## RECOMMENDATIONS

### **Exhibition**

December 13-20 A photo exhibition titled Britto, images of map photographers, is going on at La-Galerie (54 Kemal Attarturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka). The exhibition is open for all from 10am to 8pm everyday December 19-31

The Alliance Française has organised a photography exhibition titled 'Intimate dairies of Twin Nationalities' by Anwar Hossain starting from December 19 at 6:00 pm. The display will remain open for all from 5 pm to 9 pm everyday.

December 12-22 A painting exhibition of artist Abdul Muqtadir is going on at the Gallery Chitrak from 10 am to 8 pm

everyday. December 19-26

Shilpangan has arranged a 8-daylong art and craft exhibition in association with the Craft Deptt of the Institute of Fine Arts. The show will remain open for all from 10 am to 9 pm everyday.

## **Int'l Short Film Festival: Seminars**

December 20-21 As part of the 8th international short film and independent film festival, Dhaka-2003, the 5th Alamgir Kabir Memorial Lecture will be held on December 20, at the Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbag, Dhaka at 4pm. and the national seminar will be held on December 21, at 4pm.at

### **Crystal Fair**

December 17-25 The Russian Cultural Centre is currently holding a nine-day long Russian Crystal Fair. This exhibition will remain open everyday for all from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Venue: Exhibition Hall of the Ryssian Cultural Cebtre House 510, Road 7 Dhanmondi

## Play

December 24 Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation in collaboration with the Bengal Foundation will stage a new play written and directed by Alok Bashu, Atish Dipankar Sharpoia by Natva Dhara at the Mahila Shamiti Auditorium at 6:30 pm.

## **Premiere**



(L-R) Actor Ben Affleck director John Woo and actress Uma Thurman arrive for the Paramount Premiere of "Paycheck" at Grauman's Chinese Theater December 18 ,in Hollywood, California.

## Glittery delight

# Russian Crystal Fair

ELITA KARIM

nine-day long Russian Crystal Fair began on December 17 at the Russian Culture Centre. Oleg.S.Malginov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Bangladesh, inaugurated the exhibition. Asaduzzaman Noor, Secretary General of the Bangladesh-Russia Friendship Society was the special guest during the event, while Dr. Tahir Shah, Chairman of Pick n Pay Super Market was present as the Guest of Honour

Nipun Enterprise has brought the crystals, which are being exhibited till December 25 in colours of blues, greens and reds, to Dhaka. The fair consists of crystal pieces in the forms of various animals like bulls, horses and cows, right from the heart of the Russian countryside. One can also find peacocks and hens the size of a thumb. Intricate designs have been made on ashtrays of different sizes and

shapes, ranging from Taka 150 to Tk 15,000. Moving to the bigger size range, flower and fruit baskets in crystal are being exhibited at the fair, in shades of blue, red and green. Spectators were in awe of the blue and green horn-like crystal water bags, which so much resembled the ones carried by shepherds on the Russian high-

The audience had their eves on chess set, with crystal pieces, reflecting the lights shining on them. Other pieces consisted of flower vases, candle stands, little drawing room decoration pieces and many more. These designs undoubtedly depict the Russian culture, which have been fascinatingly carved in crystal for all to see and wonder about.

According to Yusuf Hassan, the proprietor of Nipun Enterprise, not only do they have Russian expatriate customers, but also many Bangladeshi collectors who have



CULTURE

Crystal collectors at the Russian Crystal Fair

'After the exhibition, we plan to shift these pieces to the showroom

an eye for these Russian pieces. in Gulshan, where collectors and crystal lovers will always be welcomed.' Hassan remarks.

## Light and shade

## Of ballads and blues of Bangladesh

Abdus Shakoor's exhibition at Bradford

FAYZA HAQ

ENIOR folklore artist, Abdus Shakoor's exhibition of 40 of his works is on till 24th January, next year, at the Cartwright Hall in Bradford, UK. The exposition traces the development of Shakoor's style with a number of his works about Bangladeshi village women, their romances, tragedies, hopes, fears and tales of everyday life coloured with romantic imagi-

The art works, with their predominance of blacks, browns, along with vibrant vermilion and gold, go hand in hand with blues and greens. Shakoor also brings in the flowers, birds, animals and reptiles like lizards and poisonous snakes, the latter being very much in vogue with the west.

Shakoor's use of simple lines and selective strokes make his works unusual indeed .The artist's vibrant works of the rural Bangla resound with Mymensingh ballads and tales, drawn from both Muslim and Hindu folklore and tradition, which

**Award** 

NOVERA DEEPITA

HIS year's Sadat Ali Akhand

Literature Award went to

author Rizia Rahman for

her contribution to Bangla litera-

ture She was handed over the

award in an simple programme at

the Bangla Academy seminar room

recently. She is the fourteenth

person to get this award. Born in

the British period in Kolkata, Rizia

Rahman studied economics at the

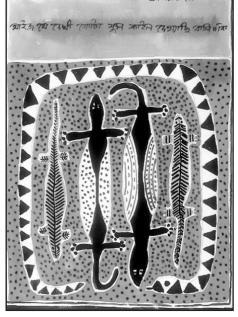
have a universal appeal. The works speak of death, lamentation, love, parenthood, power and present a host of mythological characters, like Mohua, for international consumption. Along with the delineation of women, with their chokers, pendants, nose-rings, strings of beads and the traditional "khopa" are their confidantes, lovers, fathers and friends.

Also on focus are tigers, cattle, birds of different shapes and sizes, and of late, the venomous snakes with black triangles on the sinuous long

bodies as well as yellow and black lizards, with their bodies decorated with herring- boring lines, dots and semicircles. The last subject had been popular by the Australian Aborigines years back, and has surfaced as something popular with even the expatriates in Dhaka. One can well expect their attraction for the European viewers at Oldham

The exhibition also brings in folk art and paintings by the great Indian artist, Jamini Roy, along with those of the wellknown Bangladeshi artist and cartoonist, Shishir Bhattacharjee. During the last

Rizia Rahman gets Sadat Ali Akhand Literature Award 2003



Art work by Abdus Shakoor

days of the exhibition, stories and pictures produced by local school children linked to the

I got such an honourable award.

Sadat Ali Akhand was a great per-

son who played an important role

in the advancement of the society

and today my name has been associated with his. It is a great

Among others, ASM Shahjahan,

former advisor to the caretaker

government, Toyab Hossain, Wakil

Ahmed, Tahmina Hossain and

Prof. Sirajul Islam also spoke on the

honour for me.

## Teerthankar by Shubachan **Natya Shangshad**

ERSHAD KAMOL

🦳 HUBACHAN Natya Shangshad staged its current production *Teerthankar* as part of the drama festival arranged by ITI, Bangladesh Centre at the National Theatre Stage recently.

Through the story of Sohrab-Rustam from the Persian epic Shahanama, the playwright, Samina Lutfa Nitra has expressed the facts of the world politics and the inherent tendency of the peo-ple to rule others. Like Machiavelli, many other naturalists proved the inherent tendency of human being to achieve the ultimate power. The naturalists also say, that to reach this goal a man may adopt any brutal ways. Legendary Sohrab-Rustam story in the *Shahanama* is not an exception to this.

Nitra starts the play in a new way. We see that the Teerthankars (pilgrims), in their endless journey, look for a knife to open up the treasury of legends and tales. And they find only the stories of repression on humanity. Rustam, Tahmina, Kaikuas, Afraseur and even Sohrab rose to the highest level of power but all of them experience loneliness. The crown pushes them to madness, ruin and death.

The story of Sohrab-Rustam is only a medium and not a destination in Nitra's play. The storytellers locate the legend of Sohrab-Rustam and they try to



A scene from the play Teerthankar

unfold the unquenchable thirst of the restless civilisation marching today towards globalisation. The ego, greed, hegemony and savagery represented by the characters of the story have been dramatically resurrected against the backdrop of the contemporary state of the world. In the end of the play, the 'Teerthankars' reject war and glorify the victory of life. Nitra has successfully handled the

As a director Faiz Zahir is realistic in his approach. However his compositions to represent the war scenes were not enjoyable at all. At times, the scenes of fighting appeared like some circus-show, not a combat

But as a set and light designer Faiz Zahir was successful. His set was designed according to the theme of the play. And lights coordinated with the performers effec-

Ahsan Habib Nasim's music direction gave an extra effect to the play, which was quite charming.

The potentiality of all the performers except Nitra need to be

### **Events**

### **Exhibition to commemorate 100 years** of Powered Flight at Zainul Gallery

A weeklong exhibition titled 'Aakasher Thikanay' (Skyward Ahoy) by 3 photographers Enam Ul Haque, Enam Talukder and Sharif Sarker was inaugurated at Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts to commemorate the centennial of powered flight, says a press release. Director of the Institute and famous painter Dr Abdus Sattar, renowned photographer Anwar Hossain and veteran journalist Fauzul Karim were present at the

Photography exhibition on aircraft and aviation is first of its kind in Bangladesh. The exhibits include 51 photographs of aircraft, aerial views of Bangladesh and airplane-human juxtaposition.d citizens. The exhibition will remain open till 23 December from 10 AM to 7



Visitors at the exhibition

## **New CD 'Amar Bhalobashar Swadesh'**

**CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT** 

 $HE\,CD\,launching\,of\,the\,first$ album *Amar Bhalobashar* Swadesh along with solo music recital of the artiste Mahbubul Haidar Mohon was held recently on a stage well suited to the title of the CD. The stage was decorated with the traditional cane, straw and shikas. The background was painted in red and yellow like the cover of the CD.

The CD is a collection of Ganasangeet. Some of the songs have been written by Mahbubul Alam Chowdhury, Swagotalakshmi Dasgupta, Shukanta Bhattacharya, Ahmad Safa and Shalil Chowdhury. Born in 1954, the artiste is a freedom fighter and is well known as an organiser of Kranti Artiste Organi-

A hero of Language Movement ,Mahbubul Alam Chowdhury

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unveiled the CD and said, 'Sometimes we confuse Ganasangeet with patriotic songs but the subtle difference between the two is that the singers and writers of Ganasangeet have a commitment towards the ordinary people, commitment to take these songs to the grass root level.' Eminent cultural

Kamal Lohani said, 'It is a happy moment for us that a Ganasangeet album is being released today. It is very unfortunate that there is a big scarcity of Ganasangeet albums in our country because of economic limitations and organisational weaknesses.' Among others Syed Moazzem

Hossain, Fakir Alamgir, Golum Kuddus and the artiste himself spoke on the occasion. After the CD launching programme the artiste performed many songs like Ekhaney Jara Pran Diechhe, Amader Nayan Modhye, Tomra



Mahbubul Haidar Mohon

Gonya Manya, Ami To Jiboner, Shunechho Keu and others

# TV GUIDE

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

## News Bulletin

## News Headlines(Bangla) at 9:40

am.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) 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i Breakfast News 07:15 am. 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. 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.

News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm. News (Bangla) 7:30 pm.10:30 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

**BTV** 07:35 Suprobhat Bangla-08:30 Selected Tagore 09:15 Anya Bhubon: Sensitive Samurai 12:15 Sangbad Potrer Pata

Priyo Manush 01:30 Cartoon Show: Totally Tooned In 02:05 Khela Dhula 03:05 Prothom Bangladesh Banshori 04:30 Shatorupa National Television

05:05 **Debate Competition** 06:10 Geetaniali 07:00 Share Market. Weather Forecast Mati O Manush Film Show: The Lost

08:30 Drama Serial: Nayika Namey Naam 09:00 Drama: Victim 10:30 Abhibashi Magic Show 11:00

CHANNEL-I 09:45 Tritio Matra Chithi Pelam

12:00 12:30 Ebong Cinemar Gaan Feature Film: Madhur Milan (Shabnur, Omar 06:10 Music Plus 06:45 Banijya O Orthoniti 07:50 Shanchita 08:25

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Drama Serial: Sharey 5:15 7:00 Tin Tala Drama Serial: 10:45 Drama Serial: Thikana 12:30 **ZEE CINEMA** 

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06:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Shubho Shondhya Neel Paharer Gaan Drama Serial: Tin

Fashion Talkies

**Abdus Shakoor** 

Dhaka University. Principal of an

educational institution for quite

some time, she started to write

stories at the age of nine and many

of her stories were published in the

newspapers like Shatvajug of

Kolkata and Shangbad of Dhaka of

that period. She has written about

thirty books including Ghar Bhanga Ghar, Uttarpurush,

Alikhito Upakhyan, Ekti Phuler Janya, Harun Ghorey Phereyni,

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**ATN BANGLA** 12:40 Uro Cola Saat Rang 1:20 Bengali feature film

Musical Prog Islamee Sawal O Jawab 6:20 Annodristee Danish Pathe Pathe 7:40 8:15 Musical prog 8:50 The Adventure of

Sinbad Mega Serial: Baba 10:35 Samokalin Biswa 12:20 Bengali feature film Gang Leader **HBO** 

11:00 Final Destination 1:00 Along Came A Spider King Solomon's Mines 3:00 5:00 The Witches 7:00 The Mummy Tango & Cash 11:30 The Cell

**STAR MOVIES** 1:30 Without Limits 3:30 The Badge Lambada Original Sin The Tower

Horror In The Attic Andaz Apna Apna Khan, Karisma

Drama/Thriller. Al Pacino, John Cusack, Bridget Fonda. One seemingly routine morning, a little boy is shot dead in the cross fire between a drug dealer and a narcotics detective in a predominantly black New York City

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Rampal, Diya Mirza)

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Waah Tera Kya Kehna

(Govinda, Raveena

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**STAR PLUS** 

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neighborhood. John Pappas, the idealistic mayor of the city, cleverly prevents a race riot, and everything seems to be OK. HBO: 7:00 pm: The Mummy. Adventure/Action/Fantasy/Horror. Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz, John Hannah In ancient Egypt, high priest Imhotep started a forbidden relationship with Anck-su-namun, Pharaoh Seti's Mistress. When Seti finds out about what's

going on, Imhotep and his loved one

stab him, but can't escape the trustwor-

thy guards: Anck-su-namnun chooses

bestowed with the Hom-Dai, the most

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**STAR WORLD** 

Fox Kids Sunday

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Star Movies: 9:00 pm : City Hall:

In his speech the Director Gen-

eral of Bangla Academy, Mansur

Musa said, 'All prizes can be cate-

gorised into two types; inspiration

prize for young generation and

recognition prize for the people

who have already contributed a lot.

Certainly this prize is in recogni-

tion of the person who can be

considered as the future Rokeya

Expressing her feelings Rizia Rahman said, 'I am very proud that

Sakhawat Hossain.'

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



PICK OF THE DAY

Genre: Thriller / Drama / Romance Antonio Banderas, Angelina Jolie, Thomas Jane When a man selects a mail order bride, he is surprised to see the beauty who appears before him. She alleges that she sent false photos to him to assure that he would love her for what she is and not for her beauty. However, what she is a con artist, whore, and actress, who teams with a fellow actor to steal money from men.

Dark Angel Roswell Whose Line Is It Anyway 12:30

The Simpsons 8:00 3rd Rock From The Sun The Kumars At No. 42 9:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal 9:30 Style 10:00 Top Drive Getaway 10:30 Cover Story

Travel Asia

Focus Asia

The X Files

Baywatch Hawaii

STAR GOLD Gaane Bhi Do Yaaron Love Ke Liye Kuch Bhi

Carega Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet Pardesi Babu Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 12:00 NATIONAL

**GEOGRAPHIC** National Geographic Special X Force 2:30 Wild Passions

Explorer 5:30 Mother Bear Man Tomorrow's World 6:30 Condition Black 7:30 X Force 8:30 The Eagle And The 9:00 National Geo-Genius Sr

Nat Geo Frontline

Cameramen Who Dared

On Assignment

Mission Wild

Return To The Wild

Scientific American **DISCOVERY** 

3:30 History Weekends Decisive Weapons: P5 Mustang: Cadillac of the Skies History Weekends Decisive Weapons Harrier Jump Jet Jumping Jet Flash History Weekends Gladiator Games: The Roman Bloodsport History Weekends Terra X (Hour Version) Lawrence of Arabia History Weekends (I): Cities of the New Fields 8:30 Discovery Sunday

Treasures of the World Discovery Sunday Crop Cirles: Mysteries in the Britain's Secret UFO Hunters Discovery Wings - A 9:30 Celebration of Flight Extreme Machines: 21s Century Flight 10:30 Night Safari Burning 11:30 Medical Detectives Video Diary

After Midnight

12:00

**ANIMAL PLANET** AP Showcase Sharks The Truth Croc Files Marine

8:30 Adventure 4:00 Croc Files Hidden 10:00 4:30 Shark Gordon Prickly Sharks: Demons of the Extreme Contact Lemon Shark Adventure Natural World Hokkaido

Garden of the Gods

6:30 Jeff Corwin Experience 7:30 Crocodile Hunter Captured on Camera 8:30 Sunday Champi-9:30 Sunday Champions/Friends Dangerous Liaisons Sunday Champi

ons/Friends Golden Lior Tamarins AP Showcase Kandula 10:30 11:30 Young and Wild The Dating Game 12:00 Cats Cat and Supercat

**STAR SPORTS** New Zealand Vs Pakistan 1s T Test Day World Billiards Championship

3 2nd & 3rd Session(L) 11:30 Cricket Gold (T) 2:30 The Irb's World Of Rugby (T) Pga Tour Year In Review 2003 (R) 4:00 Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand Test Day 3 Highlights(S) Hitz (T) 6:05 Super Sunday

Preview(L)

**English Premie** 

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English Premier Football League 2003/04 London Hotspur Vs Manchester United (L) Epl Postshow Premiership Postgame **ESPN** Australia A Vs India Day 3 2nd Session(L) Samsung Cricket Show

Tovota Manila

Highlights(T)

Philippines Event

Nba Action (R)

Premiership Extra (R)

Football League 2003/04 Southampton

Vs Portsmouth (L)

Super Sunday

Preview(L)

En Gland Southampton

Premiership Extra (R) 3:30 4:00 Spanish Football League 6:00 Àustralia AVs India Day 31s 8:00 Australia AVs India Day 32<sup>rd</sup> Session(R) Sportscenter Weekend (T)

TEN SPORTS England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 4

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England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 4 England Tour of SL 03 3rd Test Day 4 6:00 England Tour of SL 03 :3rd Test Day 4 Indian Horse Racing: 2,000 Guineas Western Union Football 8:30 Show 9:00 Speed (Racing)

England Tour of SL 03 11:00 :3rd Test Day 4,H/Ls Indian Horse Racing: 2,000 Guineas