

Photography

Re-creating the world of Chhinnapatra

Photographer Noazesh Ahmed's video presentation captures the idyllic beauty of the nineteenth century Bengal portrayed by Tagore in his letters to his niece

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A video presentation by Noazesh Ahmed of his slide photographs on Rabinranath Tagore's *Chhinnapatra* was held at the auditorium of the Indian Cultural Centre at Dhanmondi on November 6.

Aditi Mohsin, a rising Tagore singer, enthralled the distinguished capacity crowd before the video show.

Rabinranath Tagore, the first Asian writer to win the Nobel Prize, after taking over the family estates in late nineteenth century, made a journey to Shelidah in East Bengal. His Shelidah stay, spanning between 1891 and 1901, proved fecund in poems, songs, musical dramas and essays. This was also the period that witnessed Tagore's creativity finding new expression. Tagore wrote fifty-nine short stories, a genre new to Bengali literature, set in both the villages and towns of Bengal and Kolkata.

During his stay in his country estates, Tagore traveled by a boat (named Padma) on the winding tributaries of the River Padma and observed lives on the banks of the mighty river. Some of his best work both in poetry and prose were written during this most prodigious phase of his writing career. The letters he wrote from this region to his relatives and particularly to his niece Indira are great works of literature. The letters were later published in 1912 as *Chhinnapatra* (Torn Leaves) and in 1921 in English translation as *Glimpses of Bengal*. Tagore portrayed the Bengali landscape with unique vividness where the green vegetation and the watery ways of the picturesque Bengal mingled into a tender stillness.

Sensitive photographer Dr. Noazesh Ahmed has done a wonderful job in re-creating the Bengal Tagore once witnessed at the far end of the nineteenth century and early part of the twentieth century.



Giribala, a vibrant young girl immortalised in Tagore's 'Megh O Roudro'

Dr. Ahmed spent over 5 years to complete his works on *Chhinnapatra*. In a painstaking journey, he followed the route that Tagore once took and experienced the Bengal that the great writer immortalised in his short stories and in the letters written to Indira.

Dr. Noazesh, of late, finding some technical difficulties with his slide projector came up with the idea of transferring his photos to Betacam video format.

The char islands of River Padma and Atrai were the ones where Tagore spent months upon his favourite house-boat, Padma. Shelidah and Shahjadpur at Sirajganj were some other notable addresses of the poet who seemed mostly engrossed among the relishing panoramic beauty of the mighty Padma, various natural phenomenon of storms and moonlit nights.



Ratan, a teenage character in 'Postmaster' was successfully recreated by Noazesh Ahmed

The splendid nature of Bengal with lush green paddy fields under a contrast of deep blue sky certainly arose a subtle tone of romanticism in the viewers' minds. The white *Kashfol* provided a sense of purification. The guests of the auditorium soon went into a state of trance viewing the scenes of the storm, once enjoyed in reality by Tagore from his anchored boat.

The overall presentation of the video was well suited to the taste of the guests yet some portions seemed superficially projected giving a kind of artificiality to the whole issue.

The execution of several slides at a stretch of at least 30 seconds to show the flashing thunderstorm was, to some viewers, unnecessarily lengthy. They were in the opinion that these could easily be illustrated through a single or couple of slides.



A char-island alongside the bank of River Padma as described in Chhinnapatra

Reference about the celebrated characters of the stories like *Postmaster*, *Khokababur Prottyaborton* and *Megh O Roudro* are there in *Chhinnapatra*. Dr. Noazesh Ahmed has done a brilliant effort to create the images of the characters we are so familiar about through Tagore's short stories.

The overuse of arranged shots often led to boredom of the viewers. The series of scenes showing the child falling in the river in the portion of 'Khokababur- Prottyaborton' was definitely exaggerating. Even the splash of waters just after the child's accident came up in the arranged scenes of Nowajesh only to provide some strong element of imitation.

The scene that depicted Giribala in 'Megh O Roudro' after her widowhood was again a disaster. Here Nowajesh

Ahmed brought a silhouette of the girl that resembled a skeleton. A simple white clothed model could instead attain greater success to depict the distressed condition of the widowed Giribala.

Otherwise, it was a fine experience for the general viewers who enjoyed the show aided by a rich vocal narration of recorded words and songs matched appropriately with the settings of the scenes.

There was hardly any doubt that the intelligent photographer had to experience some toiling period in life while making this unique video, not to speak about his earlier achievements with the photographs.

A man of special calibre, Nowajesh Ahmed has managed to form a close bond with the enthusiasts of literature and photography.

Fashion

Beauty to win you over

Fashion designer Bibi Russel inaugurates fashion for a cause by Altamira at its gallery today

MUNEERA PARBEEN

FASHION is an integral part of life and fashion is created by the people for people themselves. While fashion talks about the people and their tastes in a particular dimension, there are many designers in present times who have been trying to reach out with a greater message through their works than just the clothes itself.

Designers Moni Hossain and Enayet Kabir of Altamira present a month long exhibition of clothes titled '*Manusher Katha*' (About the people). This whole new collection of clothes is overwhelmingly beautiful and carries a message beyond ordinary fashion. Altamira calls on all to come join this campaign to reject the ugly things in the life and embrace the pretty and beautiful things that our riverine country offers us.



Asalwar kameez in red and black

This month long exhibition with the above message will be inaugurated by epic fashion designer Bibi Russel at Altamira's own gallery at Dhanmondi's road number 2 at 12 noon today.

The collection, inspired from the grassroots of the country, depicts the people, the rivers, trees, birds and other elements of nature that are an

integral part of our daily lives. It is essentially these more beautiful things in life that are weaved into the clothes and surround us with an aura of beauty at its best.

Says Enayet Kabir, "The ugliness that surrounds us today can be overcome to a great extent through the more beautiful things in life, and its not only the materialistic beauty that I am talking about. What we have tried to do with this collection is weave a fairy tale of beauty to stand up against the atrocious things in our society."

Moni, who is the other designer of Altamira's says "while people are very fashion conscious today, they are also widely aware of the on goings in the society, and our clothes through their colours and designs are a silent statement against all the wrongdoings, and also an invitation on all to reject the bad and ugly and embrace the good and the beautiful."

The clothes in the current collection, containing Altamira's signature of good materials, great hand paintings and smooth finesse, will be remain on display throughout Ramadan at its own gallery at house no 1 of Road number 2 in Dhanmondi. There will also be a fashion show shortly to present the clothes to the public.



A green muslin saree in hand painting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

My Migrant Soul

Porobashi Mon Amar (My Migrant Soul), a documentary by Yasmine Kabir about Shahjahan Babu, a young migrant worker from Bangladesh in Malaysia will be screened today at the Liberation War Museum auditorium at 5 in the evening. This film has been awarded the Best Film prize at the Film South Asia 2001, held in Kathmandu, Nepal and also won the Netpac Award at the Yamagata International Documentary Festival 2001, Japan.

Contemporary Art of Bangladesh

A ten-day long art exhibition entitled Contemporary art of Bangladesh-Trends-2 is now being held at art gallery of the Indian Cultural Centre at Dhanmondi. The show features works of Abdus Satter, Abdus Shakoor, Abul Barq Alvi, Alak Roy, Biren Shome, Chandra Shekhar Dey, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Hashi Chakraborty, KMA Quayum, Kazi Giasuddin, Monsur-ul-Karim, Nazlee Laila Mansur, Shahabuddin, Shahid Kabir, Swapan Chowdhury. Open for all from 12 to 8 pm, the show runs till November 17.

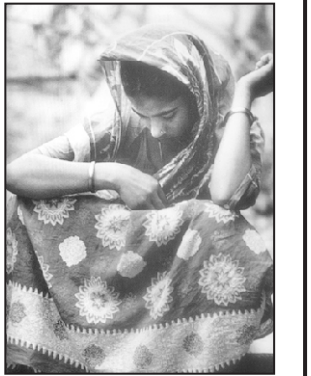


Photo exhibition

A photo show entitled Child Marriage in Bangladesh by Mahmud is now being held at Bangladesh Shishu Academy Art Gallery. The two-day show will come to an end today at 6:00 p.m..

Art show

An exhibition of Rokeya Sultana's work is now being held at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, House # 275/F, Road # 27, Dhanmondi. The artist's work reflect affliction inflicted on nature and women. The show runs everyday from 12 noon to 8 pm. till November 14.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



EKUSHY TV: 3:30 p.m. Shoptah Ghure Desh Jure. This weekly programme reviews the works by different social organisations in different regions of the city. Hosted by Abdullah Jafor and Nasrin Siraj the programme is directed by Aminul Islam Khokon.



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. The Insider. Jeffrey Wigand (Russell Crowe) was a top tobacco scientist who went public with the secret that the industry has kept hidden for years: cigarettes were designed to be addictive. But the industry counterattacks with a scurrilous campaign of humiliation and harassment to keep him quiet, leaving only the driven journalist Lowell Bergman (Al Pacino) to free Wigand and the truth about the deadly lie perpetuated by big tobacco.



STAR WORLD: 9:00 p.m. 3rd Rock From The Sun. Dick for Tat: When Mary confesses that she once had a fling with Dick's arch nemesis, Vincent Strudwick, Dick is consumed with jealousy. He decides the only way to get his universe back in balance is to sleep with Strudwick's wife.

PICK OF THE DAY



Wild Things
On HBO at 10:00 p.m.
Sam Lombardo is a Florida high school guidance counselor, who is about to have his squeaky clean record tarnished when two of his students accused him of rape. Bratty rich girl Kelly and Suzie Toller are behind the lawsuit.

BTV

- 9:00 a.m. Live Cricket telecast of the 3rd day of the test match between Bangladesh Vs Zimbabwe from Dhaka Stadium
- 9:10 Khabar
- 10:00 The News
- 11:00 News Headlines
- 12:00 News Headlines
- 3:10 News Headlines
- 4:00 Khabar
- 5:00 News Headlines
- 5:30 Tele-film: Ekjon Montaj
- 6:00 Khabar
- 7:00 News Headlines
- 7:30 Geetimaliya
- 8:00 News in Bengali
- 8:30 Tele-film: Rupali Nodir Dewh, joint production of Commonwealth Broadcasting Association and BTV
- 9:00 News Headlines
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama Series: The Sensitive Samuraj 2
- 11:30 Khabar / The News
- 11:45 Closing

CHANEL-i

- 6:25 Mela
- 7:00 Flop Show
- 8:00 Din Protidin
- 8:15 Drama : Amar Vote Kake Dhebo
- 9:00 Marine Location Theke
- 10:10 Music Plus
- 11:00 Musical programme
- 11:15 Mela
- 12:00 Flop Show
- 1:15 Drama : Amar Vote Kake Dhebo
- 2:00 Marine Location Theke
- 3:00 Bangla Cinema : Love (Nayem/Sabnaz)
- 6:10 Music Plus
- 7:00 Musical programme
- 7:15 Channel I Sangbad
- 7:25 Drama
- 8:00 Drama (s) Durbin
- 8:30 I Tele Quiz (Quees)
- 8:35 Face to Face
- 9:00 Channel I Sangbad
- 9:20 Sangbad Patra Bangladesh
- 9:30 I Tele Quiz (Result-)
- 9:35 Ganer Opare
- 10:00 Quiz : 60 Sec.
- 10:20 Mukto Khorob
- 12:50 Bolte Chai
- 1:20 Classic Cartoons
- 2:05 Ei Shoptaha
- 2:30 Jatra Pala: Nach Mohol
- 5:00 Toyota World of Wildlife
- 5:30 Shoptaha Ghura Deshjure
- 6:00 Ekushy Headlines
- 6:05 Serial: Alif Laila
- 6:55 Ekushy Headlines
- 7:00 Ishpani Ek Cup Cha
- 7:30 Ekushy News
- 7:58 Ek Minute
- 8:40 Bangla Film:
- 9:00 News at Nine
- 10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
- 11:15 Ekushy Late Night News

ATN BANGLA

- 5:30 Islamic prog.
- 7:00 Child's prog. : Cholo Gan Gai Viewers Request Prog. : Motamot
- 8:00 ATN Bangla News
- 8:25 Drama serial: Uttarani
- 9:00 Musical prog: Sur Saitak
- 9:35 Magazine Prog: Tasmyer Kechukkhon
- 10:10 Drama Serial : Goenda Kahani
- 10:50 Special prog: Gueanda Kahani
- 11:20 Bengali film :Matir Durgu
- 12:00 ATN Bangla News
- 6:07 Child's prog. : Shapla Saluk
- 6:45 Film Songs prog. : Anurudher Assor
- 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
- 7:35 Drama Serial Uttarani
- 8:10 Reporting Magazine Gotona Probahar
- 8:45 Drama Serial: Chomak Vila
- 9:20 Musical prog : Sretre Pata Theke
- 10:00 ATN Bangla News
- 10:35 Drama: Apon Bhubon
- 11:05 Film Magazine Boliwoder Khorob
- 11:30 ATN Bangla News
- 12:00 Bengali film: Uthan Poton

STAR GOLD

- 10:30 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Vardi (Sunny Deol, Jackie Shroff)
- 3:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 3:30 Udhhar Ka Sindur (Jeetendra, Reena Roy)
- 7:00 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Saturday Special
- Mere Hamdam Mere Dost (Dharmendra, Sharmila Tagore)
- 11:00 Raheem Na Raheem Hum
- 11:30 New Wave Cinema
- Mirch Masala (Smita Patil, Naseeruddin Shah)
- 12:30 Mirch Masala (contd)
- 3:00 Geet Bahar
- 3:30 Udhhar Ka Sindur (Jeetendra, Reena Roy)
- 7:00 Shatru (Rajesh Khanna, Shabana)

BBC WORLD

- 6:30 World Business Report
- 7:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
- 8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
- 9:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
- 10:30 Talking Movies
- 11:30 Hospital
- 12:30 Click Online
- 1:30 Correspondent
- 2:30 Millionaires
- 3:30 People's Century
- 4:30 Holiday
- 5:30 This Week
- 6:30 Millionaires
- 7:30 Click Online
- 8:30 2" Russ Rev
- 9:30 People's Century
- 10:30 Mastermind India
- 11:30 This Week
- 12:30 Earth Report
- 1:30 Millionaires
- 2:30 Talking Movies
- 3:30 2" Russ Rev
- 4:30 Hospital
- 5:30 This Week

STAR WORLD

- 6:00 Water Rats
- 7:00 The Simpsons
- 7:30 Things People Do
- 8:00 The Bold & The Beautiful
- 10:00 That '70s Show
- 10:30 Travel Asia
- 11:00 Goosebumps
- 11:30 Spiderman
- 12:00 Biker Mice From Mars
- 12:30 X Men
- 1:00 World's Wildest Police Videos
- 2:00 Mission Impossible
- 3:00 Baywatch
- 4:00 Hercules
- 5:00 Xena
- 6:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World
- 7:00 First Wave
- 8:00 Water Rats
- 9:00 3rd Rock From The Sun
- 9:30 Baywatch Hawaii
- 10:30 First Wave
- 11:30 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World
- 12:30 Xena
- 1:30 Hercules
- 2:30 Cops
- 3:00 Key of David
- 3:30 Morris Cerullo
- 4:00 Benny Hinn
- 4:30 Small Wonder
- 5:00 Mr Belvedere
- 5:30 Doogie Howser

STAR PLUS

- 6:30 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Jubilee Plus
- 8:00 Aatma
- 9:00 Hit Film: Hit Sangeet
- 9:30 Fox Kids
- 10:30 National Geographic Special
- 11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshari
- 12:30 Mirch Masala
- 1:00 Sonpari
- 1:30 Gharwali Uparwali
- 2:00 Hit Film: Hit Sangeet
- 2:30 National Geographic Special
- 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Bikhre Moti (Jeetendra, Babita)
- 6:30 Fox Kids
- 7:30 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
- 8:30 Star Superhit: Godmother (Shabana Azmi, Milind Gunji)
- 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat
- 12:30 Godmother (contd.)
- 12:30 Ji Mantriji
- 1:00 Kalash
- 1:30 Jubilee Plus
- 2:00 Tu Tu Main Main
- 2:30 Sonpari
- 3:00 Kundali
- 3:30 National Geographic Special
- 4:30 Musafir Hoon Yaroon
- 5:00 Ssshhh ... Koi Hai

CHANEL [V]

- 7:30 [V] So Long Gone
- 8:30 [V] Best of Jumpstart
- 11:30 Billboard US Countdown
- 12:30 [V] Saturday Stack
- [V] Mainstage
- 3:30 [V] Saturday Stack

ZEE TV

- 6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
- 7:00 Yoga For Life
- 7:20 Jagran
- 7:50 Zee Gym

STAR MOVIES

- 6:30 Dr Lucille
- 8:30 Far off Place
- 10:15 Briding Out the Dead
- 12:15 Just One Night
- 1:45 Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
- 3:30 Rocky IV
- 5:00 End of Days, the

ESPN

- 6:30 Sportscenter Hindi
- 7:00 ATP Tennis Show
- 7:30 World of Rugby the IRB's World of Rugby
- 8:00 Basketball Coaches vs Cancer Iron Classic New York, NY USA Championship
- 10:00 Pro Billards 2001 Int'l Challenge of Champions Uncasville, CT USA Semifinal #2
- 11:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 Liverpool
- 1:00 South Africa Cricket India Tour of South Africa Bloemfontein, South Africa 1" Test, Day 4, 1" Session
- 2:00 South Africa Cricket India Tour of South Africa Bloemfontein, South Africa 1" Test, Day 4, 2" & 3" Session
- 6:00 English Premier Football

STAR SPORTS

- 8:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 Sunderland, England Tottenham Hotspur & Sunderland
- 10:00 EXPN 2day
- 10:30 International Beach Soccer Beach Soccer WorldWide Brazill @ Spain
- 11:00 ATP Tennis Show
- 11:30 Boxing Series Friday Night Fights Philadelphia, PA USA
- 1:00 International Ironman Triathlon International Ironman Triathlon-Iron, Lake Placid, Lake Placid, NY USA
- 2:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 London, England Leeds United Afc @ Arsenal Fc
- 4:00 Basketball Coaches Vs Cancer Iron Classic

SPORTS

- 6:30 New York, NY USA Consolation Game
- 7:30 Asia Sport Show
- 10:00 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports
- 10:30 Spanish League Highlights 2001/02 Spanish League Highlights
- 11:00 Australia Cricket New Zealand Tour of Australia 2001 Brisbane, Australia New Zealand @ Australia 1" test, Day 3, 2" & 3" Session
- 1:00 NBA Inside Stuff 2001/02 NBA Inside Stuff
- 2:00 NBA Basketball Los Angeles, CA USA Memphis Grizzlies @ Los Angeles Lakers
- 4:00 Olympic Magazine
- 4:30 WTA Tour General Ladies Open Linz, Austria Semifinal
- 3:30 Spanish League Highlights 2001/02 Spanish League Highlights
- 6:30 NBA Basketball Los Angeles, CA USA Memphis Grizzlies @ Los Angeles Lakers
- 7:00 NBA Inside Stuff 2001/02 NBA Inside Stuff

ZEE CINEMA

- 6:00 Feature Film
- 9:00 Kuch LamheKuch Nagme
- 9:15 Tara Rum
- 9:45 Movie Fare
- 10:00 Feature Film
- 1:00 Cine News
- 1:15 Madhyantar
- 1:30 Feature Film
- 5:00 Darpan
- 5:15 Dadamoni A Tribute To the Legend-Ashok Kumar
- 5:45 Film Time
- 6:00 Feature Film
- 9:15 Chatpati Chat
- 9:30 Weekend Cinema
- 10:00 Feature Film
- 2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme

ZEE MUSIC

- 6:00 Dial M
- 7:00 Aalaap
- 7:30 Tara Rum
- 8:30 Hit Pe hit
- 10:30 Hit Mix
- 11:30 Fillers
- 12:30 Music Box
- 1:00 Best of the Best
- 1:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 2:00 Jharokha
- 2:35 Compact Disc
- 3:05 Tara Rum
- 4:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 5:00 Music Box
- 5:30 Hit Mix
- 6:00 Just Jammin
- 6:30 Dial M
- 7:30 Hit Pe Hit
- 8:30 Music. Com
- 9:30 Music Box
- 10:00 Sizzlers
- 10:30 Jharokha
- 11:05 Music Asia Live
- 12:00 Phoren Maal
- 1:00 Music Box
- 1:30 Jharokha
- 2:00 Hit Pe Hit
- 3:00 Just Jammin
- 3:30 Tara Rum
- 4:30 Phoren Maal
- 5:30 Sizzlers

ALPHA TV BANGLA

- 6:00 Sheshprashna
- 6:30 Monniye
- 7:00 Grohon
- 7:30 News
- 8:00 Surer Ei Dharana Dharay
- 8:30 Purobi
- 9:00 News
- 9:05 Bharat Bhraman
- 9:30 Phir Elam
- 10:00 Ekushe Paa
- 10:30 Daibaddha
- 11:00 Sheshprashna
- 11:30 Saregama
- 12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
- 1:00 Ingit
- 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
- 2:00 Nayantara
- 2:30 Feature Film
- 5:00 Surer Ei Jharna Dharay
- 5:30 Looko Churi
- 6:00 News
- 6:30 Aatpake Bandha
- 7:00 Safalya
- 7:30 Sur Taal
- 8:00 Nijei Nayak
- 8:30 Saregama
- 9:45 Prapto Baesthoder Jamno
- 10:15 Saat Kahan
- 10:45 Ek Palake
- 10:50 News
- 10:55 Ek Palake
- 11:00 Kashinath
- 11:30 News
- 11:55 Ek Palake

HALLMARK

- 12:00 Jason and the Argonauts
- 12:00 Katts And Dog
- 3:00 Jason and the Argonauts
- 5:00 Sesame Street
- 6:00 Under Wraps
- 8:00 Ghostwriter
- 8:30 Wishbone
- 9:00 Sesame Street
- 10:00 Navigating the Heart
- 12:00 Redwood Curtain
- 2:00 Under Wraps
- 4:00 Jackie, Ethel, Joan : The Women of Camelot
- 6:00 Brooklyn South
- 7:00 Jackie, Ethel, Joan : The Women of Camelot
- 9:00 Robin Cook's Terminal
- 11:00 The Railway Children

SONY

- 12:30 Middle East Prime
- 3:30 Kanyadaan
- 4:00 Chartbusters
- 4:30 Music Mantra
- 5:00 Challenge
- 5:30 Tujhe Dil Qurbaan
- 6:00 Thodi Si Bewafai
- 6:30 Yeh Shaadi Nahin Ho Sakti
- 7:00 Saaya
- 7:30 Sant Asaram Vani
- 8:00 Shri Krishna
- 9:00 Shree Ganesh
- 10:00 Mahabharat
- 11:00 Boogie Woogie
- 11:30 Good Morning Disney
- 12:30 The Good Home Show
- 1:00 Yeh Duniya Hai Rangeen
- 1:30 Weekend Matinee : Khudgar
- 5:30 Chartbusters
- 6:00 Music Mantra
- 6:30 Disney Hour
- 7:30 CID Files
- 8:30 HFF : Jis Desh Mein Looko Churi
- 11:30 Movie (contd)

SET MEET

- 7:30 Mini Movies Humayun
- 8:30 Just Cricket
- 9:00 Max Cricket Masters
- 9:30 Biwi O Biwi
- 12:30 Hottist
- 1:30 The Art Collection : S
- 4:30 Kahani Poori Fi Hai : Deewar
- 5:30 Sunny Deol Sunny
- 9:30 Sunny Deol Belaab
- 1:30 Dooryan
- 4:30 Main Suhaag Hoon