# CULTURE

### **CULTURAL FEAST**

### Book Fair

77tle: Amor Ekushey Book Fair Organiser: Bangla Academy Venue: Bangla Academy Date: February 1-28

# Photography Exhibition

Title: Satyajit Ray Script to Screen Organisers: National gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi, Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the High Commission of India in Bangladesh Date: February 8-14 Venue: Bengal Shilpalaya

Title: My World, My Future Organisers: British Council, Dhaka and Map Photo Agency Venue: British Council, Dhaka Date: February 2-28 Time: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Title: Southern Glances Organiser: North South University Photography Club Venue: Drik Gallery Date: February 4-10 Time: 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

# Theatre Festival

Venue: National Theatre Stage. Shilpakala Academy Schedule:

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### Book Launch

Title: Money Porey Author: Ferdausi Majumdar Date: February 8 at 4:30 pm Venue: Liberation War Museum

## Theatre

Title: Mangula Troupe: Palakar Date: February 12 at 6:30 pm Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage

Title: Ubraabachan Troupe: Vision Theatre Date: February 14 at 6:30 pm Venue: Mahila Samity Stage

# Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Breakfast News Artist: Yasmin Jahan Nupur Date: February 3-13 Venue: Alliance Française Dhaka

## Movie and TV play screening

Tauquir Ahmed Feb 8 Lal Shatu Tanvir Mokammel Feb 9 Hihash Konnya Shamim Akhter Feb 14 Organiser: Ddhoni Cholochitra LTD. Venue: Ddhoni Cholochitra Auditorium, 4 Nawratan Colony, New Baily Road

# Chhayanaut: A satire on stardom

ERSHAD KAMOL

T Ehave seen the dramatic rise and fall of many 'heroes' in the star world: An 'extra' becomes the heartthrob and then vanishes from public view. Manoj Kumar's rise from being a 'side actor' to the 'most popular hero' and then his fall in Utpal Dutt's play Chhayanaut reflects the transience

As part of the on going theatre festival to give a hand to theatre activist Jaglul Alam, Nagorik Natvasampradava staged Chhayanaut at the National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala on February 5.

Actor Rajib De successfully presented the emotions of Manoj Kumar. His transformation from being an ordinary actor to popular hero was remarkable. And Rajib's performance at the end of the story, when another 'hero' takes his position and gets the same reception he got earlier, touched a responsive chord in the audience.

As sub-plot, Utpal Dutt's play satires the scandals of the star world, as well as the lip service of the press to the stars. Farhana Mithu in



Aly Zaker (R) and co-actors in a scene from the play

the role of a Shuchorita, a popular actor who has an extra marital affair with Manoj Kumar, was noteworthy. The Bold performance of Rownak Hassan as Bashak was also impressive. Aly Zaker as producer Binoy Chowdhury and Pantha Shahriar as director Ajit were im-

Majumdar failed to present the emotion of Parijat, who has a dark

As the director of the play Aly Zaker has created the ambience of a film studio of 1950s. As he is influenced by Shakespearean theatre

pressive. However, Jhumu there was no smooth transition between the acts. Moreover, typical Kolkata dialect has been used.

A platform at the middle of the stage is used as the set. But, it was not clear as to why a red curtain was used at the backstage, General light has been used throughout the play.

All that jazz

# Rhythmic Prophecies with their stirring music

The bright- faced, unpretentious group of young jazz players, from USA, Rhythmic Prophecies is like a breath of fresh air in the city. Optimistic and ready to embrace the new world in the East, the four musicians are eager to please the audience in Dhaka. They played yesterday at the Osmani Memorial Hall with the vigour and enthusiasm that one finds in upcoming musicians, who welcome their listeners with open arms. They are amicable, full of joie de vivre, and are eager to

Reinaldo de Jesus, the leader of the group, is on the percussion instrument, tumbarora (which has a cow hide on the top, with bells attached), and also plays on shakers, whistles and chimes, that bring in different sound effects. At the age of 10, he began playing

the congo, and graduated from La Escuela Libre de Musica in Puerto Rico. He also attended the conser-

Zaccai Curtis brings in piano notes, while his brother Luques is on the electric bass. They studied at New England and Berkley. Together the two brothers combine their learning with their emotions and feelings to experiment and explore with American, Caribbean, African and music from other parts of the world. Richie Barshay, on drums, has performed internationally from the outset, and has had extensive tours with Herbie Hancock and George Garzone. The group met at Boston, where they were playing with different bands.

Zaccai and I had a band called Insight and out of that band emerged the new band Rhythmic Prophecies, all of us having a musical academic background. We studied both classical and jazz," said Reinaldo. "The Curtis brothers do have music in their families but the rest of us do not. But we've had the encouragement from our homes, whether it be in Puerto Rico or in Connecticut. We've had diverse cultural scene and that helped us play Latin jazz.'

Dwelling on the origin of jazz, Reinaldo said," It comes originally from the African people, who came to USA, mainly in New Orleans. There is a difference between the Latin jazz and American jazz, as the rhythms are a little different, the former combining Caribbean The difference between azz and other music found in USA is hat there is a lot of improvisation in jazz, and the musicians have a large measure of freedom to express their emotions -- that are often pensive and poignant. "Richie added," Jazz is very democratic music, because it is always evolving and changing, much more than classical music.

"We've played in Europe -- where most of American jazz musicians perform -- as parts of different bands. Together this is the first time we're performing overseas. I've been in places in Africa, in Congo, ligeria. Guinea and Camaroon. Richie has been to Havana and Tahiti, apart from European cities. Luques has been to Japan too.

Reinaldo said that they had no preconceived notions about their trip to Dhaka, and were fascinated with tourist attractions like the multicoloured rickshaws, and the meetings with local musicians. They found the food quite sumptuous and the warmth of the people very heartening.

# Bangladeshi documentaries in Mumbai Int'l Festival

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Four documentary films by Bangladeshi directors have been invited to the Mumbai International Documentary Festival that began on February 3. The films are: Karnophulir Kanna and Bonojatri by Tanvir Mokammel, Rokeya by Manzar-e Haseen Murad and Shei Raater Kotha Boltey Eshechhi by Kawsar Chowdhury.

Karnophulir Kanna highlights the issues of indigenous people living by the river Karnophuli in the Hill Tracts and facing injustice when it comes to their land and identity. Bonojatri focuses on the Sundarbans. Rokeya is a documentary on the life and philosophies of the legendary women's rights activist Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain. Shei Raater Kotha Boltey Eshechhi features the atrocities by the Paki-



A scene from the documentary Shei Raater Kotha Boltey Eshechhi

stani army in Dhaka on the fateful The festival, known as the biggest

film festival for documentaries in the subcontinent will end on Feb-

winter cakes,' the fair was jointly organised by the Women

Entrepreneurs Academy and

Juba Karma Sangstan Society.

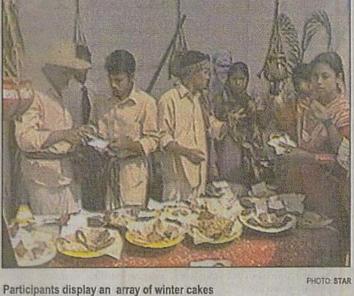
Salma Elias, wife of Deputy

Commissioner of Satkhira, inau-

Altogether 25 stalls with an array of around 95 varieties of

gurated the event.

# Rice cakes galore at Satkhira



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A day- long pitha festival was

Razzak Park in Satkhira town day before yesterday. With the theme, 'Hold on to our cultural held at the Shaheed Abdur tradition through delicious competition.

cakes were set up at the fair. Of them Tona Tuni Pithaghar, Asmani Sishu Niketan, Poush, Bhulona Amay, Pitha Pulir Asar were the most popular. A discussion followed with

Begum Mamtaz as chairperson and Salma Elias as the chief guest. Speakers called on the organisers to hold such winter cake fairs annually. They also hailed the organisers for holding the fair--the first of its kind in Shatkhira. Three organisations emerged

as the winners. Tona Tuni Pithaghar, Asmani Shishu Niketan and Satkhira Mahila Samittee were adjudged as first, second and third stalls in the

# its cultural talents

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of the third anniversary of the Barisal Bibhag Shangskritik Shongstha, a cultural programme was held at National Theatre Stage, Shilpakala Academy recently.

Eminent personalities originating from the Barisal district who have made significant contributions to our cultural arena were awarded on the occasion. The recipients of the award are Sadek Khan, Asad Chowdhury, Rezwana Chowdhury Banya, Sadya Afreen Mallick, Tapan Mahmud, Hedayat Hossain Morshed, Jewel Aich, KS Feroz, Khairul Alam Sabuj, Latifa Helen, Begum Mumtaz and Basu Dev

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# Barisal honours | Shera Radhuni a cookery show on Channel i Popular TV cookery show,

Shera Radhuni 1412 is currently running on Channel-i. The recipe contest allows amateur or professional chefs to submit their original recipes. Among the participants, the best 42 contestants will be selected in two categories traditional recipe and creative recipe. The 10 finalists will get prizes of

Small screen actress Tania Ahmed hosts the show. The programme has generated interest in our culture, good housekeeping and nutritious eating habits. The show is aired on Tuesdays at 7:50 pm.

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DISCOVERY

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STAR WORLD

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Kasautii Zindagii Kay

Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

Oprah Winfrey Show

My Wife And Kids

Everybody Loves

Coupling

Frasier

Frasier

The A Team

Absolutely Fabulous

Oprah Winfrey Show

Desperate Housewive

Bold And Beautiful

General Hospital

The Simpsons

King Of Queens

Seinfeld

Kevin Hill

The O.C.

North Shore



PICK OF THE DAY

#### 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 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, 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 4English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m.10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 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, News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00 pm.7:30 pm.10:30 pm. Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA News Headines (Banda) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm.

Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 **BBC WORLD** Every hour on the hour

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(live)

Drama Serial

Labonya Probha

On ntv at 08:25 Cast: Tanvin Sweety, Fazlur Rahman Babu Drama Serial: Boral Drama Serial: Parer Shitlai Gaon 08:50 Andharer Jetri Grihasholli Citycell Face to Face 09:20 Drama Serial Bondhu Jugal

Rtv Exclusive Drama Serial Khanon HBO 08:30 American Ninja 3 10:15 Blood Hunt 01:45 Good fell as 04:45 Hollywood Homicide 07:00 Spider-Man 2 09:30 Real Women Have Curves

Desperado

The Portrait of A Lady

Die Hard 2

On Star Movies on 8:35 pm Genre: Action / Adventure / Thriller (more) Cast: Bruce Willis Bonnie, Bonnie Bedelia

STAR MOVIES 08:15 Le Divorce Forsaken

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STAR PLUS 09:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 10:00 Meri Saheli Shanti

12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet Kasautii Zindaqii Kay 01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa 02:00 Bhabhi Kesar Saarrth Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

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Storm Stories

Special

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National Geographic

Air Crash Investigation

Wild Safari Lords of the

Wild Discovery As Seen

Zero Hour Capturing

War Zone Waterloo

Extreme Engineering

FBI Files desperate

Wild Discovery Wild,

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Race Cars 10:30 Science Frontiers Cancer Self-Defense ESPN

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05:30 Winter X Games) 06:30 07:30 Football Focus (R) Sportscenter India Sportspenter Asia English Premier League Highlights (R) 11:30 Cricket Classics

#### STAR SPORTS Bull Riding) 08:30

09:30 Hitz (R) 10:00 Gillette World Sports Special 10:30 Five / Six Nations English Premier Football League R) Brazilian Football 04:30 Tna Wrestling Programming 05:30 International Motor sports News Team India Programming India Glorious (R) India Sportscenter

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Tna Wrestling

Cricket Classics

### Programming Tna Wrestling TEN SPORTS

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WWE: Raw