

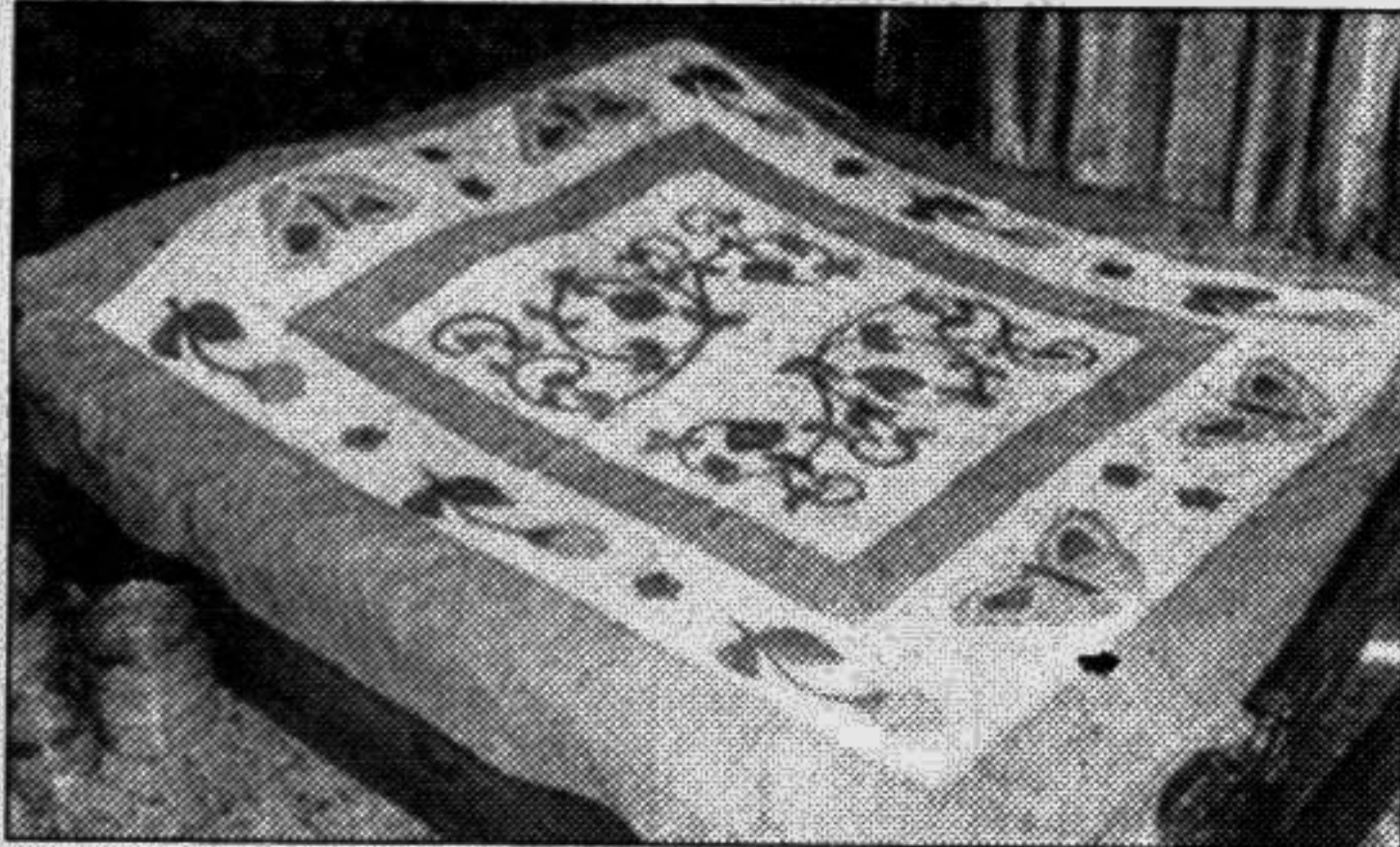
exhibition

Going Back to the Aakor

Aakor's 3-day long craft and fashion exhibition concludes

By Saima Islam

"WHAT'S in a name", wrote Shakespeare but in today's world of brand names, name seems to hold the paramount importance over everything. Aakor, an innovative boutique, has just beginning to spell its name in our fashion world. Aakor means the origin where one will find an accumulation of rich mineral. Aakor with it's beautiful collection of works surely meets the standard its name has set for it.



The boutique held a three-day long exhibition from December 12 to 14 at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka.

Aakor's exhibition was a combination of taste, sophistication and creative vision. The exhibition highlighted different types of fashion wear specially sari, salwar-kameeze, panjabi for men and various types of cloth items. Apart from the designer line the exhibition also displayed, antic applic kantha, runner, cushion cover, wall-mat and many more.

"We always use Bangladeshi

materials for our products like silk, cotton, khadi and so on", said Selina Akhter the Managing Director of Aakor also the designer of the boutique. She added, "Weaving, dress making, stitching are part of our tradition and we went back to our roots and used our natural resources to create our products. It's like going back to our origin." Thus Aakor has proved true to its name.

Selina always works with natural dye. The strong point of her designer line is block print, batik print, screen print, hand

embroidery, machine embroidery and antic applic.

Around 2000 men and women works for Aakor. Working with Aakor benefits about 1200 people in villages like, Norshingdi, Sonargaon, Madhabdi and so on. The boutique plans to expand its premises to accommodate more workers and create more jobs for people. Aakor makes export quality products as well with the assistance of USAID.

Selina has worked with Karu Palli, Aarong, Safura Silk, Midas Mini Mart and many such well-known boutiques. This year Selina has won the 3 prize from magazine Annadin in the section of Sari. Her work in the Karu Palli collection won the best award for the sari from the fortnightly Annana.

State Minister for Information Abu Sayeed inaugurated this delightful exhibition at December 12. Abdul Karim the Managing Director MIDAS attended the programme as special guests.

"Little things can bring great happiness", the saying proves true when one sees Aakor's presentation. Aakor used the small space of the Alliance Francaise and decorated it with a great sense of ballance and symetry which only adds another feather in Aakor's praise. The admiring crowds in the exhibition says the rest about the exhibition.



Shamsur Rahman appears in the magazine show Ujjal Ai Din



The Essence of Nature

Vegetable dying & printing exhibition by Rainima at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

VEGETABLE dyes slowly but surely are going to replace chemical dyes in future as people are getting environmentally conscious. Rainima, a fashion designer, uses vegetable dye to express her creativity in designing fashion wears.

A three-day long Vegetable Dying and Printing Exhibition by Rainima started at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on Saturday. This time around Rainima's creative self has found a new vehicle that is pottery, to express herself. She also has a wide collection of salwar kameez, sari and panjabi on display at the show.

According to her, she wants to express the natural beauty and grace of life in a different

perspective through designing. Artificial chemical dyes looks bland and monotonous compared to vegetable dyes. The use of natural colours instead of chemical colours also adds a new dimension in her works.

These natural colours are not harmful to health either. Natural dyes were long forgotten but is regaining its popularity mainly because it is ecologically friendly. Research is also being carried out to improve the quality of the vegetable dyes.

The raw materials used for vegetable dyeing are readily available in our country. The designed products are not very expensive either, they are popular even with the people with limited earnings. The prices are

very reasonable.

The various shades and colours of the dye gives Rainima's products a unique look. She uses the natural dyes in tie-die, block prints and hand paintings. There are also some embroidery works, especially on salwar kameez. But the colourful pottery are the best attraction of her show. They are also very reasonable in price.

Rainima thinks that every sphere of modern world is dependent on the contribution of nature. She believes deeply in this and wants to revive our traditional heritage to update it to cater the need of the time. As this is widely available in our country, she hopes that there won't be great problems to pursue her dream.



in preview

Channel i Celebrates the Victory Day with Special Drama

CHANNEL i will air special drama Bhorer Katha Mala on December 16. The play is written by Giasuddin Selim. It is an adaptation from the original story by Rabeya Khatun. Sheikh Niamat Ali directed the drama. The play stars Tania Ahmed, Shams Shumon, Jahid Hossain Shobhan Sirajul Islam, Jayanta Chattayapadhaya, Minu Rahman, Pantha Reja and many more.

Synopsis: 1971. In the midst of all the chaos, Mishti takes the charge of the household which needs a guardian after their father's death. She loves her colleague Ayan. Bristi is the younger sister of Mishti. Jami is their cousin and he helps Bristi with her studies. Bristi loves Jami. The situation of the country is getting worse.



Mishti's boss wants to leave the country. He wants to take Ayan with him. Ayan is surprised at his proposal. Ayan wants to marry Mishti. Meanwhile Sikandar, a non-Bengali, loves Bristi. He threatens Jami on the road one day. After the black night of 25th March the torture on the Bengalis increase. Jami's residence is raided and he flees from his place and saves his life. Mishti's grandfather comes from the village to take them to the safety. But when they are getting ready to leave the house, Sikandar comes and blocks their way.

Ujjal Ai Din on Channel i

Channel i will air the Magazine Programme Uzzal Ai Din commemorating the Victory Day. The programme will show a recitation from the eminent

poet Shamsur Rahman, who will recite *Shadhinata Tumi Ashbe Bole* Jayanta Chattayapadhaya will recite *Shadhinata Tumi*. Rathindranath will sing the song, *Chasha Muteder Majurer*. The programme is hosted by Praga Labani and Kazi Arif and directed by Shapna Reja.

Hangar Nadi Grenade on Channel i

On December 16 channel i will air a feature film Hangar Nadi Grenade, a film based on our liberation war. The story by Selina Hossain and the screen play by Chashi Nazrul Islam. Starring Shohel Rana, Shuchurita, Sajjad Hossain, Dodul, Aruna Biswas, Rajib, Miju Ahmed, Nasir Khan, Imran and many more.

Synopsis: The film tells the story of Buri and her bravery

during the liberation war. Everyone thinks her to be good for nothing. When she grows up she is married off to a dying old man. Now her life is centered on the children from her husband's first marriage. In time she has a child of her own. Her husband dies. When her child grows up she realizes her child is mentally retarded. The country falls into the terrible time of the war. Her husband's children go to the war. One day the Pakistani military gets the information that the Mukti Jhoddhas have taken shelter in Buri's house. They attack Buri's house. Buri sends her retarded child to face the bullet of the Pakistani soldiers to save the Mukti Jhoddhas.

(Compiled by Cultural Correspondent)



Tania Ahmed appears in Bhorer Kathamala

TV Guide

Wednesday 15th December

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

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News
6:30 Hardtalk 7:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report
8:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report
9:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 Hardtalk 11:30 Talking Movies 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 News 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 World News 2:30 Reporters 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living 5:00 BBC The World Today 6:30 Reporters 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 Radical Highs 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hardtalk 10:00 BBC World Living: Film India Talk (Anchor: Victor Banerjee) 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Focus: Holiday 12:00 The World Today 1:30 World Focus: Hardtalk 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: Top Gear 4:30 Europe Direct 6:00

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 Tea With [V] 8:00 Virtual [V] 8:30 Tea With [V] 9:00 [V] Job Shop 9:30 Tea With [V] 10:00 [V] Line Lagoo 10:30 [V] Hit Machine 12:45 Weekend Bheja Fry 1:00 [V] First Day First Show 1:30 [V] Hit Machine 2:30 V2K Top 100 3:00 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 Tea With [V] 5:00 Virtual [V] 5:30 Tea With [V] 6:00 [V] Gone India 6:30 Tea With [V] 7:00 [V] Line Lagoo 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 V2K Top 100 9:00 [V] Hit Machine 9:30 First Day First Show 10:30 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 Late Night [V] VJ Laila (N) 11:00 [V] Whazzatnoise 11:30 Late Night [V] 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 TVC Sky Shopping 10:00 Good Morning India 12:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garewal 12:30 TVC Sky Shopping 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Sansar 2:00 Hindi Serial: Main 2:30 Daily Sopa: Swabhiman 3:00 Hera Pheri 3:30 LG Is Duniya Ke Sitare 4:00 Love My India 4:30 Robocop 5:00 Doogie Howser 5:30 Lassie 6:00

BBC Newsdesk Inc. World Business Report/24 Hours
Small Wonders 6:30 Daily Sopa: Maal Hai To Taa Hai 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Say Cheese 8:30 Hindi Serial: Zara Hatke Zara Bachke 9:00 Hindi Serial: Dhund 9:30 Star News (English) 10:00 3-2-1 - Advertising Agencies 10:30 Picture This - Original Superstar Rajesh Khanna 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 Star Talk 12:00 Star News 12:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:00 Brittas Empire 1:30 Space Island One 2:30 Love Joy 3:30 Series: Tropical Heat 4:30 Media TV 5:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

STAR WORLD

6:00 Aerobics Oz Style 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Martin Short Show 8:00 Sorry! 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 Series- JAG 10:00 John Woo's Once A Thief 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Series: NYPD Blue 1:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:30 Fashion TV 2:00 Martin Short Show 3:00 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 3:30 Happy Days 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Sky World News 5:00 AsiaNews Update 5:05 World Business Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 Series: Buffy The Vampire Slayer 7:00 Ally McBeal

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Action: Three Fugitives 9:30 Comedy: Susie Q 11:30 Drama: Great Expectations PG 5:00 Action: Criminal Affairs 3:30 Action: Marshal Law 5:30 Family: Monkey Trouble (PG) 7:30 Comedy: Of Beat 9:30 E! BTS 10:00 Double Bill: Tommy Lee Jones-Blown Away 12:15 Double Bill: Tommy Lee Jones- Heaven And Earth 3:15 Drama: Great Expectations PG 5:00 Comedy: Susie Q

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Rishiprasad 8:30 Chartbusters 9:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapna Ka 9:30 Music Mantra 10:00 Rang Birangee 10:30 Kanyadaan 11:00 Alpavram 11:30

Bhanwar 12:00 Movers & Snakers 12:30 Chartbusters 1:00 The Good Home Show 1:30 Music Mantra 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapna Ka 3:00 Aurat (Daily Sopa) 3:30 Cine-Matine Film: Dastaan (Dilip Kumar, Sarmila Tagore, Prem Chopra) 7:30 Music Mantra 8:00 Chartbusters 8:30 Family No. 1 9:00 Hum Sab Ek Hain 9:35 Just Mohabbat 10:05 Serial: CID 10:40 Movers & Shakers 11:10 Ek Mahal Ho Sapna Ka (Daily Sopa) 11:45 Junoon (Daily Sopa) 12:15 Ramayan 1:00 Dil Vil Pyar Vyar 1:30 Choti Se Asha 2:00 Chartbusters 2:30 Music Mantra 3:00 Aurat (Daily Sopa) 3:30 Cine Nite Show-Hindi Feature Film: Man Mauji

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

12:30 New Sanctuaries 1:00 Oceans of Mystery 1:30 Boys Toys 2:00 Movie Magic 3:00 Gen Legends 3:30 Discovery Profile Series 4:30 Ultrascience 5:00 Medical Detectives 5:30 Beyond 2000 6:00 Splat 6:30 Equinox 7:30 Travellers 8:30 Ushuaia 9:30 Eyewitness 10:00 ESPU 11:00 Blue Water Dreaming 11:30 In Care of Nature

12:00 Animals in Danger 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Ultrascience 2:00 Medical Detectives 2:30 Discovery Magazine 3:30 Travellers 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 So You Want To Be? 7:00 Splat 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Hunters 9:30 Boys Toys 10:30 Uncharted Africa 11:30 Lands of Legends 12:30 Discovery Profile Series

CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 The Real Adventure of Johnny 7:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 8:30 Perils Of Penelope 9:00 Josie & Pussycat 9:30 Drink The Little 10:00 Flintstone Kids 10:30 Richie Rich 11:00 Top Cat 11:30 Captain Planet 12:00 Scooby Doo 12:30 The Cartoon Grand Prix 1:30 Fantastic Max 2:00 Crocodile 2:30 The New Scooby Doo Movies 3:30 Sky Commanders 4:00 Centurions 4:30 Swats Kats 5:00 Ninja Robots 5:30 Flintstones 6:00 Top & Jerry Kids 6:30 Crocodile 7:00 The Mask 7:30 Dexters Laboratory 7:45 Whats A Cartoon! Show 8:00 The Addams Family 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show

STAR NEWS

7:30 Breakfast News (Eng) 8:00 Breakfast News (Hindi) 9:30 Star News (Eng) 2:00 Star News (Hindi) 2:30 Party Political 3:30 Your Call (Hindi) 4:30 Star News (Eng) 5:00 Party Online 6:00 Star News (Hindi) 6:30 Star News (Eng) 7:00 Small Talk 7:30 Eye To Eye 8:00 Sawal Aap Ke 8:30 Nationwide 9:30 Star Samachar 10:00 Star Business News 10:20 Sports Update 10:30 Star News Hour 11:30 Newsmakers 12:00 Star News (Hindi) 12:10 Star Business News (R) 1:00 Star News (Hindi) 6:30 Breakfast News (Eng)

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeदन Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Zee Business (Rpt) 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Zara Has Ke- Hai Zindagi 9:00 Zara Has Ke- Filmi Chakkar 9:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Hello Friends 11:30 Guldaste 12:00 Neeyat 12:30 Zaike Ka Safari 1:00 Zanjerein 1:30 Naye Nazrane 2:00 Daily Sopa- Hum Paanch 2:30 Mausam 3:00 Daily Sopa- Raahat 3:30 Cinema Hits- HF Film: My Love (Shashi Kapoor,

Sharmila) 6:30 Ek Nazar 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 8:00 Knock Knock Kaun Hai 8:25 Hip Hip Hurray 9:00 Waaris 9:30 Naya Zamana 10:00 Suspense Hour (Drama) 11:00 Aangan 11:30 Raahat 12:00 Amanat 12:30 Rishty 1:30 Nagin 2:00 Zee News 2:30 Hello Friends 3:00 Hindi Feature Film: Shabnam

DD METRO

7:00 Stay Fit 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:45 Business Aaj Tak 8:00 Good Morning Today 8:30 The First Edition 9:00 Serial: Ret Pe Likhe Naam 9:30 Current Affairs Prog 10:00 Serial: Nirnay 10:30 Serial: Saat Raang Sharat Ki Sang 11:00 Naya 11:30 Sopa- Kismat 12:30 UTS Shopping 1:00 Live: Challenge The Master 1:30 Rajdhani Se 2:30 Daily Sopa- Bandhan 2:45 Samachar. The News - English, Urdu (Serial) 3:00 The Resturant Show 3:30 Hindi Cinema Show 6:00 Nam Kahe Kahani 6:30 Tom & Jeri 7:00 Heads & Tels 7:30 Saangeet Anand 7:50 Entertainment Now/Cinema Cinema 8:00 Yeh Teri Ghar 8:30 Naya 9:00 Didi Ka Dulha (Serial) 9:30 Sher Mere Yaar (Serial) 10:00 Pa-dosan (Serial) 10:30 Aaj Taak (News) 11:05 Hello Zindagi 11:30 TBA 12:00

Series- Crime Busters- Drriek (Under-run Closed) 1:00 Hindi Film DD Int'l

DD CHANNEL-1

(National) 5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought Of The Day 6:00 Dv Music: Aradhana 6:30 For The Universities UGC Programmes 7:00 UGC Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 8:30 Business 8:45 The News 9:00 Suba Sabera 9:30 Serial: Palsha 10:00 UGC Programmes 10:30 Serial: Tarang 11:30 Serial: Kamyab 12:30 Serial: Tulsi 1:30 Serial: In-tezaur Aur Sahi 1:30 Serial: Waqt Ki Raftar 2:30 News In Hindi 2:40 News In English 2:50 Serial: Roop Suhane/Deewar 3:00 Serial: Aap Ki Shanti 3:30 Serial: Sun-hera Pal 4:00 Tea Time Monoranjan 4:30 Anjuman: Serial 5:00 Live Show 5:30 Weekly Sports 6:00 Programme On Environment 6:15 Serial: Rang 6:30 Kala Parikrama 7:05 Rural Woman 7:30 Samachar 8:00 Serial: Ajab Ajooba 3:25 Chitralha 9:00 Samachar 9:32 Serial: Maya 10:00 Serial: Aawaz Ki Duniya 10:30 TBA 11:02 Kachi Raah-ein 11:32 Serial: Itihaas 12:02 Telebrand Show (Underrun Closed)