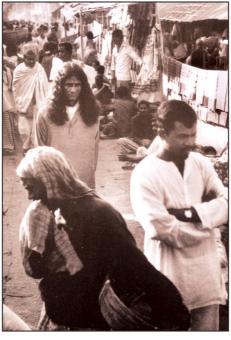
In quest of the bohemian guru, SM Sultan





way, were symbols of an inner strength, which

was the source of their constant struggle

Again, his paintings presented a bird's eve

view so that one can see the farmer, his land

with the domestic animals, trees, rivers,

On the zoo that Sultan made at Norail. on

the banks of the river Chitra, Mamun says that

they contained a bear, a monkey, various

types of birds and dogs along with snakes,

which went about free. During an exhibition in

his village, poet Jasimuddin was the chief

quest. Jasimuddin felt something cold and

soft on his feet and on examination found a

snake. The surprised people cried out at

which SM Sultan said that they would not

harm people. Sultan caught the snakes and

put them in a box. He had no windows or

doors in his room; he used hurricanes for light

boats, birds and fish," adds Mamun.



Photographs of SM Sultan by Nasir Ali Mamun

and drank water from the river. "While people kept books and gift items on

wall racks, he kept his pet animals and birds, continues Mamun. He woke up to the cry of his pet birds, as he kept no watch or clock. When he went for days on end to photograph his subject, Mamun was compelled to spend the night on a mat on the floor with the strange creatures. To the curiosities that surrounded SM Sultan, Mamun added that the artist always wore a wild flowing black cloak that had been gifted to him by artist Sadequair from Pakistan, who was his student

Theatre

Palakar readies Tagore's 'Dakghar'

ERSHAD KAMOL

Palakar, a theatre troupe, which has been performing 'studio theatre', an intimate theatre performance staged for a limited audience at its lab for the last three years, is producing Tagore's clas-

Young director Shamim Sagor has his own interpretation of the play. The presentation style of Dakahar is not like a conventional Tagore play. The storyline is simple, with a rather strong undercurrent. It is full of narratives and imagination. A young boy, Amal, is condemned to seclusion and inactivity because of ill health. He makes a new world for himself, through his imagination and insatiable curiosity, and the passersby link the outside world to him. When a new post office opens in the village, Amal believes the King will send him a letter.

On visualising the narratives through 'studio theatre', Shamim Sagor said. "Through background music and choreography, I'm planning to handle the central character Amal's world of dreams. It's not easy. I've developed the



Actors of Palakar rehearsing for the play

'scene makings' through improvisation. Support from all of the nine actors has made it possible.'

Though Dakghar is the second studio theatre production directed by him, Sagor hopes that the performance of the play will attract the viewers. He claims that the promising actors in the play are enthusias

tic and deliver credible perfor mances. Aminur Rahman Mukul is the

stage designer of Dakghar. Palakar will stage Dakahar on the second week of November at its

Shabana Azmi gets Gandhi **Peace Prize**



Shabana Azmi

Bollywood actor and former Rajya Sabha MP Shabana Azmi received the coveted Gandhi Foundation International Peace Award 2006 for her noteworthy two-decade struggle for slum dwellers through her movement 'Nivara Hakk'.

Shabana, while receiving the award at the House of Commons on October 26, said she was humbled by the honour whose previous ents include the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, among others.

"It is a great honour that somehow my name can be linked to Mahatma Gandhi," she added.

Speaking on non-violence, the actor said, "Violence should be discarded not just on high moral ground but on the reality that it does not work. It only spirals downwards. The greatest lesson from the father of the nation is that he was capable **CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT** of standing up against an adversary, while recognising his rights." A member of the executive com-

mittee of the Foundation, Omar Hayat, said, "The Foundation generally gives the awards to unsung heroes. But the trustees felt the dedication Shabana has shown was very much in line with Gandhi's teaching of 'Satyagraha'. The trustees also recognise her work for communal harmony."

The actor's struggle for slum dwellers has now resulted in the construction of 30,000 homes under a tripartite agreement among the charity, a private builder and the Maharashtra government.

The Gandhi Foundation, presided over by Gandhi director Sir Richard Attenborough, will celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Mahatma's birth in 2009.

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TV Watch

FAYZA HAQ

ASIR Ali Mamun, a veteran photogra-

pher, has brought out seven books on

photography, including Guru on one

Bangladeshi masters SM Sultan.

Mamun began his journey with Legendary

faces. Gunter Grass discovers Dhaka was his

second attempt. The next book was Ahmed

Sofa's Shomoy. He then went on to edit

Shotoborsher Jasimuddin. Ghor Nai is a book

on the homeless, which presents interviews

of people in far-flung districts, where he

maintains the local dialect while writing.

Camerar Kobi is an autobiography. His last

Talking about the Guru, Mamun says that

though Sultan's paintings are familiar among

people, he remains shrouded in mystery.

book is on poet Shamsur Rahman.

'Kotha Chhilo Anyorokom' on BTV



Mahfuz and Tarin in the play

Telefilm Kotha Chhilo Anyorokom will be aired today at 3:30pm on BTV. The film features Mahfuz, Tarin, Apurbo and Tomalika in central roles. Kotha Chhilo... is written by Rownok Hasan and directed by Chayanika Chowdhury. Kotha Chhilo Anyorokom is a tragic romance. In

the film Tarin plays the role of a journalist who was once deeply in love with an engineer, played by Mahfuz. One day Tarin is stunned by the news that Mahfuz died in a bomb blast. Images of her past with him surfaces and she decides to delve into the

Many are aware that Sultan lived with birds

and animals in a village. "He used to have

snakes, badgers, frogs, ravens and wild hen

as his pets. I have brought in his bohemian life

in my pictures and depicted the birds and

animals that he chose to live with. He had no

following of his own. His life was a controver-

sial one. His paintings were very different from

that of his contemporaries like Zainul Abedin

and Quamrul Hassan. He made paints and

canvases of his own from items available in

the villages. Unfortunately sometimes they

were ruined with time, like his paintings of the

"He believed that our farmers and fisher-

men were the source of strength of the coun-

try and so he portraved them with bulging

muscles when in reality they were often faced

with floods and famines. These muscles, in a

late '70s and '80s.'

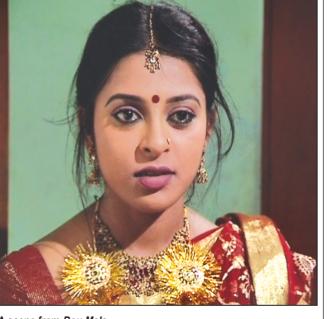
Special play 'Bou Mela' on ATN Bangla

Written and directed by Mannan Hira, the play Bou Mela is a tale of a newly married couple living in a village whose parents do not allow them to live together. They have to stay with their

parents. However the father of the girl manages to bring the boy to his house the day before Eid. The boy comes to the house at night without letting anybody know and spends a happy night with his wife. Together they dream of a happy life but situation is not exactly easy for

Arman Parvez Ahsanul Haq Minu, Jyotsna Biswas and Reena Ferdousi among others stars in the play.

The play will be aired today at 8:50pm on ATN



A scene from Bou Mela

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

All programmes are in local time The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the program

News Bulletin

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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

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

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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 Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm.

Every hour on the hour

Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm. 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 **BBC WORLD**

BTV

Selected Programm Shanghbad Poterer Pata Theke 11:30 Bangla Feature Film Tele Film: Kotha

Chhilo Onno Rokom

06:30 Drama: Swapno Shukher Asha 08:30 Drama: Aboshar Nibash

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10:25

Amader Gaan 08:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Grameenphone Tele Film: Kotha

Chhilo... Tele Film: Osman Goni Chade Jabe Musical Programme

Moner Moto Gaan Drama: Kobita Naki Coffee Drama: Shongsharer

Tuki Taki

ATN BANGLA

Programme: Shukh Shantir Roithokkhana Tele Film: Shahoshi Manush Chai

02:40 Tele Film: Swapno 05:10 Batexpo Night-2006 Drama: Otopor

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Pari Ki 11:30 Nupurer Jhankar 12:05 **USA Concert**

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11:25 Din Darpan

Tele Film: Ochena Akash Lichhu Chor NG Short Show Case Drama: Baro Bhuter

Puppet Drama: Na Aktel Hip Hip Hurrah

01:05 Muktangon K Tahare Chinite

Children's Play:

Film: Ontorjatra

CHANNEL 1

05:15 06:00 06:45 08:15 Kechha

Kobita Naki Coffee On Channel i at 7:50pm Special Play

Cast: Alamgir, Subarna Mustafa, Sanjida Priti 09:30 Baul Fusion 1

10:50 Baul Fusion 2 **BANGLAVISIO**

08:40 Shubho Shokal 09:00 Natok Theke Gaan 10:00 Musical Programme 11:00 Drama: Shomudrey Shontrash

Drama: Hotath Ajmoi Hossain Ichhey Puron Express 04:00 Tumi Je Amar Kobita

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HBO 08:30 White Chicks Escape From Mars 10:45 12:30 Resident Evil: Apocalypse Harry and The 02:30

Hendersons

The Land Before

Time IX: Journey to

04:45

06:15 Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow 08:30 10:45 Collateral 01:15 House of 1000 Corpses

10:30

Talk Show

Story Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow

The Cowboy Way The Perfect Husband: The Laci Peterson

Rendezvous with Simi Garewal

STAR MOVIES The Ladykillers

The Ticket

On Star World at 10:00pm Tonight's guest: Aishwarya Rai Kingdom Of Heaver Flatliners Dodgeball: A True **Underdog Story**

05:05 Princess Diaries 2. The 07:00 Robots I. Robot 08:35

STAR WORLD Hogan's Heroes 09:30 Get Smart

The Bold And The Beautiful 12:30 That 70s Show 01:00 **Everybody Loves**

Raymond 01:30 Scrubs 02:00 The Simpsons Criss Angel 09:00 Mindfreak 10:00 Rendezvous With Sim

Garewal

Criminal Minds

Law & Order

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NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC** Buzz On Maggie

10:30 Serious Amazon 11:00 Dogs With Jobs 11:30 Nat Geo Junior 12:00 Nat Geo Junior 12:30 Expeditions To The

01:30 Ultimate Adventure

Wild! Life Adventure 02:30 03:30 The Living Edens Dawn Of The Maya

The Vanishing

Travel! Nat Geo

7x1

Tattoo 06:30 Wild Safari Shivav 07:30 Wild 08:30 Sunday Night **Chart Busters** Special Music Mantra Nat Geo Investigates Music Beats terrorism Cadburys Bournvita Nat Geo Utsav **Quiz Contest**

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Thoda Sa Aasma

Current Bollywood

Ankhon Mein Basi

Sunday Matinee - Kahi

Pyar Na Ho Jave

Music Beats

Music Mantra

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Hindustan

Current Bollywood

Blockbuster - Raja

Kaajjal - Sabbki

Boogie Woogie

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CHANNEL

08: 30 Wild Discovery 09:30 Discover India 10:30 Destination India 11:30 **Great Moghuls** 12:00 Discovery Week 12:30 Life In the Undergrowth 01:00 Discovery

Discovery Discovery Marquee 02:30 Wild Discovery Finest Hotels In The World 06:00 Discovery Week

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