

## Publication

## Of words, photographs and expressions

Nirjhar's collection of photographs entitled *Barnadhaba* 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 *'Barnadhaba'* 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 *'Barnadhaba'* 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 belongings, 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 farms 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 thought to both the conscious as well as unconscious layers of the

mind of anyone who peruses throughout.

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 *Barnadhaba* is all about expressions.

## RECOMMENDATIONS



## Photo-Exhibition : Germany 1945-1995.

Goethe Institut 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 Salmaguri 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 d'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 canvas the rich variety of our seasons and their ambience. The month-long show will continue till October 14 everyday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## TV GUIDE

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



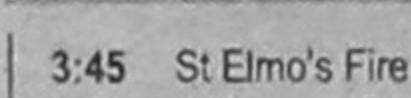
**EKUSHEY:** 9:00 pm. *Sada Kagaj*. Shila is Musafil town girl. After completing her education, she does not look for any job. Instead, devotes her in sacerdote. Her father, who is leading a retired life, inspires his daughter to achieve success in her project.



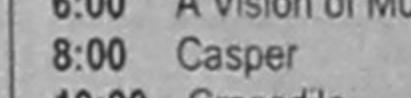
**STAR WORLD:** 8 and 11:30 pm. *Bugs*. In, The One where Rachel Smokes, Rachel finds at her new job at Ralph Lauren she is excluded from important decision making powows when her boss and the other assistant go to the smoking room. In order to be included, She joins them in the smoke-filled room, but is still an outsider since she doesn't smoke.



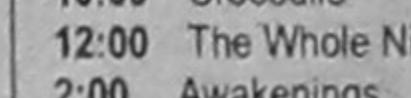
**STAR WORLD:** 8 and 11:30 pm. *Bugs*. In, Blackout, while ROS is touring state-of-art power station, it seized by terrorists. The first thing Becket and Ed know is that when a representative of the power plant management, Kanin, bursts in and asks them to help.



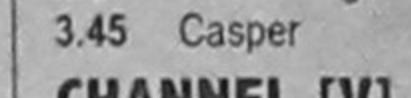
**STAR GOLD:** 10:00 pm. *Amul Bollywood News*



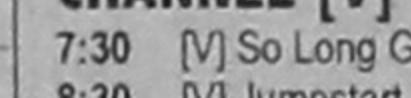
11:00 pm. *Geet Bahar*



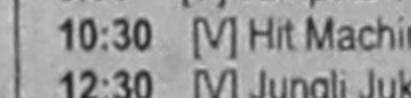
11:30 pm. *Lalla Majnu (Rishi Kapoor, Ranjeeta)*



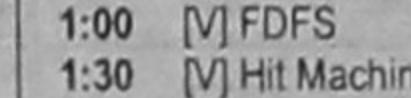
12:00 pm. *Jubilee Plus*



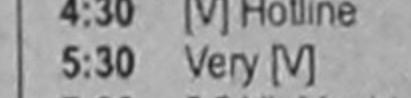
**STAR MOVIES:** 7:30 pm. *Drama: Last Dance*



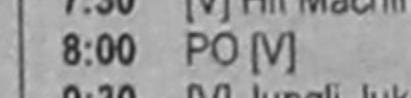
9:30 pm. *Action: Space Marines*



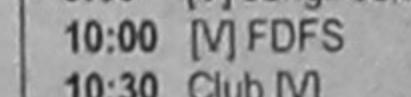
11:30 pm. *Action: Commando*



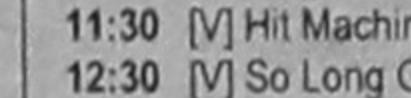
1:30 pm. *Midday Movie: Armageddon*



4:30 pm. *Thriller: Browns Requiem*



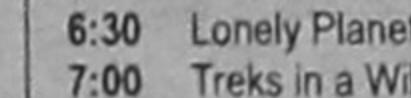
6:30 pm. *Drama: Before & After*



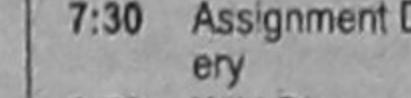
7:00 pm. *Star Wars on Star*



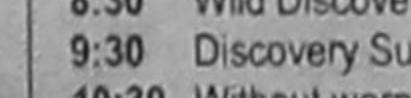
7:30 pm. *Movies: Star Wars Trilogy: The Magic and the Mystery*



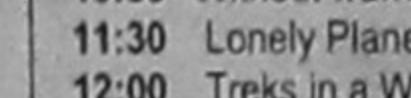
10:00 pm. *Star Wars on Star*



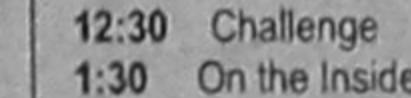
12:30 pm. *Action: Space Marines*



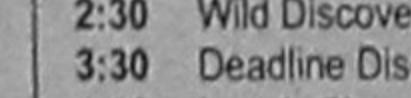
**STAR WORLD:** 10:00 pm. *Angel*



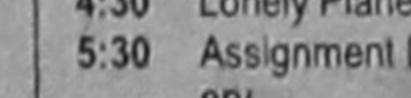
11:00 pm. *The Oprah Winfrey Show*



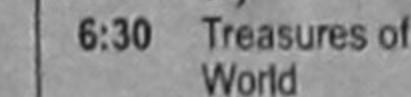
12:00 pm. *Millennium*



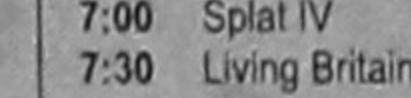
1:00 pm. *Media TV*



1:30 pm. *The Bold & The Beautiful*



2:00 pm. *Mork & Mindy*



2:30 pm. *Happy Days*

## 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.

11:30 pm. *French Lieutenant Women*

9:30 pm. *Sex Lives & Video Tapes*

11:30 pm. *With Two Heads*

## ZEE MUSIC

10:30 pm. *Hit Mix*

11:00 pm. *Dil Se*

11:30 pm. *Zee Music Box*

12:00 pm. *Zee Music Plus*

1:00 pm. *Hit Pe Hit*

2:00 pm. *Jharkha*

3:00 pm. *Piyak & The Brain*

2:00 pm. *Silvester & Tweety*

3:30 pm. *The Mask*

3:00 pm. *Flintstones*

3:30 pm. *Tom & Jerry Kids*

4:00 pm. *The Powerpuff Girls*

4:30 pm. *Swat Kats*

5:30 pm. *Scoby & Scrappy Doo*

6:00 pm. *The Mask*

6:30 pm. *The Popeye Show*

7:00 pm. *Cartoon Cartoon Friday*

7:30 pm. *The Powerpuff Girls*

8:00 pm. *Premiere*

8:30 pm. *Johny Bravo*

9:00 pm. *Toon Picks*

9:30 pm. *Boomerang*

10:30 pm. *The Cartoon Show*

11:30 pm. *Power zone*

## ALPHA TV BANGLA

10:30 pm. *Mon Niye*

11:00 pm. *Bideshni Badhu*

11:30 pm. *Grihasajja*

12:00 pm. *Bahar Ahaar*

12:30 pm. *Jhara Samayer Upakatha Ingeet*

1:00 pm. *Nayantara*

2:00 pm. *Bangla Feature Film*

3:00 pm. *Gaan Ullid*

3:30 pm. *Disney*

4:00 pm. *Alpha Khabar*

4:25 pm. *Jhankar*

5:00 pm. *Grohon*

6:00 pm. *Guest House*

7:25 pm. *Jhankar*

7:30 pm. *Cine News*

7:45 pm. *Jhankar*

8:00 pm. *Yanaytara*

8:30 pm. *Ek Akasher Niche*

9:00 pm. *TBA*

9:30 pm. *Daibaddho*

## SITI CINEMA

10:30 pm. *Sehra*

3:30 pm. *Akhin Sangram*