

CULTURAL FEAST

**Exhibition**  
**Title:** A Dew Drop  
**Artist:** Nasima Khanam Queenie  
**Venue:** Shilpangan Gallery  
**Date:** January 03-10

**Title:** A look through the crow's eyes  
**Organiser:** Bengal Foundation  
**Venue:** Gallery of Word's n Pages, Café Insonnia, 125, Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-2  
**Date:** December 25, 2005- January 27, 2006

**Theatre**  
**Play:** Behular Bhashan  
**Troupe:** Theatre and Music Department, Dhaka University  
**Venue:** Natmondal Auditorium, DU  
**Date:** January 14, 2006 at 6:30 pm

Group Photography Exhibition



**Title:** Nature's Fury  
**Organiser:** Drik Gallery Library  
**Venue:** Drik Gallery  
**Time:** December 26- January 8, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Photography Exhibition

**Title:** Photographs on Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin  
**Organiser:** The Fine Arts Institute, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bangladesh National Museum and Bengal Foundation  
**Venue:** Zainul Gallery  
**Date:** December 29, 2005-January 18, 2006  
**Time:** 12-06pm

Cultural Programme

**Title:** Mukti Juddho O Nari  
**Organiser:** Liberation War Museum  
**Venue:** Liberation War Museum, Shegunbagicha, Dhaka  
**Date:** January 3-4, 2006  
**Time:** 4pm

Film Screening

**Title:** Shankhonad  
**Venue:** German Cultural centre  
**Date:** January 05  
**Time:** 5:30 pm

Dialogue

Dance through the eyes of Minu and Sharmila



Sharmila(L) and Minu engage in a lively conversation

PHOTO: STAR

KAVITA CHARANJI

ODISSI exponent Minu Haque and the versatile Sharmila Bandopadhyay, who is well versed in Manipuri, Odissi, Bharatnatyam, Kathakali and creative dance, share an easy rapport. This explains why the recent dialogue between the duo flowed smoothly. The conversation veered around to a gamut of issues, such as their choice of genres, their career paths and the current dance scenario.

Genres

**Sharmila:** I learnt four classical dance forms. I only perform Manipuri and Odissi in their classical form. However, I teach Bharatnatyam and Kathakali too. I learnt Bharatnatyam for a long

time but could not perform it because of severe back pain. As for Kathakali, Tagore was a great admirer of this dance form because of its vigorous movements and boldness. He introduced Kathakali in Biswa-Bharati in Shantiniketan. I also do creative dance and have added the essence of the traditional dances of other countries, such as Sri Lanka and Indonesia, by adding some of their movements in my choreography.

As for Odissi, I found the torso movement very lyrical and I enjoyed the rhythm. I learnt classical dance forms, which would complement Rabindra Sangeet in terms of rhythm and beat. We first listen to the music to decide what dance style we will adopt. If it is rhythmic we sometimes use Bharatnatyam. Sometimes we could also use Manipuri dance.

**Minu:** Basically I do Odissi and want to continue in this genre. After I trained under Odissi dancers, Sunny Mahapatra and Ipsita Behura and they left, I decided to teach and introduce it in Bangladesh where people had scant knowledge about Odissi.

One of the attractions of Odissi is that the movement and beat are lyrical. The dance form blends well with Tagore songs. In Odissi, Rabindra Sangeet and torso movement go together.

Promotion

**Sharmila:** Dance is the most expensive art form and therefore needs promotion. You might see two or three drama serials on TV, but where is the dance? There is also a lack of appropriate halls and auditoriums.

**Minu:** Basically singers and painters get more support compared to dancers. Dance comes in various fields but the dancers are often shortchanged. Now I am very strict on this issue; my dictum is: No money, no dance. Dance is very expensive in terms of costumes, ornaments and hall charges. The dancers should be able to meet the production expenses at least.

Unavailability of halls is also a major problem.

Teaching organisations

**Sharmila:** As director of Nritya Nandan, I aim to popularise and spread dance forms from a sense of social responsibility. For instance, Nritya Nandan performed *Chandalika* to raise funds for the deprived children of a socio-cultural institute named Utsha, Bangladesh, and to raise funds for Chayyanaut's cultural complex.

The organisation's repertoire includes the classical styles of Manipuri, Bharatnatyam and Odissi. It has also composed almost all the dance dramas of Tagore, as for example *Shayma*, *Chitrangada* and *Chandalika*. Besides the various dance forms, Nritya Nandan is unique in that it infuses the modern dance movement of the Uday Shankar Dance School on its Rabindra Nritya.

I also teach Manipuri dance at Chayyanaut.

**Minu:** As the convener of Nrityadhara I strive to teach the poor free of cost. To popularise dance, Nrityadhara organises a performance once a month. In Pallavi, where I teach Odissi, I am the director. Pallavi is the first school for Odissi in Bangladesh. Teaching is my passion.

Eid Special

ntv to air TV play Ghurey Daranor Swapno

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As part of the Eid-special programmes, *Ghurey Daranor Swapno*, a single episode play, will be aired on the third day of Eid.

The play revolves around Asad, a retired service-holder and his family. The honest Asad has never given into the lure of accepting bribes. One fine morning, when he reads in the newspaper that Bangladesh has made it again to the list of top corrupt countries, Asad feels frustrated and heartbroken. Everywhere he turns, he finds people accepting and giving bribes.

Asad decides to take a stance against corruption. He starts talking to youngsters and convinces them that corruption is not the right route. Eventually, his struggle becomes a national phenomenon.

Written by Anisul Haque and directed by Taher Shipon, *Ghurey Daranor Swapno* features actors Asaduzzaman Noor, Wahida Mallick Jolly, Rawnak Hasan and Shoeb.



Asaduzzaman Noor and Wahida Mallick Jolly in a dramatic scene from the TV play

Live action film

Sisimpur goes to Berlin



One of the muppets from Sisimpur

A Sisimpur live action film was selected from over 3,600 global applicants as a finalist in the Berlinale Talent Campus, 2006, in Berlin, says a press release. The film,

the competition, *Children in a rainy day* was originally shown on Sisimpur, a popular children's TV programme aired on BTV. Sisimpur is a co-production of Navantara Communications and Sesame Workshop.

Berlinale Talent Campus 2006 is the fourth year of the 56th Berlin International Film Festival and is inviting 500 filmmakers from around the world to attend the Talent Campus. The Campus will run from February 11-16. It is targeted at up and coming producers, directors, actors, cinematographers, screenwriters, editors, production designers, art directors, film score composers and sound designers.

The storyline: A few initially bored village children discover the fun things they can do when they are stuck at home on a rainy day. The lively film gives the message that there are always plenty of interesting things to do—even when it is raining and they can't play outside.

Theatre Festival begins in New Delhi

Three Bangladeshi groups to stage plays

ERSHAD KAMOL, From New Delhi

The National School of Drama (NSD) is presenting the eighth chapter of its Bharat Rang Mahotsav in Delhi. Inaugurated on January 2, the theatre festival has gained stature as an event showcasing the multifarious linguistic, cultural and performing traditions of India as well as several other Asian countries. The festival has been recognised as a regular international theatre event by the International Theatre Institute and Unesco. Eminent Hindi novelist Kamalleshwar inaugurated the 13-day theatre festival that includes 61 plays at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi. Neena Ranjan, secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, was the special guest. The opening ceremony was presided over by Amal Allana, chairperson of NSD while Professor Devendra Raj Ankur, the director of NSD, delivered the welcome speech.

Among the 14 participating plays from outside India, three

Bangladeshi troupes are staging plays in the festival. Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) staged *Sonaibir Pala* on January 3 at Sri Ram Centre; *Raarang*, an Aranyak Natyadal production, will be staged today at Abhimanch, NSD campus. Department of Theatre and Music, University of Dhaka, will stage *Behular Bhashan* on January 10 at Bahumukh, NSD campus. Other participating countries are China, Japan, Korea, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Lebanon and Iran.

Popular Peking Opera, a traditional Chinese opera troupe, staged seven traditional fables on the opening day. The colourful presentation with spectacular acrobatic movements of the artists seemed to overcome the language barrier. Their presentations -- *Exploring the Valley*, *A Woman Fighting throughout the Fort City Gate*, *The Village of Hu*, *Autumn River*, *Picking up a Jade Bracelet*, *Heavenly Maid Strewn Flowers* and *San Cha Kou* -- were a pleasant treat for the audience.



A scene from the Peking Opera

On tonight's episode of Shukher Lagiya

In tonight's episode of mega serial *Shukher Lagiya*, Neel and Zahid talk about the apparent distance between them. Neela tells Zahid she is trying to minimise the gap but it's a two-way effort. Meanwhile, Pavel proposes to Payel. A discontented Payel reminds Pavel of their relationship. Written by Nasir Ahmed and directed by Kamal Khan, the major roles in the serial have been played by Moushumi, Azizul Hakim, Apon Ahsan, Sohail Armaan, Mukti, Elora Gawhor, Fazlur Rahman Babu and others.



Moushumi and Apon Ahsan in the TV serial Shukher Lagiya

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



**Ek Akasher Tara**  
 On Channel-I at 08:25pm  
 Drama Serial  
 Cast: Mahfuz, Srabonti, Shams Shumon



**Men In Black**  
 On HBO at 09:30pm  
 Genre: Sci-fic  
 Cast: Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones

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 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 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**  
 News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.  
 Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

**ATN BANGLA**  
 News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.  
 News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm  
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

**TARA BANGLA**  
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm.  
 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**  
 09:05 Smritimoy Archives  
 09:25 Shashwato Jibon  
 10:00 Satellite broadcast  
 12:30 Shastho Tathya  
 02:15 Sisimpur  
 03:05 Hijol Tomal  
 03:35 Geet Bitan  
 04:00 Prattashar Alo  
 05:05 Mati O Manush  
 06:10 Malancha  
 06:35 Saarc Round Up  
 06:55 News Headlines, Share Market, Weather Forecast  
 07:00 Shushtho Thakun  
 07:30 Bhalo Thakun  
 07:30 Selected Programme  
 08:25 Prolidin Bangladesh  
 08:30 Drama Serial  
 09:25 Drama Serial: Sublet  
 10:25 Teknal Theke Tetulia  
 10:35 Kemon Achen

**CHANNEL i**  
 09:45 Tritiyo Matra  
 10:45 Sports Time (Live)  
 12:30 Aaj Dupurey O City Cell Tarokothon (live)

**ntv**  
 01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
 01:25 Public Reaction  
 02:40 Special programme  
 04:00 Bansundhara Amader Gaan  
 04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma  
 05:30 Gaaner Oporey  
 06:00 Music Plus  
 07:50 RC Travel On  
 08:25 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Tara  
 09:35 Drama Serial: Jhora Patar Kabbyo  
 10:00 Drama Serial: Bela Obelar Golpo

**ATN BANGLA**  
 09:25 Drama Serial: Flat No. 40

10:30 Onnodrishti  
 11:05 ATN Taroka  
 12:15 Cinema Cinema  
 12:50 Band Show: Goney Shurey Tarunnye  
 01:25 Motamot  
 03:15 Drama Serial: Nana Ronger Din  
 03:45 Special programme on International Trade Fair 2005  
 04:20 Islam Ki Boley Amra Ki Kori  
 04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time  
 05:10 Shobar Jonna  
 05:45 Islami Sawaal O Jobab (Live)  
 06:20 The Sword of Tipu Sultan  
 08:00 Drama Serial: Pagol  
 08:30 Drama Serial: Pagol Manushgulo  
 08:30 Drama Serial: Shukher Lagiya  
 09:00 Drama Serial: Hoi Hoi Roi Roi  
 09:30 Drama Serial: Andharer Jatri  
 10:35 City Cell Face To Face (live)

**ntv**  
 08:35 Aajker Shokal  
 09:05 Drama Serial: Labonyoprobha  
 09:30 Frankly Speaking  
 10:05 Mukto Chalachchitra Gallery  
 10:30 Circus Lights  
 12:05 Shurer Jolsha  
 01:00 Muktagong  
 03:15 Banglar Thikthak  
 04:25 Chalachchitra Katha  
 05:20 Apnar Jigyasha  
 06:20 Shubho Shondhya  
 06:50 Nari Ghorey Bairay  
 08:25 Drama Serial: Titumirer Bansher Kella  
 09:10 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan

**STAR MOVIES**  
 08:15 The Ticket  
 08:45 Ladies In Lavender  
 10:30 Spartan

09:50 Drama Serial: Amader Anondobari  
**HBO**  
 10:00 Mortal Kombat  
 12:00 Annihilation  
 02:00 You Gpt Served  
 02:00 Global Effect  
 04:00 Rattled  
 05:45 Bugs  
 07:00 Short Circuit  
 09:30 Men in Black  
 11:30 Huff O1: Pilot  
 12:45 Mortal Kombat  
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**STAR PLUS**  
 10:30 Meri Saheli  
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12:15 Blind Horizon  
 02:00 Another Pretty Face  
 03:30 League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen The Robocop  
 05:20 Robocop  
 07:00 Commando  
 08:30 Catch That Kid  
 10:05 Civil Brand  
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09:30 Oprah Winfrey Show  
 Kevin Hill  
 The O.C.  
 The A Team  
 Bold And Beautiful  
 Hollywood Squares  
 Angel  
 The Simpsons  
 The King Of Queens  
 Friends  
 Seinfeld  
 Smallville  
 09:30 Medical Investigations  
 CHARMED  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
 10:30 Corwin's Quest  
 Pet Powers  
 Supernatural Nightmares Of Nature  
 Fun Zone  
**STAR WORLD**  
 08:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway  
 09:00 The Drew Carey Show

04:30 Wild Encounters  
 02:30 Crocodile Hunter  
 03:30 Fun Zone  
 04:30 Equator  
 05:30 Corwin's Quest  
 06:30 Pet Powers  
 07:00 Supernatural Nightmares Of Nature  
 08:30 Wild Encounters  
 09:30 Fun Zone  
 10:00 Young And Wild  
 10:00 Predators  
 10:30 Nick's Quest  
 11:00 Ultimate Killers, Deep Into the Wild  
 11:30 Beyond The Unexplored  
**DISCOVERY**  
 09:30 Junkyard Wars  
 10:30 Fastest, Tallest, Biggest  
 11:30 Science Frontiers  
 12:30 Crime Night  
 01:30 Wild Discovery  
 02:30 Detective Stories  
 03:30 Amazing Baby Videos  
 04:00 Endurance  
 04:30 Wild Discovery  
 05:30 Fastest, Tallest, Biggest  
 06:30 Risk Takers  
 07:30 Wild Discovery  
 08:30 I Survived  
 09:30 Life On The Edge  
 10:30 Battlefield Detectives  
 11:30 Dead Tenants  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
 08:30 Built For Destruction  
 09:30 Storm Of The Century  
 10:30 Interpol Investigations  
 11:30 Mysterries Of Mankind  
 12:30 Taboo  
 01:30 \$100 Taxi Ride  
 02:30 Interpol Investigations  
 03:30 National Geographic Special

04:30 Backyard Science  
 04:45 Doc Eureka  
 05:00 Serious: Arctic  
 05:30 Snake Wranglers The Totally Wild  
 06:00 Storm Stories  
 06:30 Hornets From Hell  
 07:30 Cheating Death  
 08:30 Mission Udaan  
 10:30 Air Crash Investigation  
**ESPN**  
 09:30 English Premier Football League  
 England Fulham Vs Sunderland (T)  
 11:30 English Premier Football League  
 England Birmin Gham City Vs Wigan Athletic (T)  
 01:30 Nba Basketball  
 Milwaukee Wi Usa New York Knicks Vs Milwaukee Bucks (R)  
 06:00 Cricket Classics  
 Indian Legends (R)  
 07:00 English Premier Football League  
 England Arsenal Vs Manchester United  
 07:30 Life On The Edge  
 Highlights (T)  
 08:00 Goals! (T)  
 10:30 Icc Cricket World SportsCENTER  
 SPORTSCENTER ASIA (S)  
**STAR SPORTS**  
 08:00 South Africa Tour Of Australia 3 Mobile Test

04:30 Series Australia Vs South Africa 3r D Test Day 3 2nd & 3rd Session(L)  
 12:30 Tna Wrestling  
 Programming Tna Wrestling (R)  
 01:30 Dakar Rally 2006  
 Euronilhoes Dakar Day 5 Highlights(S)  
 02:00 English Premier Football League  
 Liverpool Ol Vs West Bromwich Albion (R)  
 04:00 Hitz (R)  
 04:30 Tna Impact (T)  
 05:30 Chennai Open (L)  
 07:30 Chennai Open (L)  
 10:00 Sportscenter India  
 Sportscenter Update (L)  
 10:32 South Africa Tour Of Australia 3 Mobile Test  
 Series Australia Vs South Africa 3r D Test Day 3 Highlights(s)

**TEN SPORTS**  
 10:00 WWE Smackdown  
 11:30 Sahara Hockey Champ Trophy: Pakistan v India  
 12:00 NFL Gameday  
 01:00 The Tour Down Under  
 02:00 National Table Sports League  
 03:00 Legends: Heights of Passion  
 03:30 India in West Indies  
 04:00 World Rally  
 04:30 Gillette World Sport  
 05:00 Gamer TV  
 05:30 Great Centuries: Sunil Gavaskar  
 08:00 WWE After Burn  
 08:00 Pakistan v England: 1st ODI H/Ls (10/12/05)  
 10:30 Champions Trophy Review  
 11:00 Speed 2005 : Speed

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