Celebrating 50 years of Bangladeshi films

Nine-day long film screening begins

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TO celebrate 50 years of Bangladeshi filmdom, Dhaka University Chalachitra Sangsad has organised a film screening session starting from yesterday.

All time hit Bangla films of the last 50 years are to be screened at the nine- day long celebration. Each day four movies will be screened at the TSC Auditorium.

The movies scheduled to be screened are: *Shurja Dighal Bari, Duratta, Kittankhola, Jibon Theke Neya, Kancher Deyal, Ek Khanda Jomi, Megher Pore Megh, Matir Moina, Chitra Nadir Pare, Neel Akasher Nichey, Pitch Dhala Path, Hathat Brishti, Nayaner Alo, Srabon Megher Din, Shujan Shokhi, Shareng Bou, Dharapat, Rupban, Tero Nong Feku Ostagar Lane, Shankhanad, Ekatturer Jishu, Megher Onek Rang, Joy Jatra, Dahan, Emiler Goenda Bahini, Ashikkhito, Chhutir Ghanta, Golapi Ekhon Train-e, Beder Meye Jotsna, Moner Majhe Tumi, Shyamal Chhaya, Simana Periye, Alor Michhil* and *Aguner Parashmoni.*

(L-R) Rawshan Jamil, Bobita and Anwara in a scene from *Golapi Ekhon Train-e*, one of the films to be screened at the celebration

Bangalee Shamagra celebrates its second anniversary

(L-R) Former Chief Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman, Kabir Chowdhury and Murtaza Baseer at the programme

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Bangalee Shamagra, an organisation dedicated to the preservation of the works of eminent Bangalees in the different fields, celebrated its second anniversary on February 10. To coincide with this event, the organisation launched its website-(www.bangaleeshamagra.org) and released a poster.

Former Chief Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman formally launched the website at the Bangalee Shamagra gallery at Elephant Road in Dhaka. Well-known painter Murtaza Baseer released the poster. National Professor Kabir Chowdhury presided over the ceremony. Renowned personalities, Mahbub Alam Chowdhury, Mubarak Hossain Khan, Anis-Uz-Zaman, Dr Ashraf Siddique, Atiqul Huque Chowdhury, Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury and Deepika Das participated in a discussion session.

CULTURAL FEAST

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

Group Exhibition

Title: Appointment-- 2006
Venue: Shilpangan, Road 5 House 25 Dhanmondi
Date: February 11- March 3

Discover Japan Exhibition2006

*Organiser*Dhaka Japanese Language Institute Alumni Association
Programme: Photography Exhibition, Movie screening
Venue: National Museum
Date: February 13- 14

Nadira passes away

An actor who lived life on her own terms

Veteran actor Nadira passed away in Mumbai last Thursday after a prolonged illness. She was 73. Nadira was admitted to Bhatia hospital on January 2 after a paralytic stroke. She was also suffering from other complications and had been in coma, doctors said.

Way ahead of her time, Nadira led the way for character artistes in Bollywood. Not many know that her original name is Florence Ezekeil. Nadira was one of the most flamboyant heroines in the 1950s and 1960s.

At a time when most heroines portrayed the stereotypical 'goody two shoes', Nadira was way ahead of her times playing vamps and negative roles.

This actor from Israel took Hindi cine-goers by storm with her debut movie *Aan* opposite Dilip Kumar in 1952. This was followed by *Waris* and *Dak Babu* in 1954. Nadira also had films like *Shree 420, Bombay Talkies, Pakeezah, Saagar* and *Chaal Baaz* to her credit.

However, she had shunned the limelight for the last few years. She was last seen in the film *Josh* in 2000. She had also played a role in Mahesh Bhatt's *Tamanna* and a tele-series, *Margaritta.*

A star who faded away, this golden girl of Hindi cinema however spent the last phase of her life all alone in a Mumbai flat.

A woman so ahead of her time, Nadira was indeed a woman for all time. One of her fellow actors rightly said, "What today's woman strives to be, Nadira was just that 50 years ago."

Source: Internet

Nadira in a scene from *Aan*

Photography exhibition

Southern Glances: Serene images of the rustic coast

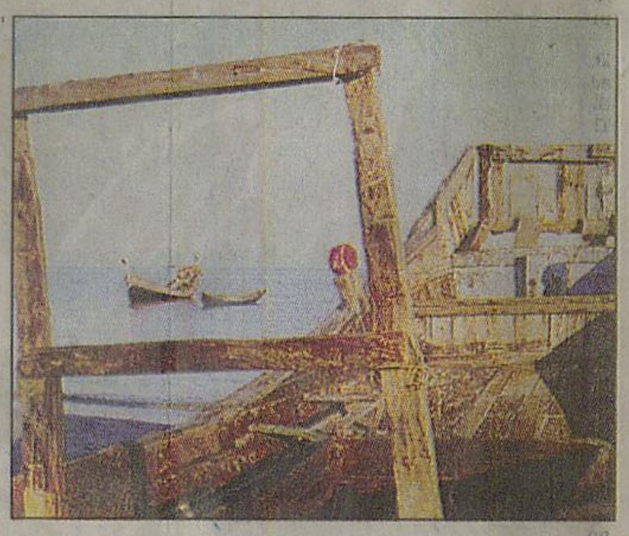
KARIM WAHEED

The scenic coastal locale of our country has amply featured in films, documentaries and photography. Surprisingly, no matter how often we get to see the southern part of our country, it never seems to lose its rustic charm.

North South University Photography Club (NSUPC) recently held a photography exhibition titled, *Southern Glances* at the Drik Gallery. The photographs highlight the coastal region of Bangladesh. Miles of golden sand, towering cliffs, endless greenery, refreshing waves, rare conch shells, people untouched by the decadence of urbanisation, uninterrupted blue horizons, crimson sunsets and starry nights -- all the elements that make for the unmistakable charm of the shores of Bay of Bengal have been beautifully featured in the photographs.

In *Backdrop Trails* by Miran Hossain, two boats are seen moving towards the shore replete with colourful bougainvilleas. The impression of 'moving towards beauty' is delineated through the image.

Shutki (dried fish) is a favourite among the costal people. *Along the Roads of Saint Martin* by Nabila Aftab puts *shutki* on display, hanging for sale at a local shop.



Photographs displayed at the exhibition

Parichoy brings to light the people living in Saint Martin, where electricity is still not available. A man is seen working with a coal iron (an iron that uses coal for heat), an object that is on the verge of becoming extinct in the mainland.

Life on Floating Pattern by Saud Al Faisal shows beautiful patterns made by stacks of green bamboo being soaked in the water. *Postcard from Heaven* by Shahriar Jamil (president, NSUPC) displays the quintessential panorama of our costal area -- pristine blue waves, coconut trees, extended beach and a fisherman with nets. *Little Monk* zooms in on a young devotee in traditional *gerua* attire at the Chakma King's temple. His stance is poised and look, tranquil.

Zubin Faisal's *Green Addiction* focuses on *paan* (betel leaves); something a major part of the sub-continental population find addictive. Betel leaves are a key source of income of the costal people.

The images are familiar, yet refreshing; laid-back, yet inspiring. The exhibition was appreciated and perhaps the talented photographers of NSUPC will present more such displays.

Concert

Fame Jodi live in a musical extravaganza

KHALID-BIN-HABIB

Fame Gurukul captivated the hearts of millions on a roller-coaster ride of fierce competition, spectacular performances and stardom success. The show featured some of India's current singing sensations. The *Fame Gurukul* stars are popular among the Bangladeshi viewers as well. After the grand success of the reality show on Sony Entertainment Television, India's first *Jodi No 1*, Rooprekha Banerjee and Qazi Touqeer, along with Rex D'souza charmed the audience with their first public performance in Bangladesh in a live concert.

In emulation of *Fame Gurukul*, three concerts, titled *Rock Fame Jodi*, were held in Chittagong and Dhaka. The first concert was organised at Chittagong's Dampara Police Line field on February 8. The second and the third concerts were held in Dhaka on February 9 at Uttara Armed Police Battalion Field and later at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre.

(L-R), Qazi Touqeer, Rooprekha Banerjee and Rex D'souza

The last concert of *Rock Fame Jodi* comprised performances by *Fame Gurukul* stars and Bangladeshi pop singer Tishma and her troupe.

Gurukul's favourite Rooprekha said prior to the performance, "I am really looking forward to this concert because now we have an opportunity to return all the love and blessings the audience has showered on us. I am really excited and wish to get more opportunities like these where I get a chance to perform live for my fans. I will aspire to improve as a singer and a performer in every show."

Qazi Touqueer was extremely excited about his first concert in Bangladesh and exclaimed, "I am here on this pedestal only because of my fans and I hope I can live up to their expectations."

Rooprekha set the stage afire with brilliant singing and mind-blowing performances. A special surprise appearance by Rooprekha was indeed a treat. She sang two famous Bangla numbers *Priyo tumi dekhi go tomay* and *Naa.... mono lagee naa*, which received hearty applause from the audience. She also dedicated some popular Hindi movie songs such as *Jadu hain nasha, Chupke se lag jaa galey, Ishq do....ishq do*, along with other numbers.

Rex, one of the finalists of *Fame Gurukul*, came next on stage. The soulful singer began with a Hindi popular melodious number, *Kal Ho Na Ho* which grabbed the attention of the audience. He then performed a mixture of energetic dance numbers as well as sentimental Hindi tracks. Rex has succeeded in topping popularity charts ever since his win in the *Fame Gurukul*.

The concert lasted for about three hours and drew a wide audience. Organised by Ontor Showbiz and sponsored by Uro Cola, the event was held to raise funds for Bangladesh Police Welfare Trust (BPWT).

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 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.
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.

ntv
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 Headlines (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
08:15 *Shubhechchha Nin*
09:05 Musical Programme
09:25 *Shashwato Jibon*
09:35 Open University
12:30 *Shashtha Tathya*
01:00 Programme on Karate
02:40 *Engreji Shekhar Ashor*
03:05 *Banshori*
03:30 Tommy Miah's Kitchen
04:00 *Gaaner Bhela*
04:30 *Amar Desh*
05:05 National Television Debate Competition
06:10 *Geetanjoli*
06:35 Programme From Chittagong Centre
07:00 *Mati O Manush*
08:35 *Protidin Bangladesh*
08:45 Drama Serial: *Aleyar Alo*
09:25 Drama Serial: *Shawpno Sonargaon*
10:25 *Teknaf Theke Tetulia*
10:30 *Agoonjhora Shondhya*

CHANNEL i
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 *Tritiyo Matra*
11:05 *Tele Prescription*
11:30 *Hridoye Mati O Manush*
12:30 *Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokkakothon*
01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
01:45 Public Reaction
02:40 *Citycell Medha Bikash*
04:05 *Bashundhara Amader Gaan*
04:25 *Boimela Protidin*
04:45 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
05:30 IT related programme: *Janala*
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 *Chhaya Jhankar*
07:50 Talk Show: *Aloy Bhubon Bhora*
09:35 *Jibon Jekhaney Jamon*
10:00 Drama Serial: *Bela Obelar Golpo*

ATN BANGLA
10:30 *Onyodrishti*
11:35 *Gandharaj Samsung Cine Aha*
12:15 *Adibashi Jonopod*
12:50 *Smritir Monikothae*
01:30 *Shornali Shadakalo*
02:30 Drama Serial: *Nirob Koshto*
03:10 Drama Serial: *O Amar Chokkhu Nai*
03:45 *Shapla Shaluk*
04:20 Music Box
04:45 Ispahani Pure Snax Quiz Time
05:10 Rock Link
05:45 *Islami Sawal O Jobab*
06:25 Three Stooges
08:00 Drama Serial: *Jol Porey Pata Norey*
08:30 Drama Serial: *The New Shabuj Opera*
09:00 Drama Serial: *Nirey Taar Neel Dheu*
09:30 Drama Serial: *Ek Akasher Swapno*
10:40 Business This Week

ntv
08:35 *Aajker Shakal*
10:05 Documentary: Around The China
10:30 *Natoker Gaan*
11:00 Baul songs: *Mon Amar Shondhan Kori*
11:30 Talk Show: *Ki Kotha Tahar Shathey*
12:05 Documentary: World Of Arts
12:30 *Hoi Hullor*
01:05 *Muktangan*
02:35 Drama Serial: *Kachher Manush*
03:15 Concert
04:25 *Putulnaach*
05:20 *Apnar Jigyasha*
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
06:50 *Agrojo*
08:20 Drama Serial: *Romizer Aaina*
09:10 Lux Glamour World
09:50 Drama Serial: *Godhulir Alo*
11:25 *Dindarpan*

Rtv
06:30 *Desher Gaan*
07:30 *Hridoye Shur Ashey*
07:45 *Shukhi Thakun Deho Mon-e*
09:30 Just Band
10:30 Telefilm: *Japon-e Anuprobesh*
01:00 Music Music
02:30 *Shoto Proshno*
03:30 *Ajker Bangladesh*
04:00 Look At Me
06:00 *Bishwa Jurey*
06:30 *Rtv Exclusive*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Agantuk*
08:50 Drama Serial: *Briddhashram*
10:50 Travel Show: *Prithibir Pothay Pothay*

HBO
10:30 Two Weeks Notice
12:30 Down of the Dead
02:30 Happy Gilmore
04:30 Stella Street
06:15 Ghost Ship
08:00 New on the Big Screen
08:30 I Spy
10:30 The Specialist
12:45 Relentless
02:45 Heroes' Mountain

STAR MOVIES
08:40 The Touc
10:30 Around The World In 80 Days
12:30 Thirteenth Floor The
02:15 DieHard 2:Die Harder
04:20 Parent Trap The
06:30 Opening Night
07:00 Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
08:40 Drumline
10:40 Nemesis Game
12:15 Identity Theft

STAR PLUS
08:30 Dharam Aur Hum
09:30 Jai Ganga Maiya
10:30 Yatra
11:00 Meri Mrs Chanchala
11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri
12:30 Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Dhoom
01:00 Musafir Hoon Yaaron
01:30 Mirch Masala
01:05 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet- 20 M
02:30 Shanno Ki Shaadi
03:00 Pardey Ke Peechey
03:30 Maai Hai To Taal Hai
04:30 Loc- Life Out Of Control
05:30 House Of Mouse
06:00 Hercules
06:30 Samsung lifa Award
07:30 Saibaba
08:30 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
10:00 Shanno Ki Shaadi
11:00 Shararat - Thoda Jadu Todi Naz

STAR WORLD
08:30 Less Than Perfect
09:00 The Drew Carey Show
09:30 Hogan's Heroes
10:00 Get Smart
10:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
12:30 Smallville
01:30 The O.C.
02:30 Kevin Hill
03:30 Monk
04:30 Medical Investigations
05:30 Hollywood Shootouts
06:00 Travel Asia
06:30 Baywatch Hawaii
07:30 Malcolm In The Middle
08:00 Parkinson
09:00 Rendezvous-Si
09:30 Oprah Prime Time
10:30 Incredible Animal Rescues
11:30 Parkinson

DISCOVERY
08:30 Wild Discovery
09:30 Discover India
10:30 Discover India People
11:30 Discovery Wings
12:30 Lifestyle Showcase
01:30 Wild Discovery
02:30 Zero Hour
03:30 War Zone
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 Discover India
06:30 Discovery Wings
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Alien Night Special
10:30 Night Safari
11:30 Triumph of Life

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
08:30 Air Crash Investigation
09:30 Dogs With Jobs
10:30 Backyard Science
10:45 Doc Eureka
11:00 Serious: Jungle
11:30 Backyard Science
11:45 Doc Eureka
12:00 Serious: Jungle
12:30 Wildlife Detectives
01:00 Wild Orphans
01:30 Megacities
08:30 The Mafia
10:30 Seconds From Disaster
11:30 Wild Sex

STAR SPORTS
08:30 Cricket Classics Close Encounters (R)
09:00 Football Extra Malaysia Airlines Football Extra
10:00 Tna Xplosion
11:00 Asian Tour Magazine Show Asian Tour Weekly 2006
11:30 Road Racing Great Edinburgh International Cross Country (T)
12:00 A1 Grand Prix A1 Grand Prix Sprint Race Indonesia (L)
01:30 A1 Grand Prix Indonesia (L
03:30 Icc Cricket World
04:00 Football Extra Malaysia Airlines Football Extra (R)
05:00 Spanish Football League (S)
08:30 Hitz (T)
09:00 Team India Programming India Glorious

ESPN
09:13 Tri-Series In Australia Vb Series Sydney Australia 2nd Final 1st Session(L)
01:00 Sportscenter Week In Review (R)
05:00 Cricket Classics Sehwag's Best (R)
05:30 Icc Cricket World (R)
06:00 Australian Open Highlights Australian Open 2006 Sponsored By Kia Motors In Association With Garnier Melbourn Australia Night #14 Highlights(T)
06:55 Sportscenter Sportscenter Weekend
07:25 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2005/06 Sunderland England Sunder Land Vs Tottenham Hotspur

TEN SPORTS
08:00 WWE: Experience
12:00 EPGA:Johnnie Walker Classic Day 4
03:00 WWE: Specials: Royal Rumble

PICK OF THE DAY

Alo-e Bhubon Bhora

On Channel-i at 7:50 pm

Aly Zaker talks to eminent personalities of the country regarding their lives, philosophies, achievements and the current socio-political issues.

Tonight's guest: Rizwana Chowdhury Bonya