

CULTURAL FEAST

Photography exhibition

Visions of south

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At the ongoing photography exhibition at BTA Tower, a life-size image of a green-faced Kathakali dancer decked in a traditional costume, greets visitors at the entrance. Organised by North South University Photography Club (NSUPC), the exhibition was inaugurated on October 8.

One of the most active clubs on campus, NSUPC's goal is to develop skilled photographers and establish a network between reputed and amateur photographers. This year 27 members of the club went to South India on a 15-day tour. The focus of the trip was the scenic Kerala, otherwise known as 'God's own country'. From Trivandrum, the capital of Kerala, the group went to the port city of Cochin. Next stop was Ooty in Tamil Nadu. The tour came to an end with a visit to the historic city of Mysore.

Fifty-four photographs shot by the budding photographers highlight the backwaters, Chinese fishing nets, kettuvallam (large wooden house-boats) and pristine beaches of Kerala; Dutch and Portuguese architecture, Onam festival and Kathakali performances of Cochin;

emerald green mountains of Ooty and history trapped within the walls of the magnificent Mysore Palace and Tipu Sultan's Tomb.

Miran Hossain's photographs are quite informative. Harmonising Fiesta captures a glimpse of the Onam (celebrating harvest) festival. Kombu (a semi-circular trumpet-like instrument) players are seen with a partial view of udukku (percussion). The photograph was taken during a pulikali performance. Pulikali or kaduvaakli is a 200-year old folk dance where performers painted like tigers and hunters in bright yellow, red and black, dance to the rhythm of udukku. Misty Settlements give a bird's eye view of Ooty, popular among tourists as the 'queen of hill stations'. Serpentine streets, buildings on the steps of hills and lush greenery give the viewers an alluring impression of Nilgiri district.

The religious harmony in South India is the subject of several images. Parthonad by Tanzir Kaiser features a church in Mysore: Mother Mary prays in the dark to bring the holy light into the world. An image by M Tahdiul Haq shows a beautiful mosque located in a village of fishermen in Vijhinjan, about a kilometre south of Kovalam beach, Kerala. The state has sizeable Muslim population. Through

the Ages by Mollah Ishtiaque Fazlul highlights one of the several intricately sculpted walls of Sreepadmanabha Swamy temple in Trivandrum. Surface erosion has added a touch of antiquity to the sculptures that belong to the past, looking over present and future.

Ananta by Prium Mujtaba provides a view of Tipu Sultan's mazar (tomb) in Mysore during sunset, a queue of birds perhaps making their way home.

And what photography exhibition on South India can be complete without images of Kathakali dancers? In Chronicles of South India: The Kathakali Dancers, a collage by M Miran Hossain, Mollah Ishtiaque Fazlul and Faiz Mahmud demonstrate different aspects of the dance form. Through facial expressions a Kathakali artiste displays navarasam (nine expressions) - Sringaram (amour), Haasyam (ridicule, humour), Bhayam (fear), Karunam (pathos), Rowdam (anger, wrath), Veeram (valour), Beebhatsam (disgust), Abhutham (wonder, amazement) and Saantham (tranquility, peace).

An interesting aspect of Kathakali is its elaborate make-up code. Characters are categorised according to their nature. The faces of noble male



characters are usually green. Regal characters that have an evil streak, are allotted a similar green make-up, slashed with red marks on the cheeks. Violent characters wear red make-up. Forest dwellers such as hunters are represented with a predominantly black make-up base. Women and ascetics have lustrous, yellowish faces.

Highlighting culture, architecture and lifestyle of South India, the exhibition is a treat for photography enthusiasts. The exhibition ends tomorrow.



Photographs at the exhibition



Terracotta accessories on display

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Young women in the city are now going in for jewellery made from bamboo, straw and terracotta. Keeping that in mind, Ashik Hasan is presently holding his terracotta ornaments exhibition at the Zainul Gallery. They are reasonably priced and would go with trendy clothes like jeans and fatua. They could also very well be worn with shalwar-kameez and sari. Most of the designs found in these trinkets are of bold colours and follow geometrical patterns.

One of the designs is a choker set with hanging beads and strands of vermilion of red and white strings. The matching earrings are semicircles with red beads hanging from them. The cobalt blue and vermilion set have circles for the pendant and earrings with blue and red beads attached to them. Star and floral shapes in deep blue, gold and ruby red are found in another set.

Attached to a string of blue, red and white,



Trendy costume jewellery made of clay

is a pendant of multicoloured beads hanging from a triangular disc. This is set off with suitably matching earrings. Raw green and earthy red along with yellow go for the decoration in another set. Discs with floral motifs of white and blue on a background of navy blue are found in another set and this could well be worn on a formal occasion. The square-shaped pendant with white motifs and hanging red and yellow beads is also fairly attractive.

The royal blue beads along with red and yellow ones, hanging from black strings are also subtle. The pendant shaped like a Red Indian feathered head-dress is eye-catching. The green and red colours in them are touched with deft strokes of white. A diamond shaped vermilion pendant is matched with yellow and red circular beads. Also attractive is the set with multi-coloured flowers with four petals each.

Ashik who has studied at Chittagong Art College and the University of Development Alternative, has a studio at Savar where he makes his terracotta products.

'Nirantor' to go to Indian film festival

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Abu Sayeed's movie Nirantor, based on Humayun Ahmed's novel with the same title, is set to participate at the 37th International Film Festival of India, organised by the Indian Government.

This year's International Film Festival of India, one of the oldest and most prestigious film festivals in Asia, will be held in Goa from November 23 to December 3. Nirantor, a Channel I production, will compete in the Swarnamayur and Roupamayur categories at the festival. The other categories at the festival are 'contemporary world movie', 'retrospective', 'focus' and 'film bazar'. Director of Nirantor Abu Sayeed will attend the festival.

Focusing on the moving story of a sex-worker named Tithi, Nirantor features how the economically deprived young women are driven to prostitution. Shabnur, Ilias Kanchan, Dolly Zahur, Jayanto Chattapadhyay and others perform in the movie. The film has been also selected to



Jayanto Chattapadhyay and Shabnur in a scene from the film compete in the 'best foreign language film' category at the forthcoming 79th Academy Awards.

Farrah Fawcett vows to beat cancer

Cancer victim Farrah Fawcett has vowed to beat the disease with a full recovery.

The most popular Charlie's Angels star confirmed speculation earlier this week she has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing radiation treatment. Unconfirmed reports suggest it affects the intestine.

But the brave actress is convinced her optimism will see her through the difficult times ahead.

She says, "I am determined to bite the bullet and fight the fight while going through the next six weeks of cutting edge, state-of-the-art treatment."

Fawcett's devastating diagnosis came after the star's appearance on August 27 at the Emmy Awards, where she was reunited with former co-stars Jaclyn Smith and Kate Jackson during a tribute to TV producing legend Aaron Spelling.



Farrah Fawcett (C) with fellow Charlie's Angels Kate Jackson (L), and Jaclyn Smith the 58th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards

Actress was not amused to play 'The Queen'

AP, London

Royalty is rewarding for Helen Mirren.

The British actress won an Emmy in August for playing England's 16th-century queen in the TV miniseries



Helen Mirren in The Queen

Elizabeth I. Then she took the best actress prize at the Venice Film Festival for depicting current monarch Elizabeth II in The Queen, a taut drama about the days following Princess Diana's death -- and many feel an Academy Award nomination is sure to follow.

Yet Mirren confesses she was terrified by the challenge of playing a living icon, a woman whose image is famous around the world but whose internal life remains a mystery.

"You can't imagine how intimidating and scary it is," said Mirren, also known as Detective Jane Tennison in the Prime Suspect TV series. "I haven't often played living people. I've avoided it, because I think you're a bit in a no-win situation -- you'll never be half as good as the real person. All you can do really is fail."

Mirren's Elizabeth II is dignified, intelligent and possesses a dry wit. She's all too aware of the tradition, protocol and privilege that both sustain and constrain her. She tells a commoner she envies his ability to vote in elections -- "the sheer joy of being partial."

Directed by Stephen Frears, The Queen captures Elizabeth at a time of crisis -- the days after Diana's 1997 death in a Paris car crash when a tide of public grief turned to anger at a royal family seen as cold and aloof.

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) at 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-i News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am. 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, 9:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) at 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 (English) (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

BBC WORLD Every hour on the hour

BTV 08:30 Open University 09:15 Satellite Broadcast 12:05 Shangbad Potrer Pata Thekey Maa O Shishur 12:30 Shukhi Poribar 01:00 Hijol Tomal 01:30 Sissimur 02:15 ICC Trophy 2006: West Indies Vs Bangladesh 04:30 Mahe Ramjan 10:25 Teknaf Thekey Tetulia

CHANNEL-i 09:30 Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh Public Reaction 09:45 Trityiyomatra 11:05 Sports Time (Live) 12:30 Aj Dupurey O Citycell Tarokakothon 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:30 Shangbad Potrey Bangladesh Public Reaction Selected Drama 03:15 Amader Gaan Sa Re Ga Ma 04:05 Alokit Bangladesh 05:00 Ramjanul Mubarak 05:45 Vim Monohar Iftar 06:00 Srostar Shakhor Music Club 07:50 Halo Minister 09:35 Talk Show: Aloy Bhuban Bhora

ATN 10:00 Mega Serial: Jog Beog 12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

BANGLA 10:30 Anyodrishti 12:15 Islamic Programme 01:30 Gaane Surey Tarunne Drama Serial: Bhalo Bashar Rang 03:45 Islamic Programme Mobarakho Mahe Ramjan 06:20 The Sword of Tipu Sultan 08:00 Drama Serial: Sharabela Pothochola 08:30 Drama Serial: Shukher Lagiya 09:00 Drama Serial: Bohemian 09:30 Drama Serial: Tushar Rohosyo 10:40 Talk Show: Face to Face

CHANNEL 1 08:40 Shuproval Bangladesh Cartoon 10:30 Bangla Feature Film Ramjaner Swad 02:00 Drama Serial: Daar Kaak 04:00 Rupantor Golpo Eid Bazar 04:30 Magferater Mash Romjan 05:10 Saaj Bela 06:30 Top News 06:45 Jonotar Ishthir Ramjaner Swad 07:00 Drama Serial: Ghughur Basha 09:00 Drama Serial: Kanone Kustum Koli Amar Nayokera

ICC Trophy 2006 On BTV at 2:30pm Bangladesh Vs West Indies Live from Jaipur. Includes images of a cricketer and a woman.

Banglavisision 10:00 Bangla Feature Film 02:30 Rastro Bonam Eka 03:00 Amader Ranna Ghar 03:30 Music Rhythm 04:00 Dehser Pathay 04:00 Get Sit Fit 05:00 Itar Programme 06:25 Diner Sheshey 06:40 Amader Ranna Ghar 08:10 Drama Serial: Gourouchondrica 09:20 Media Bhuban 09:50 Drama Serial: Hashuli Begumer Upokotha 08:30 Shree Ganesh 02:30 Spiritual Telebrands Tele Shopping 09:30 Charbusters Music 10:00 Music Mantra Music 10:30 Music Beats Music 11:00 Crime Patrol Others 11:30 Contd. Contd. 12:00 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Drama 12:30 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama 01:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama 01:30 Kabhie To Nazar Milao Drama 02:00 Risshton Ki Dor Drama 02:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama 03:00 Maitnee - Sanam Teri Kasam Movie 03:30 Contd. Movie 06:00 Contd. Contd. 07:30 Music Beats Music 08:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama 08:30 Kaajjal - Sabbki Ankhon Mein Basi Drama 09:00 Ek Ladki Anjaani Si Drama 09:30 Aisa Des Hai Mera Drama 10:00 Thodi Khushi Thode Gham Drama

PICK OF THE DAY Shukher Lagiya On ATN Bangla at 8:30pm Drama Serial Cast: Fazlur Rahman Babu, Mukti. Includes images of the main cast members.

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10:30 Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa Dance 11:00 Contd. Dance 11:30 Cid Thriller/ Horror 12:00 Cid Contd. STAR PLUS 08:30 Kyun Hota Hai Pyarr V First Day First Show-Starplus 09:00 V Trailers - Star Plus 09:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus 10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom 11:30 Karm Apna Apna V First Day First Show-Starplus 12:00 Bolly V - Star Plus 12:30 Resham Dankh 01:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 01:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 02:00 Bhabhi 02:30 Kesar 03:00 Saarthi 03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 04:00 Kahini To Hoga Karm Apna Apna 05:00 Prithviraj Chauhan V Trailers - Star Plus 05:55 V First Day First Show-Starplus 06:00 Mum Tum Aur Hum 06:25 Bolly V - Star Plus 06:30 Buzz On Maggie 07:00 Timon And Pumba 07:30 Hatim 08:30 Antariksh 09:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay 09:30 Viraasat 10:00 Karm Apna Apna 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

Bahu Thi 11:30 Kahini To Hoga Paraya Dhan HBO 08:15 Breakin' All The Rules 10:00 A Kiss Before Dying 12:00 Bird on a Wire 02:15 Everyday People 04:30 Trancers 4: Jack of Swords 05:30 Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King 09:30 The Skeleton Key 11:30 Carnivale 23: Outside New Canaan 12:45 Carnivale 24: New Canaan, CA STAR MOVIES 08:45 Held Up 10:15 Anything Else 12:00 Hidalgo 02:15 Arrangement, The 03:50 Triumph, The 05:25 Rapid Fire 07:00 Avp: Alien Vs. Predator Sharkman 08:45 STAR WORLD 09:00 The Drew Carey Show 09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 10:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak 11:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak 11:30 One Tree Hill 12:30 Ghost Whisperer 01:30 Knight Rider 02:30 Oprah Winfrey Show The Bold And The Beautiful 04:30 General Hospital 05:30 Monk 06:30 The Simpsons 07:00 Cheers

07:30 Friends 08:00 Seinfeld 08:30 Ed 09:30 Boston Legal 10:30 J.A.C. 11:30 Seinfeld 12:00 Friends DISCOVERY CHANNEL 08:30 Wild Discovery 09:30 Honey We're Killing The Kids 10:30 Baby Story 11:00 Runway Moms 11:30 Deadliest Catch 12:30 Body Basics 01:30 Africa Week 02:30 Detective Stories 03:30 Dinosaur Planet 04:30 Wild Discovery 05:30 Science Frontiers 06:30 Junkyard Wars 07:30 Africa Week 08:30 Deadliest Catch 09:30 Anatomy Of a Formula One Team 10:30 One Step Beyond 11:00 Building The Ultimate 11:30 Perfect Disaster NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 08:30 Big Bang - S 7 09:00 Nat Geo Junior 10:00 Nat Geo Wild 10:30 Snakes 11:30 Is It Real? 12:30 Earthpulse 01:30 Truth Files 02:30 Totally Wild 03:30 Wild Safari 03:30 Unwind 04:00 More Weddings & Funerals 04:30 Big Bang - S 7 05:00 Nat Geo Junior 06:00 Nat Geo Wild