dishari  
12:00 News Headlines  
13:10 News headlines  
03:15 Shangbad Patrer Pata Thekey  
03:25 Bengali Feature Film  
04:00 News Headlines  
05:00 News  
05:35 Cartoon Show  
06:10 Asia This week  
07:00 News Headlines  
07:05 Malancha  
07:30 Alif Laila  
09:00 Cine Magazine  
09:30 Prio Manush  
10:00 News at Ten  
10:25 Weather Forecast  
10:30 News Report  
10:35 Chayachondo  
11:00 Riply's: Believe it or not  
11:30 Late Night News/News Headlines

11:30 Wishmaster 3: Devilstone  
**MGM**  
9:00 Breakdance  
11:30 Mr.Mom  
2:00 Mississippi Burning  
4:30 Courage Mountain  
7:00 Night Trainbuy And Cell  
9:30 The Terminator (Arnold Schwazneger)  
11:30 Conan The Destroyer (Arnold Schwazneger)  
**BBC**  
8:00 BBC News  
8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report  
1:30 Talking Movies  
2:30 Hardtalk  
3:30 Simpsons World Directs  
4:30 Asia Today/World Business Report  
5:30 Hardtalk  
6:30 World Business Report/Short Today  
7:30 Talking Movies  
8:30 Asia Today  
10:00 BBC News  
10:15 World Business Report/Question Time India  
**STAR MOVIES**  
8:45 3 Ninjas: High Noon

11:30 At Mega Mountain  
12:15 Beneath Loch Ness  
1:45 Blood Surf  
3:30 Say Anything  
5:15 The Comfort Of Strangers  
8:00 Lambada  
8:00 All The Queen's Men  
10:50 Air Panic  
11:30 Blood Surf  
**ZEE CINEMA**  
7:30 EK Dil Sau Afsane (Raj Kapoor Waheeda Rehman)  
10:30 Daddy (Anupam Kher Pooja Bhatt)  
1:30 Army (Snidevi Shahrukh Khan)  
5:30 Janbaaz (Feroz Khan Anil Kapoor Dimple Kapadia)  
9:30 Makdee (Shweta Prasad Shabana Azmi)  
**ZEE TV**  
8:30 Cartoon Network On Zee  
9:30 Ek Nazar  
10:00 Mrs. Madhuri Dixit  
10:30 Professor Pyarelal  
11:00 The Good Health  
11:30 Show Khana  
12:00 Khazana  
12:30 Songini  
12:30 Khel Khel Main  
12:55 Jhalak  
1:00 Rajkety

2:00 Piya Ka Ghar  
2:30 Cinema Hits  
5:30 Ek Nazar  
6:00 Cartoon Network On Zee  
7:00 Ek Nazar  
8:30 Bollywood Gupshup  
7:00 Sansui Antakshori  
9:00 Jeena Isi Ka Naam Hai  
10:00 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa  
10:30 Golden Voice Hunt  
**STAR WORLD**  
8:30 The Brady Bunch  
9:00 Cheers  
9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show  
10:30 Buffy The Vampire Slayer  
11:30 Angel  
12:30 Nypd Blue  
1:30 Chicago Hope  
1:58 Star Asia Tra  
2:20 Oprah Winfrey Show  
3:30 Bold And Beautiful  
4:30 Sabrina, The Teenage Witch  
5:00 The Brady Bunch  
5:30 Knight Rider  
6:30 The Simpsons  
7:00 Everybody Loves Raymond  
7:30 Dharma & Greg  
8:00 Friends  
8:30 Tna Wrestling  
9:30 Worlds Wildest Police Videos  
10:00 Nash Bridges

8:00 Geet Bahar  
8:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet  
9:00 Heer  
11:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit  
4:00 Without Ticket  
4:30 Aaj Kie Aurat  
8:30 Laawaris  
**STAR PLUS**  
8:30 Karishma Ka Karishma  
9:00 Taaza Hits  
9:05 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet  
9:30 Fox Kids  
10:30 Meri Saheli  
11:00 Pal Chinn  
11:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli  
12:00 Shanti (601 - 800)  
1:00 Tu Tu Main Main  
1:30 Des Mein Nikla Hoga Chand  
2:30 Jai Mata Ki  
3:30 Kalash  
4:00 Kundali  
4:30 Aur Phir Ek Din  
5:00 Film Topper  
5:05 Saans  
6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain  
6:30 Fox Kids  
7:25 Film Topper  
7:30 Tu Tu Main Main  
8:00 Karishma Ka Karishma  
8:30 Kucch Kar Dikhana Hai  
9:30 Shararat- Thoda Jaadu Todi Naz

11:00 Josh - Action Unlimited  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
8:30 National Geographic Geo Wiz Kids  
9:30 Bird Brains  
10:30 Russia's Last Tsar  
11:30 Dogs With Jobs  
12:00 Earth Pulse  
12:30 Secrets Of The Turtle Tomb  
1:30 Scientific American Frontiers  
2:30 The Day The Oceans Boiled  
3:30 The Strange Case Of Peking Man  
4:30 National Geographic's Taboo  
5:30 Africa From The Ground Up  
6:00 Animal Edens  
7:00 Earthpulse  
7:30 Story Of Reynard The Fox  
9:30 Tomorrow's World  
10:00 Human Edge  
**DISCOVERY**  
8:30 Wild Discovery End of Extinction  
9:30 Globe Trekker North Thailand  
10:30 World's Sexiest Destinations for Couples  
11:30 World's Best Pleasure Palaces  
12:30 Lost Temples of India  
1:30 The Human Sexes/Body Challenge  
2:30 New Detectives  
3:30 Wild Discovery Mzima: Haunt of the River Horse  
4:30 Truth or Scare Curse of Tutankhamun  
5:00 Junkyar Wars Kids  
5:30 Travelers Gion Matsuri Festival: Japan  
6:30 Ushuala Nature  
7:30 Memories of the Earth  
7:30 Lethal & Dangerous: Future is Wild  
10:30 CIA Files  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
8:30 Imagine Devious Defenses  
9:00 Imagine Paranormal  
9:30 Imagine Komodo Dragon Lore  
10:00 Imagine Spider  
10:30 Animal Planet Safari

11:30 Trials of Life  
12:30 Dewald's Lost Lion, Douw's Rhino Down  
2:00 Fighting Birds  
2:30 Animal Planet Safari  
3:30 Emergency Vets  
4:00 Emergency Vets  
4:30 Animal Doctor  
5:00 Smooth Fox Terrier  
5:30 K-9 To 5  
6:00 Dangerous Combination  
6:30 Planet's Funniest  
7:30 Animal Planet Safari  
8:30 Rhinos to Australia, Dirty Croc  
10:00 Rottweiler Rescue  
10:30 Animal Planet Safari  
**ADVENTURE ONE**  
8:30 Next Wave  
9:00 Explorer's Journal  
10:00 Danger Diaries  
12:00 Surfer's Journal  
12:30 \$100 Taxi Ride  
1:00 Chasing Time  
1:30 Mysteries Under-ground  
2:30 The Photographers  
4:30 Shark Feeders  
6:00 Lionhearts  
6:30 Ng Explorer  
11:00 Next Wave  
**STAR SPORTS**  
9:00 Ki World 5s Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Day Six Highlights(R)  
10:00 Npower Test Series 2003 London, England  
England Vs South Africa 2nd Test, Day 1, 1st Session(L)  
10:30 Npower Test Series 2003 London, England  
England Vs South Africa 2nd Test, Day 2, Preview(L)  
3:45 Npower Test Series 2003 London, England  
England Vs South Africa 2nd Test, Day 2, 1st Session(L)  
10:45 Npower Test Series 2003 London, England  
England Vs South Africa 2nd Test, Day 2, Review(L)  
**TEN SPORTS**  
8:00 Trans World Sports  
9:00 Tour De France  
11:00 WRC Rally XS Magazine  
11:30 Speed  
12:00 Legend: British Open  
1:00 Western Union  
1:30 Football Show  
1:30 Trans World Sports  
2:30 Speed  
3:00 WRC Rally XS Magazine  
3:30 Tour De France  
5:30 Velocity  
6:00 British Open Golf '03  
7:30 Bajaj Sports News Update  
8:30 Tour De France (LIVE)

11:30 Championships 2003 Birmingham, England Quarterfinals(L)  
**ESPN**  
7:30 Npower Test Series 2003 London, England  
England Vs South Africa 2nd Test, Day 1, Highlights(S)  
9:00 Uk Domestic Cricket Twenty20 Cup Nottingham, England  
Warwickshire Vs Surrey Final(R)  
11:30 Destination Outdoors 2003 (R)  
12:00 Women's Professional Basketball 2003 Sacramento, Ca Usa  
Los Angeles Sparks Vs Sacramento Monarchs Regular Season(S)  
2:00 Npower Test Series 2003 London, England  
England Vs South Africa 2nd Test, Day 2, Preview(L)  
3:45 Npower Test Series 2003 London, England  
England Vs South Africa 2nd Test, Day 2, Review(L)  
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8:30 Tour De France (LIVE)