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Cultural Programme

Title: Shahosher Pochish Bocchor Organiser, Nijera Kori Featuring Patho Natak, Gono Sangeet and Poter Gaan Venue: Rabindra Sarobor (near Dhanmondi Lake) Date: January 27-28 from 3 pm

Cultural Programme

Title: Muktijuddho O Nari Organiser: Woman Studies Department Venue: Liberation War Museum Date: January 13-31 at 4:30 pm

Theatre Festival

Vanue: National Theatre Stage,

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Play	Troupe	Date
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Kathak Dance

Troupe: Shobhana Narayan and her Organiser. High Commission on India

Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall Date: January 31 at 7:00 pm

Film Screening

Organiser, Indian Cultural Centre Schedule: January 25 Aendhi Venue: Auditorium of the Indian Cultural Centre, House#2, Road# 142, Gulshan 1

Exhibition

Title: Antorbikkhon Artist: Swapan Chowdhury Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts Date: January 22- February 5

Photography Exhibition

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

Of symbols and moving messages

In conversation with film maker Anwar Jamal

NWAR Jamal a filmmaker and jury member from India, in his brief parley with The Daily Star at the Dhaka Club, said," Coming from New Delhi, my entry Swaraj or The Little Republic, had been included in the last Dhaka International Film Festival. The film dealt with self-rule in India. The story line, he said, dealt with women of present India, who wanted self-rule through democracy. This was symbolised, he said, by four women who were in search of water.

The element of water stands for the journey of the heroines who combine faith with unity, said Jamal. Swaraj, which dealt with a social issue, like his other films, won three awards in the Dhaka Film Festival (Best Film, Critic Award, and Best Director Award). This film has travelled to 39 film festivals besides this, to places like Sao Paulo, Rio, Bombay Calcutta, other major Commonwealth cities, Stockholm, Cairo, Venice and Cannes. Jamal has won six international awards, apart from India's Best Feature Film Award.

Dwelling on the Bangladesh entries in the Dhaka International Film Festival, Jamal said, "I'm exposed to films by Tareque Masud, Tanvir Mokammel and Saidul Anam Tutul. I've enjoyed Bangladeshi documentaries too. At times I've seen the films overseas, when they are entered in the international film competitions, and I've been on the board. I personally feel there has to

The spectacular 14th Kalakar

Awards Ceremony (KAC), was held

on January 22 at Calcutta Science

City Auditorium. Bangladeshi film

Shashti, based on Rabindranath

Tagore's novel and directed by

Chashi Nazrul Islam has received

the prestigious award from KAC,

says a press release. The feature film, a production of Impress Telefilms, has already stirred the

imagination of movie lovers across

attended the event. Parineeta and

Nishijapan, have been nominated

in the best film category while Rani Mukherji and Konkana Sen Sharma

have been nominated for Black and

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Bangladesh. Celebrities from

Indian cinema and television



Anwar Jamal

be a movement for the kind of film that is needed here, to take up questions with the type of governments that we have in South East Asia. There is democracy, but the funds for cultural activities like filmmaking is very limited. Whether in Nepal, Sri Lanka or India, culture has not always been the priority issue. I feel that films should

not be a part of Information and Broadcasting or External Affairs ministries.

The good alternative films can emerge in South East Asia, and the subcontinent, in particular, if there is sufficient government backing. The film industry is in the hands of a few people, who dictate the terms and conditions, as in India, he added. Bollywood cinema, he said, remained copies of Hollywood films or variations of it, while Dhallywood, in turn, copies Bollywood.

However, he said, this allegation does not apply to art films, as these films were about art, and art was all about truth." The moving messages that are coming through the films may be limited but they are powerful," he said," as in Tareque Masud's Matir Moina. Similarly, efforts by Tanvir Mokammel, and Morshedul Islam are lso remarkable.'

Asked to comment on European films, Jamal aid, "When we talk of German literature, films and Expressionism, the concept has changed, as when we consider films like Downfall, an Oscar submission from Germany --which dealt with the conflicts between the Left and Right dealing with Hitler's last 30 days. People in Estonia who have survived World War II say that Hitler was better than Stalin, while I have to judge a film at an unbiased international level, and this is not easy. For me a film is not just about a particular place or people. It should cross all cultural barri-





Channel-i is set to air Bangladesh Amar Bangladesh, a quiz show featuring different topics. People from different corners of the country are eligible to participate in the programme. Farhadur Reza is the director as well as host of Bangladesh Amar Bangladesh.

Mega serial Shukhe Lagia, will tonight at 8:30 pm on ATN Bangla. Written by Nasir Ahmed and directed by Kamal Khan the play features Moushumi. Azizui Hakim, Shams Sumon. Apon Hasan

and others.





"Sometimes I am over suspicious" -- Dr Enamul Haque



Dr Enamul Haque is a noted theatre activist in the country. He is an actor-director-playwright. He has won appreciation for his performance in stage plays such as Acholayotan, Bishorjan, Dewan Gazir Kissa, Baki Itihash, Nurul Diner Sharajibon, Janotar Rangoshala, Shoroma and others. Plays directed by him include Chirokumar Shobha, Kholosh, Janotar Rangoshala and Amra Kabore Jabo Na. He is also a noted TV actor. His performance in the TV plays such as Shuktara, Ayomoy and others won plaudits from the viewers. Founder member of popular theatre troupe Nagorik Natyasamprodaya, Haque formed another troupe -- Nagorik Natyangan -- in 1996. Currently he is the president of the theatre group. The Daily Star recently had a chitchat with Haque.

Who are your role models?

German theatre legend Bertolt Brecht and eminent Indian actor-director-playwright Utpal Dutt. They have used theatre as a means of protest against

Amoment that you detest...

During the show of Nurul Diner Sharajibon at a restigious club, the audience was not sufficiently attentive to our show despite the histrionic skills of Ataur Rahman. I questioned Ataur as to why we should perform for an inattentive audience.

Any compliments you will always cherish? I still remember the moment when veteran Indian dramatist Monoj Mitra appreciated my stage performance. That was such a glorious moment in my fe that I became speechless.

Who are the people who mean the most to you? Shumbhu Mitra and Ajitesh Mukhopadhyay who have devoted their entire life to theatre in India, which was not possible for many of us in the country

What keeps you going? Hove people. And I like to mix with them, regardless of their social status. This trait keeps me going and helps surmount the numerous obstacles of life in the metro. What words do you frequently use?

Teaching is my profession; as a result I have to say "This" is the fact, understand?" frequently to my students. Sometimes I repeat it with other people. What are your little known traits?

Frankly speaking, sometimes I am over suspicious, which, I believe, is my shortcoming. I always try to overcome it but still haven't been able to ...

An end to a stalemate

Pakistan has lifted a 40-year-old ban on Indian films after the Government permitted the public screening of Sohni Mahiwal, a classic 1984 Bollywood movie based on a popular Punjabi love

The move is seen as a significant step in the warming of relations between the countries after decades of hostility. It also opens up a lucrative new market to Bollywood which, in terms of overall viewers and numbers of features produced, is already the world's biggest film industry.

As well as Sohni Mahiwal, a joint Indian and Russian production, Pakistani authorities have also allowed the screening of Mughal-e-Azam, another Bollywood supermovie of the 1970s.

The development came after Madhubala in Mughal-e-Azam the censor board deleted the words "Indian artiste" and "Indian director" from the guidelines, which had prevented release of Indian films. The decision could pave the way for joint film productions and greater cultural cooperation between the

Although public screenings were forbidden, millions of Pakistanis already watched the latest Indian movies aired by cable networks sometimes on the same day

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American Idol

Medical Investigations

Friends

Charmed

Seinfeld

Friends

Taboo

Rough Trades

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Totally Wild

Doc Eureka

Serious: Jungle

Animal Nightmares

Backyard Science

King Of Queens



that they were released in India. since. Indian film songs have been very popular in Pakistan.

The peace process, which started around two years ago, has seen a gradual thaw in relations, the lifting of travel restrictions and continuing talks over the disputed border in Kashmir. It had already opened opportunities for Pakistani actors to work in Indian films. Some half a dozen Pakistani actors have appeared in Bollywood films

Meera, a top Pakistani actress, recently provoked controversy in Pakistan after she appeared in a kissing scene in an Indian film.

Despite the decision to lift the ban, many observers believe that the Pakistani authorities would maintain some restrictions on what films could be allowed in.

English Premier Football League 2005/06

Football Focus (R)

Legends (R)

Legends (R)

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English Premier Football League

Indian Premier Hockey

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TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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

News Bulletin

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, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA

2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

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.

4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am. 12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm.

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BBC WORLD

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ATN BANGLA

Ebong Cinemar Gaan Public Reaction Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m,10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. Special Programme Bashundhara Arnader 04:30 X Music 04:50 Sa Re Ga Ma News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00 05:30 Aloidto Bangladesh pm.7:30 pm.10:30 pm.

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On HBO at 9:30 pm

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Supernatural Nightmares

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the World 11:30 Beyond the Unexplored DISCOVERY 08:30

Wild Discovery Junkyard Wars History Week Science Frontiers Crime Night Wild India Week **Detective Stories** Amazing Baby Videos Endurance Wild India Week Fastest, Tallest, Bigges Risk Takers

Wild India Week Impact: Stories of Survival Life on the Edge Wild Europe 11:30 Dead Tenants

STAR SPORTS 06:00 Australian Open 2006 English Premier Football League 2005/06 02:30 Australian Open 2006

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League Highlights (R)

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