

**Workshop**

## Snapshots from life

### Steets and Mukherjee speak about their work at Pathshala

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CHRISTOPH Mukherjee, speaking about the workshop arranged at Pathshala by Goethe Institut and Drik says, "This is basically about German contemporary photography which uses a special language. This is frequently used form of photography at present in Germany, UK and the rest of Europe for the past four years. We are trying to introduce that style to the people here so that they have an additional approach to certain topics concerning journalistic documentary photography."

Talking about how this is different from other types of photography, Mukherjee adds, "There are two different areas, one being the classical form of doing a reportage and the other is the modern contemporary approach by using certain photographic techniques that try to bring in conceptual aspects that try to show not only subjects but also their background at different levels which are not necessarily visible. You begin as a narrator of the story and then get more involved in the situation by making comments and observations e.g. the photographer steps back and makes his own frame, using the situation for his own purpose to show what he wants to be seen and not neces-

sarily what the situation is presenting. He takes something which is before him and makes something of his own. He uses the information that he gets and emphasizes some photography language to tell his own story about what is happening and not the routine press journalistic work that gives a quick look at what is going on."

David Steets adds, "This means that he will have to spend more time over his work than if he were doing it for quick journalistic purposes. There is more background knowledge and more research involved in this. This should be more than what is outwardly visible when you step into a situation. If you want to show underlying streams that go beyond what is visible at first you have to know what you are looking for."

Asked why it was necessary to hold the workshop, Steets says, "A good education in photography is based on practical experience and the more different input that you get as a young photographer in your education the better it is. That is why more workshops with varied people from different countries which have a different look at things the more you can take out for yourself to develop your visual language."

Mukherjee has held a work-

shop before in Bangladesh, accompanying Thomas Lutghe about two years ago. Steets has done workshops too earlier, teaching journalistic photography as well as when he was in Australia for a year when he taught for two months, giving talks at different universities such as in Darwin. Mukherjee had connections with being in Bangladesh before. The project "Earthquake India" which they did together in March at Munich was seen by Dr Markus Litz of the Goethe Institut, who invited them to come to Bangladesh. Steets being in India earlier this year, was motivated to come here and finding a project he got the incentive that he needed to see Bangladesh and also to do some work here after the workshop is over. They will spend most of their time in Dhaka but also hope to go to the countryside. In their own work, which will comprise of still photography and on which they will spend two weeks, they hope to focus on the changes in Dhaka city.

Talking about the participants of the workshop, Steets says, "This workshop is organized by 'Pathshala' and the Goethe Institut so the people we are teaching are 12 photography students, half of them having two years' experience in photography, while the other half have begun in



Window

July so that they have limited experience although they have basic training in photography. The other participants are some free lance photographers. The students include two women. We found them attentive, responsive and asking good questions. They have to find their own topic within the theme of the changes in Dhaka in 8 days. They are working overnight to get a conceptual approach their topic. Their ideas comprised of subjects concerning population and growth, environmental issues, construction work and specific subjects such as the rise of the supermarkets. For example, there are two people

working as a team concentrating on certain essential crossroads, where markets and streets come together in Dhaka, trying to document them over the course of a day. This is to show the people and traffic on the streets."

Elaborating on the type of photographs they were here to help make Mukherjee says, "The workshop is part of our work. The approach is journalistic and documentary. You have a neutral approach to these pictures and don't get involved yourself so that there is empathy between you and the camera."

Asked to give the difference between classical journalistic photography and the modern documentation approach is that classical journalistic photography tends to concentrate on an event, based on a philosophy defined by 'the decisive moment' based on Henri Cartier-Bresson, while modern documentation concentrates on the specific and special within the normality of everyday life, rather than a special event."

Talking about their background and experiences, Steets says, "We both studied together in a special photography academy in Munich, Germany. I myself was interested in photography since I was 12 years old when I started taking pictures with a good friend of mine and it became a convic-



Laughing exercises

tion that it was the best form of expression for me. As for Mukerjee, he was influenced by older photographers as a teenager and he went into photography even though at first his family did not take to this kindly. This was for three years and we finished this four and half years ago. Ever since then we have been free lancing for German magazines doing journalistic and portraiture works. We have been working for companies as well. We also do projects on our own for exhibitions e.g. 'Earthquake India' in January this year which was a fund raising drive to raise funds for the earth-

quake victims which we tried to do with our own means. We essentially went into the earthquake area and photographed this project and exhibited these pictures in Germany later in Munich, Piassau and Meuhaus near the Alpine mountains.

"Photography has developed in a major way in the last 15 years in Europe and USA. As it is not easy for a young painter to sell his works so a young photographer finds it difficult to sell his works although the prices may be low. As photographs can be produced easily so the prices are much lower for them."



Police

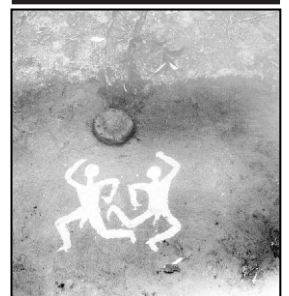


Family



PHOTOS: 'EARTHQUAKE INDIA' BY STEETS AND MUKHERJEE  
Christoph Mukherjee and David Steets

RECOMMENDATIONS



Nishkanda

'Nishkanda is a mythical folk deity. He is being worshiped to drive away evil spirits, long for offspring and get rid of fear and diseases.' A photography exhibition by Shamim Hassan is being held at the exhibition hall of the German Cultural Centre (Goethe Institut). The exhibition will continue till December 4.

Pictures, that narrate stories

Conducted by Christoph Mukherjee and David Steets in collaboration with Drik Gallery and Pathshala, a photography workshop titled 'Pictures, that narrate stories' will start today at the German Cultural Centre (Goethe Institut). The workshop will continue till December 2.

Art show

A group art exhibition by Zahid, Shamim, Kakoli and Safin has opened at The High Commission of India cultural centre, 754, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. The show runs everyday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. till November 29.

Crafts and fashion works show

A Crafts and Fashion Works Exhibition is now being held at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Shahbagh, Dhaka. The show will run till November 30.

Bird Fair 2001

Organised by photographer Enam Ul Haque, Bangladesh Bird Club and Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon a daylong fair titled 'Pakhimela 2001' will be held today at the Jahangirnagar University Campus. Professor Jashim Uddin Ahmed, Vice Chancellor, Jahangirnagar University will inaugurate the fair as chief guest.

## TV GUIDE

**BTV**

**Morning**  
9:10 Khabar  
9:15 Alor Pothe  
9:35 Cartoon: Totally tuned in  
10:00 The News  
10:05 Special on Arms Forces Day (Repeat)  
11:00 Krira Jagath  
11:30 Moner Kotha  
11:55 Musical programme

**Evening**  
2:25 Bengali Movie  
4:00 Khabar  
4:50 Mahe Ramadan  
5:00 News Headlines  
5:30 Shobar Jonno Shiksha  
6:00 Khabar  
6:10 Cartoon: Ghost Busters  
6:35 Programme from Chittagong station  
7:00 News Headlines (English)  
7:05 Malancha  
7:30 Drama Serial: Shukher Tori  
8:00 News in Bengali  
8:30 Drama series: Ei Megh Ei Rodru

9:00 News Headlines  
9:05 Shei Gaanguli  
10:00 News at Ten (English)  
10:30 The X Files  
11:15 Khabar / The News

**EKUSHEY TV**  
2:00 Ekushey Headlines  
2:05 Ajker Potrikay  
2:14 Ekatturer Ei Dine  
2:15 Bangla Film: Punornilon  
4:30 Gillette World Sports Special  
5:00 Islamic Programme: Oishee  
5:30 E Shoplather Bishsho  
6:00 Ekushey Headlines  
6:05 WWF Smackdown  
6:55 Ekushey Headlines  
7:00 Mukto Khabor  
7:30 Ekushey News  
7:58 Ek Minute  
8:00 Ekushey Test Special  
8:30 Anondo  
9:00 Ekushey News  
9:05 Shukrobarer Natok: Oggayatojon  
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV  
10:30 Drama Serial: Nilanjonna  
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News  
11:30 Ei Shoplath  
12:00 Ekushey Headlines

**CHANNEL-i**

6:25 Rang Berang  
7:00 Jato Path Tato Mot  
7:35 Face to Face  
8:00 Din Protdin  
8:30 Drama: Fadh  
9:40 Music Plus  
10:45 Rang Berang  
11:15 Jato Path Tato Mot  
12:00 Face to Face  
1:00 Drama: Fadh  
2:00 Bangla Cinema: Samapti (Razzak/Sabana)  
4:50 Mahe Ramadan  
5:25 Hamd Nat  
5:35 Monohor Iftar  
5:45 Islam & Biggan  
6:10 Music Plus  
7:15 Channel i Sangbad  
7:25 Tasmani Film World  
8:00 Flop Show  
8:30 I Tele Quiz  
9:00 Channel i Sangbad  
9:20 Sangbad Patra Bangladesh  
9:30 I Tele Quiz  
10:00 Quiz: 60 Sec.  
10:01 Marine Location Theke  
10:30 Channel i Sangbad  
Cinema: Iran Desher Chobi

**BBC WORLD**

6:00 BBC News  
6:30 World Business Report  
7:00 BBC News  
7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report  
8:00 BBC News  
8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report  
9:00 BBC News  
9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report  
10:00 BBC News  
10:30 Click Online  
11:00 BBC News  
11:30 EUR DIR  
12:00 BBC News  
12:30 Hardtalk  
1:00 BBC News  
1:30 Top Gear  
2:00 BBC News  
2:30 Life  
3:00 BBC News  
3:30 Hardtalk  
4:00 BBC News  
4:30 Talking Movies  
5:00 BBC News  
5:30 Life  
6:00 BBC News  
6:30 IT: India Tomorrow  
Mastermind India  
7:00 BBC News  
7:15 World Business Report  
7:30 Talking Movies  
8:00 BBC News  
8:30 Life  
9:00 Roswell  
10:00 Temptation Island  
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey

9:30 Asia Today  
10:00 BBC News  
10:15 World Business Report  
10:30 Hardtalk India  
11:00 BBC News  
11:30 World Business Report/World Sport  
12:00 BBC News  
12:30 Hardtalk  
1:00 BBC News  
1:30 Future Fantasti, QED, Clarkson  
2:00 BBC News  
2:30 World Business Report  
3:00 BBC News  
3:30 Correspondent ex supporting Roles  
4:00 BBC News  
4:30 World Business Report/Asia Today  
5:00 BBC News  
5:30 Hardtalk

**HBO**

6:30 Never Tell Me Never  
8:30 Mission Impossible  
10:45 Killers in the House  
12:30 Look Who's Talking  
2:30 Jade  
4:15 Gold Diggers the Secret of Bear Mountain  
6:15 Bingo  
8:00 No Way Back  
10:00 Wild Things  
12:15 Band Of Brothers 06: Bastogne  
1:45 Mission Impossible  
4:00 Star Trek Generations  
5:00 Star Trek Gold  
10:30 Amul Bollywood News  
11:00 Geet Bahar  
11:30 Gungahat (Pradeep Kumar, Asha Parekh)  
3:00 Amul Bollywood News  
3:30 Shart (Shyama, Deepak, Shashikala)  
7:00 Geet Bahar  
7:30 Shaandaar Shukrawar Kathputli (Balraj Sahni, Vjajantimata)  
11:00 Amul Bollywood News  
11:30 Khuddaar (Amitabh Bachchan, Parveen Babi)  
12:30 Khuddar (contd)  
3:00 Geet Bahar  
3:30 Film  
7:00 Film  
12:30 Happy Days  
6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun  
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show  
8:00 Water Rats  
9:00 Roswell  
10:00 Temptation Island  
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**STAR MOVIES:** 9:00 p.m. *Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo*. Schneider is Deuce Bigalow, a bumbling fish tank cleaner. When Antoine, a successful gigolo with a sick fish, has to leave the country for a few weeks, he offers Deuce the opportunity to house-sit for him. Predictably, Deuce manages to trash the place and must enlist the aid of pimp TJ (Griffin) to help him pay for the damages.

**EKUSHEY:** 9:05 p.m. *Oggayton*. Morshed who works in a private company, one day finds a passport on the road, which has an American visa in it and belongs to someone called Ashraf Siddique. The passport also contains his ten-year-old daughter's visa. Morshed goes out in search for him.

**EKUSHEY:** 10:30 p.m. *Nilanjana*. Reshad tries to adopt himself to the new environment of Sylhet. Shila and her father were mainly behind this change. Reshad gets a job at the tea garden of Shila's father. Reshad talks about Shila's operation.

**Show**  
12:00 Marial Law  
1:00 Media TV  
1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful  
2:00 Mork & 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 Miss Earth  
6:45 Star News Asia  
7:00 Miss Earth Contd  
8:00 Bugs  
9:00 Friends  
9:30 Miss Earth  
11:00 Bugs  
12:30 Miss Earth Contd  
2:30 Its Supernatural  
3:00 Morris Cerullo  
3:30 Exalted Word  
4:00 Creflo Dollar-Changing Your World  
4:30 World News  
5:00 Mission Impossible  
**STAR PLUS**  
6:00 Sanskruti  
6:30 Star Geetmata  
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain  
8:00 Aatma  
9:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet  
9:30 Fox Kids Daily  
10:30 Small Wonder  
11:00 Pal Chhin  
11:30 Saahil  
12:30 Shanti  
12:30 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet  
6:00 Morosport Asia  
6:30 Nba Acton  
7:00 World of Rugby the lb's  
7:00 World of Rugby  
1:30 Musafir Hoon Yaaron  
2:00 Mirch Masala

**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 accuse him of rape. Rich girl Kelly and Suzie Toller are behind the lawsuit.

**Channel [V]**  
7:30 [V] So Long Gone  
8:30 [V] Jumpstart  
10:30 [V] Hit Machine  
12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox  
1:00 [V] FDFS

**SPORTS**  
8:30 Sportscenter Hindi  
9:00 Here We Go  
9:30 Nba Basketball Chicago, IL USA Miami Heat @ Chicago Bulls  
11:30 Sportscenter Hindi  
12:00 Alp Tennis Show  
12:30 Asa World Tour : Tour Championship Dallas, TX USA  
1:30 Skiing 2001 Ultimate Airwave Park City, UT USA  
2:30 Sportscenter Hindi  
3:00 Championship 2001 World Aerobics Championship San Francisco, CA USA  
4:00 Baseball Max Season Wrap Up  
4:30 Women's College Basketball 2001 Coaches Vs Cancer  
5:00 Women's B'Ball Ames, IA USA  
**STAR SPORTS**  
6:30 Australia Cricket New

7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy  
8:20 News  
8:30 Ardhagini  
8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki  
9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee  
9:30 Nickelodeon  
10:30 Guldasta  
11:00 Ek Tukda Chand Ka  
11:30 Ek Nazar  
12:00 Woh Haseen Pal  
1:00 Hamare Tumhare  
1:25 Jhalak  
1:30 Koi Apna Sa  
2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan  
2:30 Gharana  
3:00 Naukar/Feature Film  
6:00 Ek Nazar  
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee  
7:00 Nickelodeon  
7:30 Ek Nazar  
8:00 Hip Hip Hurray  
8:30 Ek Tukda Chand Ka  
9:00 Mujhe Dore Koi Khinche  
9:30 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bhandhan  
10:00 Koi Apna Sa  
10:30 Aaj Bhi... Aateet  
11:00 Dollar Bah  
11:30 Shri 420  
12:30 Gharana  
1:00 Koshish... Ek Aashaa  
1:00 Aaj Bhi... Aateet  
1:30 Dollar Bahu  
2:00 Hip Hip Hurray  
2:30 Gudgudee  
3:00 Ghar Ghar Ki Kahani-Feature Film  
5:30 News in Hindi

**ZEE TV**  
6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal  
6:30 Aalaap  
7:00 Yoga For Life  
7:20 Jagran

**ZEE CINEMA**  
6:00 Feature Film  
9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme  
9:15 Tara Rum  
9:45 Movie Fare  
10:00 Feature Film  
1:00 Chatpati Chat  
1:15 Madyantar  
1:30 Feature Film  
5:00 Darpan  
5:15 Making Of A Legend  
5:45 Film Time  
6:00 Feature Film  
9:15 Cine News  
9:30 Ikke Pe Ikka  
10:00 Feature Film  
1:45 Tara Rum  
2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme  
2:30 Feature Film  
5:30 Chhrehn  
**ZEE MUSIC**  
6:00 Music Plus  
7:00 Aalaap  
7:30 Tara Rum  
8:30 Hit Pe Hit  
10:30 Hit Mix  
11:00 Dil Se  
11:30 Music Box  
12:00 Music Plus  
12:00 Hit Pe Hit  
12:00 Music Box  
12:00 Artist Of The Fortnight  
6:00 Music Plus  
7:30 Hit Pe Hit  
8:30 Dial M  
9:30 Music Box  
10:00 Sizzlers  
10:30 Jharokha  
11:05 Compact Disc  
11:35 Phoren Maal  
12:35 Shabab  
1:05 Music Box  
1:30 Jharokha  
2:00 Hit Pe Hit  
3:00 Dil Se  
3:30 Tara Rum  
4:30 Phoren Maal  
5:30 Sizzlers  
8:00 Sportsline Tonight  
9:00 Here We Go!  
9:00 Australian Domestic Cricket -- Pura Cup  
Hobart, Australia Southern Redbacks @ Tasmanian Tigers Day 4 Highlights  
Football Asia  
10:00 Sportsline Tonight  
10:30 Australia Cricket New Zealand Tour Of Australia 2001 Perth, Australia  
11:00 Rolly Racing Mai Indian National Rally Championship 2001 Goa, India Rally De Goa  
Highlights  
12:00 Sportsline Tonight

12:30 Chena Mukher Shari  
1:00 Ingit  
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche  
2:00 Nayantara  
2:00 -Feature Film  
5:00 Surer Ei Jhama Dharay  
5:30 Dour  
6:00 News  
6:30 Grohon  
7:00 Shesh Prashna  
7:30 Monniye  
8:00 Nayantara  
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche  
9:15 Chena Mukh Shari  
9:45 Ingeet  
10:15 Dai Baddha  
10:45 Ek Palake  
10:50 News  
10:55 Ek Palake  
11:00 Talk Jhal Misti  
11:30 News  
11:55 Ek Palake  
12:00 Shesh Prashna  
12:55 Ek Palake  
12:30 Changa Feature Film  
3:00 Ki Likhi Tomai  
3:30 Bharat Bhraman  
4:00 Nayantara  
4:30 Ek Akasher Niche  
5:00 Chena Mukher Shari  
5:30 Zee Jalsa  
**HALLMARK**  
12:00 True Women  
2:00 Katts and Dog  
3:00 True Women  
5:00 Sesame Street  
6:00 Getting Out  
8:00 Night Owl  
10:00 Lonesome Dove: The Series  
11:00 By Dawn's Early Light  
1:00 Sliders Season IV  
2:00 Sesame Street  
3:00 Clifford  
3:30 Caillou  
4:00 Lonesome Dove: The Series  
5:00 Star Trek : Voyager  
6:00 Sliders Season IV  
7:00 Star Trek: Voyager  
9:00 Star Trek : Voyager  
10:00 They Call Me Sirr  
**STAR NEWS**  
6:00 Star Khel  
6:30 Bollywood News  
7:00 Star Bazaar  
7:30 Saat Baje  
8:00 Hotline  
8:30 Tonight at 8  
9:00 Star Samachar  
9:30 Star News English  
10:00 Star Business News  
10:30 Star Newshour  
11:30 Star News English  
12:00 Star News Hindi  
12:30 Sports Tonight

**ALPHA TV BANGLA**  
6:00 Sheshprashna  
6:30 Tritiyo Purush  
7:00 Grohon  
7:30 News  
8:00 Surer Ei Dharana Dharay  
8:30 Monniye  
9:00 News  
9:05 Bharat Bhraman  
9:30 Ki Likhi Tomai  
10:00 Bideshini Bodhu  
10:30 Monniye  
11:00 Sheshprashna  
11:30 Grohon  
12:00 Jhara Samayer Uapakatha