

## photography

## Photos to Promote Tourism

Photography exhibition entitled *Bhramaney Bangladesh* now being held at Alliance Francaise gallery

By Fayza Haq

A photography exhibition on tourism is being held at the Alliance Francaise. The features works of 16 photographers including Subimol Das Swapan, Chanchal Mahmood, Candar Shekhar, Abdul Majid, and Anisur Rahman. This included pictures of the seaside, forests in the tribal area, historical ruins, scenes of the metropolis and portraits of tribal people.

Ashraf Ghani from the Bangladesh Tourism Expansion Forum explains, "Our objectives are to encourage people to travel and to develop eco-friendly tourism culture; to explore Bangladesh in context of local, traditional, cultural, historical and natural background; to identify the problems and opportunities of tourism in Bangladesh; to highlight the unexplored and multidimensional aspects of tourism in Bangladesh; to encourage private initiatives of overall upgrading of tourism in Bangladesh; to identify the ways for developing alternative tourism and to ensure the participation of more foreign tourists".

He adds, "Man being curious, always wants to get the flavour of the unseen and unknown which gives him great pleasure after the constant din and bustle of every day life. A new place can relieve the monotony of one's existence and fill one mind with joy. Tourism means roaming from place to place and getting oneself enriched with new experience and excitement."

"Nowadays tourism with its multidimensional aspects is not merely a process of travelling but has got the recognition as profitable industrial sector. At the national level its role is worth mentioning for economic upgrading and removing of unemployment."



Untitled by Chanchal Mahmood



Hilarity of Juveniles by Hasibur Reza Kallol

ment while it contributes to building up of relations between people throughout the world. Compared to other countries, even our neighbours, we are lagging behind in this industry."

"We hope that our people, through the exploration of the country, will develop an eco friendly culture in Bangladesh and that in the near future, more foreign tourists will visit Bangladesh."

Chanchal Mahmood in one of his photographs presents the sea in black, red and yellow and brings the hills at the back and in the front, with the water in between. Trees and grass grow in the front. This is a delightful combination of peaceful and soothing colours and this would certainly attract people to come to Bangladesh. His other entry shows a boat surrounded by water that is dappled pink and gray. There are trees and bushes at the side and back. Clouds and the water are also brought in gold and gray. Black and brown bring in the boat and fishermen.

Another of Chanchal's boats are caught in a zigzag pattern on the paper. These are long houseboats carrying people along with other small boats. The water is still and a grayish pink. The boats are seen as black and pink while some of them have touches of blue. There is a bit of the land included along with the water. The roofs and bodies of the boats predominate. His other photograph shows a woman standing in the water, catching fish in a huge net suspended from the top. The water around her is a shimmering gold splash which turns to gray and blue at the back. The reflection of the dove coloured clouds add to the charm of the presentation. Trees and grass are included in the background.

Subimol Das Swapan's entry has painted boats in scallops and zigzags in red, white and blue. In front are rocks covered with weeds while at the back are waterfalls over the hills. The hills are gray and blue while the creepers on them are the expected emerald while the water is gray.

In another of Subimol's photos you see boats on the sand. The sand is pale gray while the path made through it is of a darker shade. Meanwhile, the boats are bright in colour, with shades of red, orange and blue.

Abdul Mojib's dance picture brings a young woman in green with the male dancer behind her in blue. Mojib says, "I usually work on dance sequences. This 'mudra' appeals to me and is presented by Sohail and Baby who are teachers at BAFA. The other is sequence from an 'uddichi' dance which was performed here by an Indian dancer Madhubi Mudgal about six years ago. The other photo brings in Baitul Mukarram with its shadows reflected on water near by on 'shabe-barat'. My last photo brings in a scene in 1996 Febru-

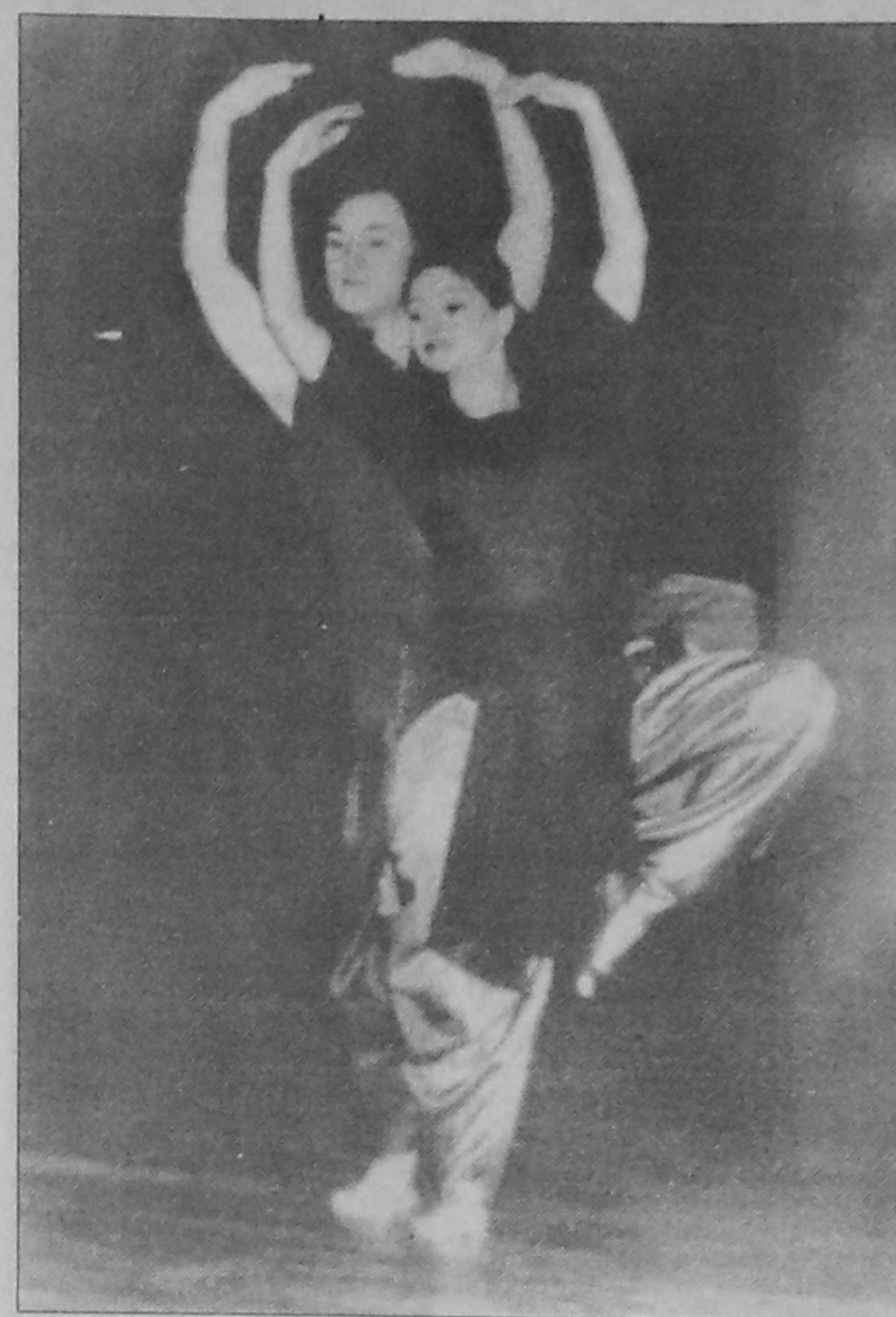


Sakher Hadi by M. Mohan Sinha

ary 21st celebrations at Shahid Minar with flowers, a map of Bangladesh and an artificial rising sun. Mojib has been involved with photography for the last 12 years and is a member of

Bangladesh Photographic Society.

Md Gholam Ekhtear's picture of Anikh temple in Rajshahi depicts old rooftops and terracotta bricks on the walls. The carvings are fascinating and this has trees at the back. His depiction of Gobina Gopal temple depicts an old woman in white bringing in offerings of the devout. The details of the pillars of the temple with their carved bricks leads to the dark interior. This is mostly in brown, pink and white. Hasibur Reza Kallol's Kantagir temple shows horses, elephants, bullocks and human beings bringing in the beauty of the past. His twin temple at Jessore which brings in two lions on top of a frieze decorating a carved gateway. The flour layers of frieze include flowers. This is certainly



Untitled by Abdul Majid

frieze. His temple of Shib at Rupganj has an old structure with bricks and limestone with pillars and friezes.

Hossain Mia's pictures of tribal people show a man having a

bath and another bending down to pick his clothes with a waterfall at the back. The stones at the back are brown, black a blue. This is a very natural scene. Subimol Das' seabeach at Teknaf is another inviting scene with stones and sand with the sea at the back in turquoise. Mushfiqul Alam's photo shows fish nets being put out to dry and they look like some coloured garments at a clothes hanging. A young woman, carrying a bucket, is walking away from the scene and there are huge waves at the back. Shafiqur Rahman's 'O, My Country' is a typical delightful scene with clouds, sun in gray, gold and pink which includes boats and human beings.

The exhibition does well to present the delightful scenes of Bangladesh, bringing in human beings, nature and ancient architecture.

## Recommendations

## Poetry Reading

A poetry reading session by Sudeep Sen and the country's emerging poets will be held at the British Council Auditorium on January 31 at 6:00 p.m.

Sudeep Sen's *Postmarked India: New & Selected Poems* (Harper Collins) was awarded the Hawthorned Fellowship (UK) and nominated for a Pushcart Prize (US).

## Art Exhibition

Alka Mathur and Naresh Kapuria's joint show is being held at Bengal Gallery. Alka Mathur is a familiar name in the Dhaka art circle. The other is being introduced to the gallery-goers through this exhibition. The show is open till February 2.



## Water Colour Show

A special water colour show featuring country's seven celebrated water colour artists now being held at Shilpangan art gallery from 10 am-8pm everyday until February 4.

The participating artists are Professor Abdur Razzaque, Mostafa Manwar, Professor Gayum Chowdhury, Professor Hashem Khan, Professor Rafiqun Nabi, Monirul Islam (Spain) and Professor Hamiduzzaman Khan.

## Exhibition

Nurul Amin's 1st solo exhibition of studio pottery and glaze painting is going on at the Zamul Gallery, Institute of Fine Art, University of Dhaka.

The exhibition will remain open everyday from 10am to 8pm till February 3.

## TV GUIDE

## PICK OF THE DAY



## "The WAR"

on HBO tonight at 7:30

Kevin Costner stars as a father who has returned from his duty in the Vietnam War with the burden of trying to build a better life for his family. His two children Stu and Lidia not only have to struggle against ignorant teachers, hostile neighbors and a group of bullies, but also have to understand why their father has come back a different man.

Starring: Kevin Costner, Elijah Wood

Na Kehti Thi 6:00  
Small Wonder 6:30 Fox  
Kids 7:30 Kahani Ghar  
Char Ki 8:00 Tu Tu  
Main Main 8:30  
Gharwali Uparwali  
9:00 Saans 9:30 Kaun  
Banega Crorepati  
10:30 Kahani Ghar  
Char Ki 11:00 Kyunki  
Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu  
Thi 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat  
12:00 Shagun 12:30  
Telebrands 1:00  
Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki  
1:30 Star Movie Show:  
4:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi  
Kabhi Bahu Thi 5:00  
Saans 5:30 Meri Saheli

## BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30

News 4:30 Top Gear  
5:00 BBC News 5:30  
Correspondent Ex  
World Review 6:00  
BBC News 6:30 Face  
To Face 7:00 BBC New  
7:15 World Business  
Report 7:30 Jancis  
Robinson's Wine  
Course 8:00 BBC News  
8:30 Hardtalk 9:00 BBC  
News 9:30 Asia Today  
10:00 BBC News 10:30  
Mastermind India  
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World Business Report  
11:30 Click Online  
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Hardtalk 2:00 BBC  
News 2:30 Holiday  
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Business Morning 7:00  
CNN This Morning  
7:30 Business Unusual  
8:00 CNN & Time 9:00  
World News 9:30  
World Sport 10:00  
World News 10:30 This  
Week in the NBA 11:00  
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of Q&A 12:00 World  
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7:30 Hotspots 8:00 Asia  
Tonight 8:30 World  
Sport 9:00 World News  
9:30 CNNdotCOM  
10:00 World News  
10:30 Biz Asia 11:00  
World News 11:30  
Q&A South Asia 12:00  
World News 1:00 CNN  
Indiatv.com 1:30  
World Business Today  
2:00 World News 2:30

Q&A 3:00 World News  
Europe 3:30 CNN  
Newsroom

DISCOVERY  
CHANNEL  
6:30 Eyewitness II 7:00  
ESPU 7:30 Outer  
Bounds I & II 8:00  
Without Warning 8:30  
Lonely Planet VI 9:30  
Beyond 2000 10:00 The  
Quest 10:30 Go For It!  
11:30 Intimate Escapes  
12:30 Wild Discovery  
1:30 Medical  
Detectives I 2:00 Medical  
Detectives I 2:30 Vital  
Breakthroughs 3:30  
Animal Survivors 4:00  
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Without Warning 5:30  
Lonely Planet IV 6:30  
Crocodile Hunter's  
Croc Files 7:00 Splat II  
& III 7:30 Wild Dis-  
covery 8:30 Wild Asia  
9:30 Medical Detectives  
10:00 Ultrascience II 10:30  
Amazing Worlds 11:30  
Discovery Profile  
Series 12:30 Wild  
Discovery 1:30 Wild  
Asia 2:30 Medical  
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throughs

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6:00 Dark  
Skies/Shades of Gray  
7:00 Walker's  
World/Walker's  
World 8:00 Cyberteam  
in Akihabara/Flame  
of Recca 9:00 Slam  
Dunk/Samurai X  
10:00 Charlie's Angels  
11:00 Angels at Sea 11:00  
Walker's  
World/Walker's  
World 12:00 18 Wheels  
of Justice 1:00 Movie:  
The Replacement 3:00  
Who Dares  
Wins/Cyberteam in  
Akihabara 4:00 Flame  
of Recca/Slam Dunk

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