# Culture

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# documentary Depicting the Plight of the Homeles of Space, Objects and Body Recommendations

have been shifted to is miserable.

Lack of sanitation is one of the

major problems in most of the new

abodes set up. Interference by mastaans and local influential also

affect the people trying to set up a

new life here. Some victims have

been interviewed who describe the

to show the real picture of the living

directed the documentary is a

journalist. He also directed the

noted Rabiul Nirbashonay in 1987.

Back to Home has been made by

on a 4-part teleserial titled Nai

Telephone, Naire Peon which is also

Mahabub is at present working

condition of these slum dwellers.

The documentary film has tried

Mahabub Alam who has

miseries besetting them.

Grameen Tele Media.

'Mahabub Alam's Back to Home depicts the plight of the people rehabilitated from city's slums under different social projects.

programme. Out of the slum dwell-

programme' of the slum dwellers.

The number of such jobless and

shelter less people in capital city and

in other district towns is increasing

day by day. This group of people

usually takes shelter at government

vacant lands, beside the railway

stations and launch terminals and

abandoned houses, where slums are

developed. A large number of this

the documentary

landless and shelter less people

have also taken shelter the city after

The documentary shows the plight of the people rehabilitated at

Aukpara of Savar and Panisail of

Gazipur. The people rehabilitated in

these places have found the means

and ways to live. Cottage industry,

fishing, sewing and other works

have showed them the path to stand

on their foot. Four thousand people

at Aukpara and two thousand people

at Panisail have so far been rehabili-

the liberation of the country.

From the Cultural Desk

HE problem of homeless Sangha) is carrying on their rehabilpeople in the city is not a itation activities in 27 district towns new one. Different including the capital city through its natural calamities lead to accumu-178 branches. Prime Minister lation of floating people in the city Sheikh Hasina handed over who come to the metropolitan in cheques among some slum dwellers search of a livelihood

This problem has been discussed many times and different



# The maker: Mahabub Alam projects have also been undertaken

to solve the problem A new documentary has been

made on the situation of these people and the progress of the projects undertaken to mitigate their problem. The documentary titled Back to Home has been directed by Mahabub Alam and explores the plight of the poor people stuck in urban areas for a living.

Dhaka was once called 'The City of Mosques.' Later it became more popularly known as 'City of Rickshaws' at home and abroad. Right now, perhaps its better known as Dhaka- the city of Traffic Jam. Nowa-days Dhaka has also achieved the title of city of slums.' About 40 per cent of the one core people who live here live in the metropolitan city reside in slums'. The government has taken up a rehabilitation programme of the slum dwellers, "Gharey phera" alongside the eviction scheme from slums that are mushrooming in the city,

The documentary traces the work ongoing in these sectors. Some organisations of the slum dwellers have taken up rehabilitation programmes for the slum residents as private initiative alongside the

government sponsored 'Asrayan' ers' organisations Bashtuhara Samaj Kalyan Samity Sheba at the beginning of this year at the Osmani Memorial Hall Dhaka to encourage the 'Gharey Phera The documentary shows the lakhs of people are rendered shelterless after having been lost their belongings in the frequent natural calamities, erosion of the rivers and through the activities of the mahajans and influential people of the society. These people come to towns in search of work and shelter.

Nawajesh Ali Khan speaks at the launching of 'Gharey Phera

which is an appreciable task. Bastuhara Samaj Kalyan Samity organised a grand rally at Paltan Maidan on the occasion of World Habitat Day where slum dwellers of Dhaka City and adjoining areas attended. Central leaders of Bashtuhara Samai Kalvan Samity (Sheba Sangha) President M A Żaman, Mostafa Patwari, intellec-

tual and writer Sirajuddin Ahmed, Shecchashebak League leader Abdul Mannan Kochi, student leader Mamun and others spoke at the rally. The speakers at the rally called upon the people of all classes to come forward for rehabilitation of the millions of slum dwellers.

The fact that the relocation of these poor people is not the last leg of rehabilitation is what is emphasised in this documentary. produced by Grameen Tele Media. Life in most of the new places they



An exhibition, that redefines traditional photography logic, opens at city's Drik Gallery today

# **By Muneera Parbeen**

Photography Exhibition titled Space-Object-Body Curated by Thomas Luttge of Germany opens at the Drik Gallery in the city today.

The photographs on show at the exhibition are the results of a workshop held at Baroda in India recently.

The subject matter of the workshop included such conceptions as relating to space-object-body, which relate to a theme that is open and beyond cultures. It implies such a setting to which the Indian participants could relate easily, which yet would produce work far different from the mainstream concepts. It would be visual, yet emotional at the same time.

of preoccupations may sound a little hard to grasp, but actually underlies the freedom to be able to capture such moments as comes fleeting to the mind in a frenzy of activities, or even stillness. Luttge's workshop was thus seemingly simple, and yet complicated in its concepts and form of concentration. But on viewing the end results of

his workshop, it becomes clear that the so seemingly non-sensible theme turns into the concrete celebration of time and space, so visually Indian, and yet so fleetingly different in their perceptions. The pictures based on this free hand perception of different photographers at the end frame concrete visual and subjective stills.

The results are enigmatic. The pictures depict parts of limbs, the hands or feet or other parts of the body, in the seemingly free boundary of space, and yet each one is sensual in their presentation of a time-space frame. On a closer look, the pictures reveal bodies alone, or in association of objects that transform a variety of emotions in the collection of their being.

A picture of a girl dancing (twirling around) in a dark corridor for example is a very catching still of time. The picture shows the movement of her dress which still seems to be on the move, while he light and shadow on the girl's body reveal different parts in clear definition of existence. This perhaps is one of the clearer examples of the Space-Object-Body theme. Another still of a pair of hands in glimmering light. symbolises the union of space and

**STAR MOVIES** 

7:30 Drama: Falling

Down (PG) 9:30

Drama: Keys To Tulsa

(15) 11:30 Action:

Inner Action (15)

1:15 Drama: A Simple

Twist of Fate (PG)

3:15 Drama: Rising

Sun (15) 5:45 Drama:

Naked Frailties (15)

7:45 Drama:

Manhunter (15)

10:00 Drama: A

Simple Twist of Fate

(PG) 12:00 US Top

Ten 12:30

Thrillennium: Dead

Silent 1999 (15) 2:30

Saturday Late Night

Movies: Criminal



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In this way the pictures offer a synthesis of understandable elements that is caught in the imagination and creativity of the photographer's perception of its relation with the physical world.

Th viewer in his perception of a

picture is able to relate from his own

experience at some time or the other to each picture on display. These photographs thus also create a sort of communication between the picture and its viewer.

interactive paintings by Omar Zafar was inaugurated at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts on December 20. The exhibition was jointly inaugurated by Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Foreign Affairs and George Papandreou, Foreign Minister of Greece.

**Art Exhibition** 

Young Artists Exhibition of

Japan-Bangladesh, has started

at the Zainul Gallery, Institute

of Fine Arts, University of

Dhaka. The exhibition will

showcase the art works of 14

young artists, seven from

Bangladesh and seven from

Japan, till January 9, from 2

Mine, Yours,

His/Her's

An exhibition titled Mine,

Yours, His/Her's of creative

p.m. to 8 p.m. everyday.

An art exhibition, titled 1st

The exhibition has reopened after the Eid holidays on December 31 and will continue from 12 to 8p.m. till January 9.

# World Press Retrospective 2000

Chobi Mela, the First Festival of Photography in Asia was formally opened on December 15 at Bangladesh National Museum with the inauguration of the retrospective exhibition of the World Press Photo Foundation, featuring the most significant press photographs taken over the last forty-five years. Many of these photographs have become icons in world history. This exhibition is being held at Bangladesh National Museum gallery and will remain open everyday from 11:00a.m 5:00p.m. till January 5, 2001.



tated through private initiatives, A still from the new serial in making 'Nai telephone, naire peon'

6:30 Creflo Dollar,

STAR PLUS

6:30 Star Geetmala

7:30 Hit Ya Fit 8:00

Cine Jharokha 8:30

Good Morning India

(INDIA)

2:30 am

This dealing with emotions, free



Nurjahan on Ekushet TV at 6:05 pm

7:00 Mukto Khobor **EKUSHEY TV** 7:30 Ekushey News 2:00 Ekushey News 8:00 Kawwali Headlines 2:05 Ajker Programe 8:30 Bangla Potrikay 2:15 Movie 10:00 BTV Shorashori 2:40 News 10:20 Bangla Adventure Bangla-Movie (Cont) 11:00 desh 3:30 Toyota Ekushey Late Night World of Wildlife 4:00 News 11:15 Ekushey Documentary: Savage News Headlines World 5:00 To Be Confirmed 5:30 Ei Shoptaho 6:00

DISCOVERY **CHANNEL** Ekushey News Head-6:30 Animal Survivors



Outer Bounds I&II 8:00 Without Warning I 8:30 Lonely Planet V 9:30 Cafe Digital 10:00 Medical Detectives 10:30 Extreme Machines 11:30 Amazing Worlds 12:30 Wild Asia 1:30 Ultimate Bollywood News 4:00 Guide 2:30 Trauma Raja Aur Runk IV-Life in the ER 3:30

7:00 ESPU 7:30 **STAR GOLD** 



# at 3:30 pm

4:00 In Care of Nirupa Roy, Kum Nature 4:30 Decisive Weapons (I & II) 5:00 Discovery News 5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 Real Kids, Real Adventures 7:00 Splat IV 7:30 Medical Mysteries 8:30 Health Showcase 9:30 New Detectives III 10:30 Journeys to the Ends of the Earth 11:30 Trailblazers II 12:30 Medical Mysteries 1:30 Health Showcase 2:30 New Detectives III 3:30 Journeys to the Ends of the Shatrughan Sinha) Earth 4:30 Trailblaz-**STAR WORLD** ers II 5:30 Lifeline

Changing Your World 8:30 Bollywood News 7:00 World News 7:30 9:00 Sawan Ki Ghata Outback Adventure (Manoj Kumar, 8:30 The Adventures Mumtaz, Sharmila of Sinbad 9:30 The Tagore) 12:00 Geet Simpsons 10:00 The Bahar 12:30 Naya Things People Do Zamana 10:30 The Bold & The (Dharmendra, Hema Beautiful 12:00 Grace Malini) 3:30 Under Fire 12:30 TV. Com 1:00 Travel Asia 1:30 Fox Kids

Goosebumps 3:30 World Championship Wresting Nitro 5:30 Baywatch 6:30 Hercules 7:30 Xena 8:30 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World 9:30 First Wave 10:30 Water Rats 11:30 3rd Rock From the Sun 12:00 Star News 12:30 Baywatch 1:30 First Wave 2:30 Sir Arthur Conan

## Doyle's The Lost Toyota World of Wild Life on Ekushey TW World 3:30 Xena 4:30 Hercules 5:30 Key of Uncharted Africa (Sanjeev Kumar, David

Kum) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Saturday Special: Teesri Kasam (Raj Kapoor, Waheeda Rehman) 10:30 Rahein Na Rahein Hum 11:00 Raahee (Smita Patil, Sanjeev Kumar, Shatrughan Sinha) 12:30 Raahee (Cont) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Raja Aur Runk (Sanjeev Kumar, Nirupa Roy, Kum Kum) 5:30 Raahee (Smita Patil, Sanjeev Kumar,

6:00 Exalted Word

PICK OF THE DAY

**TV GUIDE** 



"Seven Years in Tibet" on HBO at 10 pm

Heinrich Harrer, an Austrian leaves his country to climb a mountain in the Himalayas. A war breaks out he is placed in a 'Prisoner Of War' camp. On escaping Heinrich and his fellow climber become the only two foreigners in the Tibetan Holy City of Lhasa. Starring Brad Pitt, BD Wong.

Gharwali Uparwali

2:00 Kabhi Kabie

Mere Ghar Mein

Bhuchaal Aata Hai

2:30 National Geo-

graphic Special 3:30

Tea Time Cinema:

6:30 Musaffir Hoon

Yaroon 7:00 Family

Fortunes 7:30 Chalti

Ka Naam Antakshiri

9:30 Fox Kids 10:30 8:30 STAR Mast

National Geographic Movies: Beqaabu

Special 11:30 I Love (Sanjay Kapoor,

**Criminal Hearts on Star Movies at** 

Hearts 1995 (15) 4:30 Drama: Naked Frail-My India 12:00 Mamta Kulkarni) Chhupa Rustom 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat ties (15) 6:30 E! Ths: 12:30 Mirch Masala Flashdance 12:00 Beqaabu 1:00 TSN 1:30



The Gulf War on BBC WORLD at 2: 10 and 6:10 pm.

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1:00 Kalash 1:30 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Sewalal Mewawala World Business 2:00 Kabhi Kabhie Report 7:00 BBC Mere Ghar Mein News 7:30 Asia Bhuchaal Aata Hai Today/World Business 2:30 Hasna Matt 3:30 Report 8:00 BBC National Geographic News 8:30 Asia Special 4:30 Musaffir Today/World Business Hoon Yaroon 5:00 Report 9:00 BBC Gharwali Uparwali News 9:30 Asia 5:30 Shrimati Today/World Business Sharma Na Kehti Thi

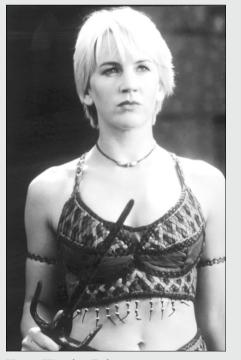
News 10:30 Hardtalk 1:30 Earth Report 11:00 BBC News 2:00 BBC News/ 11:30 Talking Movies Global Sunrise, The 12:00 BBC News Gulf War, Dancing in 12:30 Question Time The Street 3:00 BBC India 1:30 Click News 3:30 Talking Online 2:00 BBC Movies 4:00 BBC News/Royal College of News/ Royal Coll Art. Art, The Gulf War, Icaesar, Idols, Burger Dancing in The Street & King, Future War, 3:00 ввс Horizon: Ice Mum-News/Global Sunrise, mies 5:00 BBC News Royal Coll Art, Dianas 5:30 Eur Dir, USA Dir, Dresses, Dragon, Wrev Sci, Aus Dir Davos, Rock Family

Report 10:00 BBC Week 1:00 BBC

<u>CNN</u> Trees 4:00 BBC News 4:00 World Business 4:30 Holiday 5:00 Today 4:30 Inside Asia BBC News 5:30 This 5:00 CNN World View Week 6:00 BBC 5:30 Moneyline News News/Global Sunrise, Hour 6:30 World Beat The Gulf War, Danc-World News Americas ing in The Street 7:00 7:00 The Artclub 8:00 BBC News/Royal Coll Larry King Live 9:00 Art, Icaesar, Idols, World News 9:30 Burger & King, Future World Sport 10:00 War, Horizon: Ice World News 10:30 Mummies 8:00 BBC Showbiz Today 11:00 News 8:30 Click World News 11:30 Online 9:00 BBC Science and Technol-News/Global Sunrise, ogy Week 12:00 World Royal Coll Art, Dianas News 12:30 CNN Dresses, Dragon, Hotspots 1:00 World Davos, Rock Family News 1:30 World Trees 10:00 BBC Sport 2:00 World News 10:30 Hospital News 2:30 Style with ex Mastermind 11:00 Elsa Klensch 3:00 BBC News 11:30 Larry King Live (re-Talking Movies 12:00 play) 4:00 World BBC News 12:30 This



**Question Time India on BBC WORLD** at 12:30 pm



# Xena: Warrior Princes at 7:30 pm

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The Long Island Incident 5:30 Pee-Wee's Big Adventure 7:30 Cinema Secrets Ep 4: Epic Battles 8:00 Caddy Shack II 10:00 Seven Years in Tibet 12:45 Presumed Innocent 3:30 A Perfect World

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6:00 Walker's World 7:00 Heart of Courage 8:00 Grander Musashi RV 9:00 Silk Stalkings VI/Pink Elephant 10:00 Beastmaster II 11:00 World Most Amazing Video II 12:00 Pensacola III/Tip of the Spear 1:00 Movie: Deadfall 3:00 Silk

Stalkings VI/Three 6:30 The Enemy Weeks of the Condor Within 8:30 Wag The 4:00 Grander Dog 10:30 Riders of Musashi RV 5:00 the Purple Sage 12:30