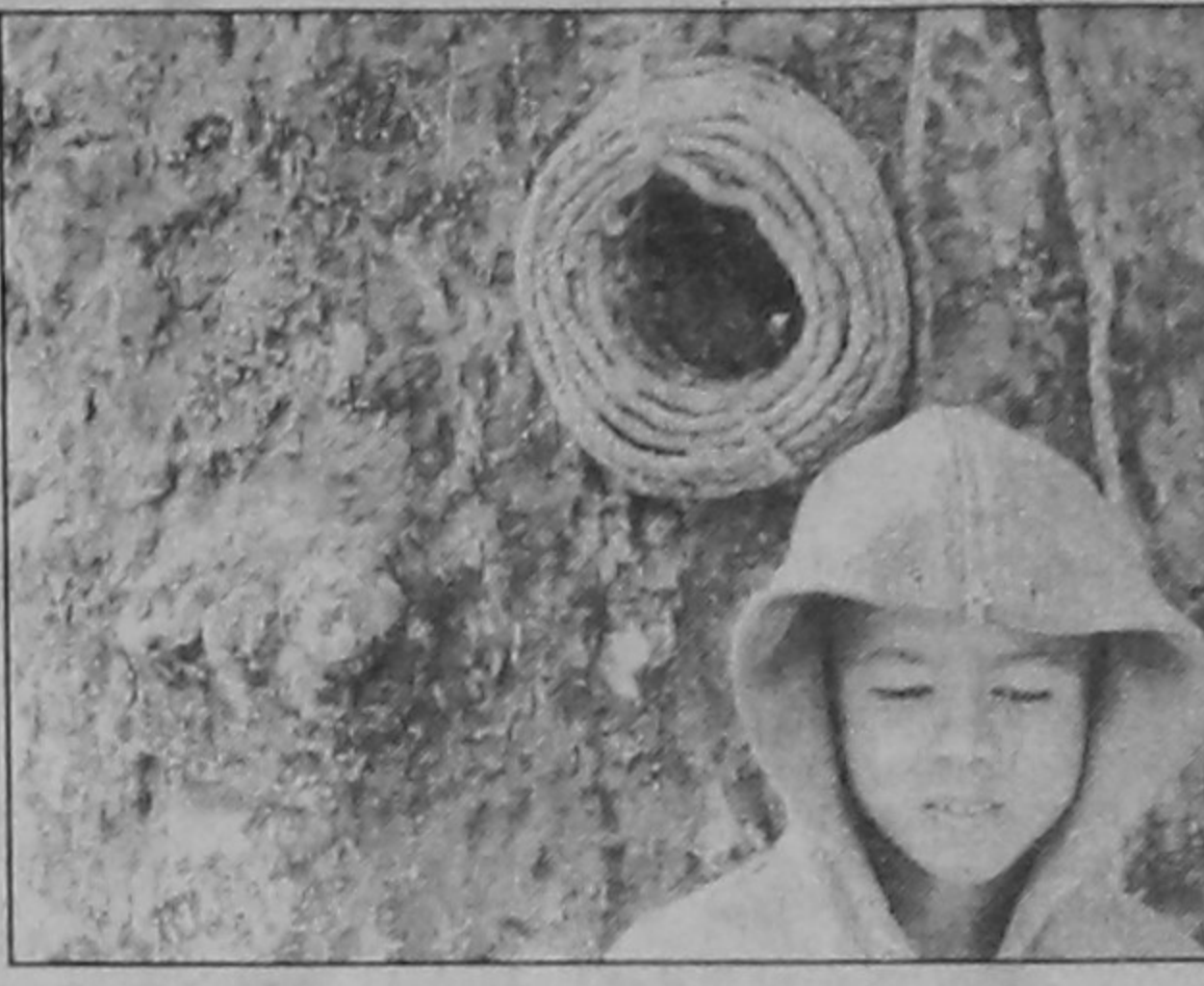


Publication

Of words, photographs and expressions

Nirjhar's collection of photographs entitled *Barnadhara* is out

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ALPHABETS roll into words, which form sentences and that expresses many an unspoken thought lingering in the minds of those who live in this city.

This may sound a bit academic but is still the truth, and that is exactly what Enamul Kabir Nirjhar's collection of photographs titled *Barnadhara* is all about. Individual pictures are strewn together in it with alphabets and words telling the story of the people dwelling in this city.

Nirjhar has played around with the alphabets and though this book is not a tribute as such to the alphabet and our language, it uses the words to bring the photographs to life.

Photographs tell a story of their own, and as such can also be left to the imagination of the viewer to let him gather his own perception of what he sees. Nirjhar however adds poetry to describe his feelings, making the picture look like they are speaking in words. He adds a little caption to each photograph that is meant to be an anecdote with a little style. The

book *Barnadhara* contains 40 photographs, as the 40 alphabets in Bengali. The captions are in little phrases that rhyme and are arranged in the alphabetic order from 'Ka' to 'Ha'.

Thus a picture of a street child standing beneath a public slogan for fight on a wall poster is depicted with the Bengali letter of 'A', almost symbolizing the boy's own struggle/fight for survival. In another picture of a stray dog sitting on a roadside, looking quite intelligently unto the unintelligent words of a polls campaign scribbled on a city wall, the alphabet 'Rhi' asks

about what is fit to arouse some respect into anybody's mind.

Another very touching photograph is that of a homeless child sitting next to a pile of his family's belonging, his baby sibling on his lap. The alphabet 'Ho' here asks who is going to save them from life's cruel struggles?

The collection has pictures of shoe polishers, pedestrians, processions, roads, traffic police, children, old people and just about anything else you can imagine encountering on a typical street of this city. He adds words to the tales the pictures

tell, making a point every now and then. What is most interesting is Nirjhar's satirical representation of all things going on around us. With the alphabets, he forms words that are woven into rhyming phrases that often make fun of a topic or the other. It doesn't demean the subject matter, rather presents it in a lighter vein, making a mockery of the system that is all the time so wrong. Thus the book is not only a collection of a valuable set of photographs depicting life in the country, but also a satirical presentation of many a wrong things that we shove

aside in our day to day existence. Social problems, political aspects, downtrodden people and even the environment cause find a place in the book.

The collection in *Barnadhara* is selections from an earlier exhibition by Nirjhar where he first presented his chain of photographs intermingled with the alphabetic descriptions way back in 1992. His exhibition back then was meant to be a tribute to the mother tongue of the nation. Indeed the book arouses many a thought to both the conscious as well as unconscious layers of the

mind of anyone who peruses through it.

Nirjhar, an architect by profession, has 8 photography and painting exhibitions to his credit. In the most recent times, he held an exhibition in aid of cancer victim Shuchi at the Bengal Shilpalaya, and another one at the Zainul Gallery in Dhaka. With this book he has once again proved that his creative zeal is at play all the time, looking for new venues and platforms to express. And *Barnadhara* is all about expressions.

RECOMMENDATIONS



Photo-Exhibition : Germany 1945-1995.

Goethe Institute Dhaka holds a photo exhibition titled 'Germany 1945-1995' (Deutschland seit 1945), featuring fifty years of German history at House # 10, Road # 9, Dhanmondi R/A. The show runs from 2 to 8 p.m. every day, (except Fridays & Saturdays) till September 30.



Solo exhibition

A solo painting exhibition by Ali Akbar is being held at the Gallery 21 (765 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka). The exhibition will remain open to all everyday from 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. till September 30.

Sculpture show

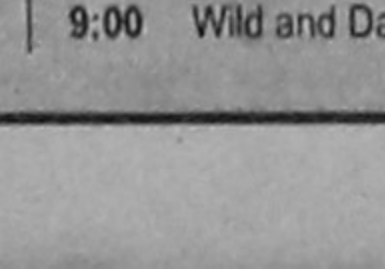
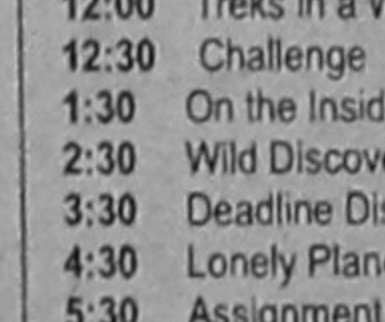
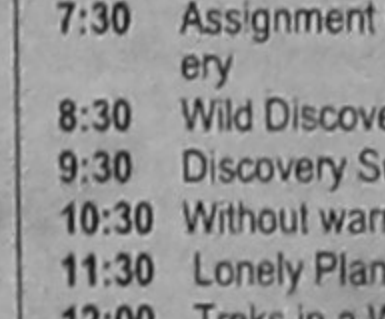
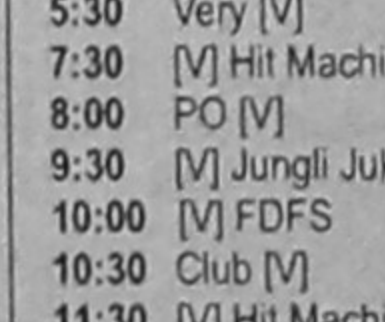
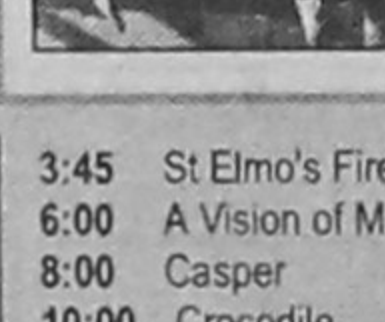
The 3rd solo sculpture show by Maynul Islam Paul is being held at the La Galerie l'Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. The exhibition will remain open to all everyday from 5.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. till September 30.

Six Seasons

Shilparag Gallery at Dhanmondi (House#15, Road# 27 old) presents an exhibition on the theme six seasons. Leading artists of the country have captured in their canvases the rich variety of our seasons and their ambience. The month-long show will continue till October 14 everyday from 11 am to 8pm.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

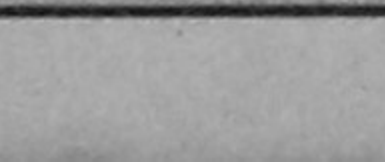
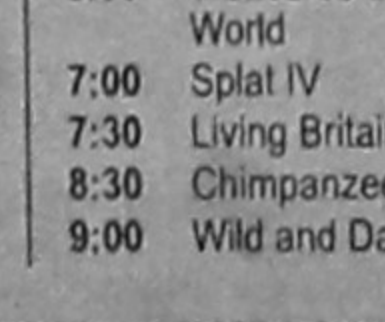
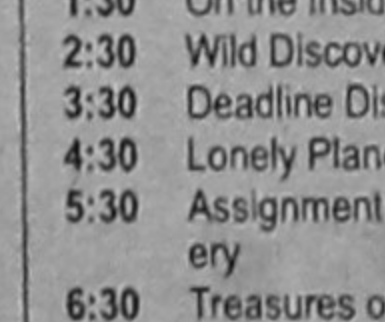
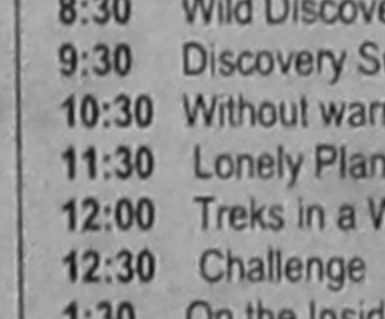
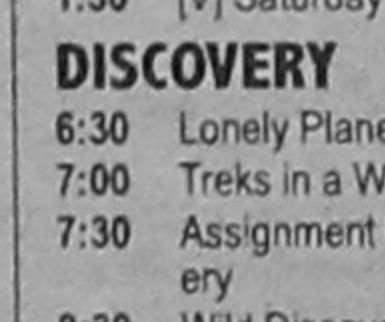
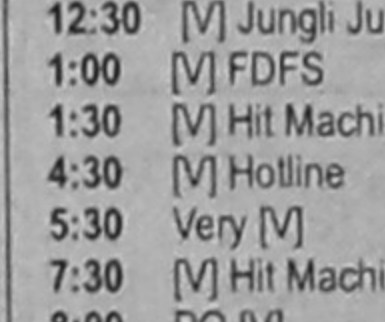
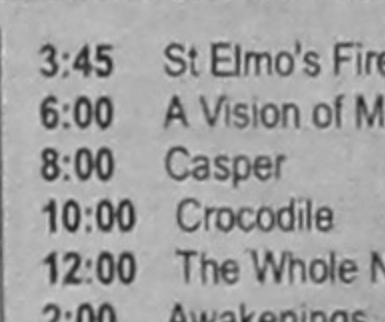


PICK OF THE DAY



Crocodile.

On HBO at 10:00 pm. A couple of booze-loving teenagers spend a weekend at a lakeside resort, and come across a bunch of crocodile eggs. After tampering with the reptile 'rug rats-to-be' and carelessly destroying them, they find themselves at the receiving end of an angry mother crocodile's rampage.



BTV

9:10 Khabar
9:15 Alor Pathay
9:35 Cartoon Ghost Busters
10:00 The News
10:05 Sports programme
10:30 Monar Mukuray
11:30 Monar Katha
11:55 Computer training programme
(Evening session)
3:20 Bengali feature film
4:00 Khabar
4:00 Khabar
6:10 Shukhi Panbar
6:30 Election 2001
7:00 News headlines
7:05 Election 2001
7:25 Drama serial Saj Durar Akash
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Drama serial Eai Megha Eai Raudra
9:00 News headlines
9:05 Magazine Shuvechchya
10:00 News in English
10:30 The X-Files
11:30 Khabar/The News

EKUSHEY TV

2:00 Ekushey Headlines
2:05 Aker Potrikay
2:14 Ekatturer Ei Dine
2:15 Classic Cartoons
2:40 E Shoplapher Bishsho
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Muktomoncho
5:30 Gillette World Sports Special
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 WWF Smackdown
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Mukto Khobor
7:30 Ekushey News
7:58 Ek Minute
8:00 Virgin Takdum Takdum
8:30 Shukrobarer Natok: Shada Kagoj
10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Music Hour: Star Search-2001
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
11:30 Ei Shoptaho
12:00 Ekushey Headlines

CHANNEL-i

(Evening session)
6:10 Magazine Rang Berang
6:40 Face to Face
7:15 News headlines
7:20 Election 2001
8:00 Magazine Flop Show
8:30 Ishpani tele quiz
9:15 Drama serial Nel Kono Thikana
9:30 Results of Ishpani tele quiz
10:00 Quiz 60 seconds
10:01 Election 2001
10:30 I Prabaha
11:00 News headlines
11:05 Bengali feature film Bara Bhala Lok Chhilo

ATN

8:05 Special prog.: Saber Hossain Chowdhury
8:35 Special Election prog.: Agami Dener Protay
9:05 Special Election programme Amar Katha
9:35 Special prog.: Hossain Mohammad Arsal
9:55 Sagner Dhaka-Samridho Dhaka
10:25 BNP Produced Election : Netry Tumi Akjona
10:50 Awami League Produced Election prog.: Joy Bangla Banglar Joy
11:30 Islamic prog.
3:30 Bengali film : Bharoma Akash
6:07 Child prog.: Cholo Gangai
6:45 Commitment to the Peoples of Khilgoan Motijheel & Sabujbag from saber Hossain Chowdhury
7:15 BNP produced Election Prog.: Sabass Bangladesh
8:05 Drama Serial: Saat Purushar Reen
8:30 Special prog.: Hossain Mohammad Arsal
9:05 Special Election prog.: Agami Dener Protay
9:30 Special Election talk Show: Nirbachon Bhabna
10:00 ATN News Head Line Special
10:30 Business Line
11:00 Nirbachon-2001 Shesh vashon
11:05 ATN Bangla News
12:15 Bengali film: Alto Ahongkar

STAR GOLD

10:30 Amul Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Laila Majnu (Rishi Kapoor, Ranjeeta)
3:00 Amul Bollywood News
3:30 Jane Anjane (Shammi Kapoor, Leena Chandavarkar)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Shaandaar Shukrawaar Ram Tere Kine Nam (Sanjeev Kumar, Rekha)
11:00 Amul Bollywood News
11:30 Mere Mehboob (Ranjendra Kumar, Sadhana)
12:30 Mere Mehboob (contd)

STAR WORLD

10:00 Angel
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 Millennium
1:00 Media TV
1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
2:00 Mark & Mindy
2:30 Happy Days

3:00

Baywatch
4:00 The Simpsons
4:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
5:00 Star News Asia
5:30 Friends
6:00 World's Wildest Police Videos
6:45 Asia News
7:00 Nash Bridges
8:00 Bugs
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STAR PLUS

10:15 Sangeet Toppers
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Kabhie Kabhie Mere Ghat Mein Bhuchal Aata Hai
11:30 Saahil
12:00 Sansar
12:00 Hit Ya Fit
1:00 Tu Tu Main Main
1:30 Kuchha Papad Pucca Papad
2:00 Mirch Masala
2:30 Star Bestseller- Dead End
3:30 Shanti
4:00 Meri Saheli
4:30 Kalash
5:00 Kabhie Kabhie Mere Ghat Mein Bhuchal Aata Hai
5:30 Hit Ya Fit
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Fox Kids
7:15 Sangeet Toppers
7:30 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu
8:00 Chhupa Rustam
8:30 Kya Masti Kya Khoom
9:30 Khuli Ja simsim
10:30 Shh... Koi Hai
11:30 Aaj Ki Baat
12:00 Jubilee Plus

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Drama: Last Dance
9:30 Action: Space Marines
11:30 Action: Commando
1:30 Middy Movie: Armageddon
4:30 Thriller: Browns Requiem
6:30 Drama: Before & After
8:45 Star Wars on Star Movies: Star Wars Trilogy: The Magic and the Mystery
10:00 Star Wars on Star Movies: Star Wars Episode: The Phantom Menace
12:30 Action: Space Marines

HBO

6:30 Fortress
8:30 Awakenings
11:00 The Truman Show
1:00 Strange Days

