

Film

A game of hide-and-seek

Chhabial production *Kanamachhi* premiered at the Goethe Institut Auditorium

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IN association with Goethe Institut, Dhaka, Chalachitram Film Society held the premiere of a Chhabial Production *Kanamachhi* recently. Written by Anisul Huq and directed by Mostafa Sarwar the film has been made in Beta SP format. Ekushey Television has financed the sixty two minutes long film and will air it soon.

Screening being over, when asked to comment, script writer Anisul Huq said, "Having read the story Hitch-Hiking Game, I was inspired to write *Kanamachhi*. But Mostafa Sarwar has got his own style of direction by which, the original script assumes a new dimension when turned into film. I enjoy this transformation in the hand of the director."

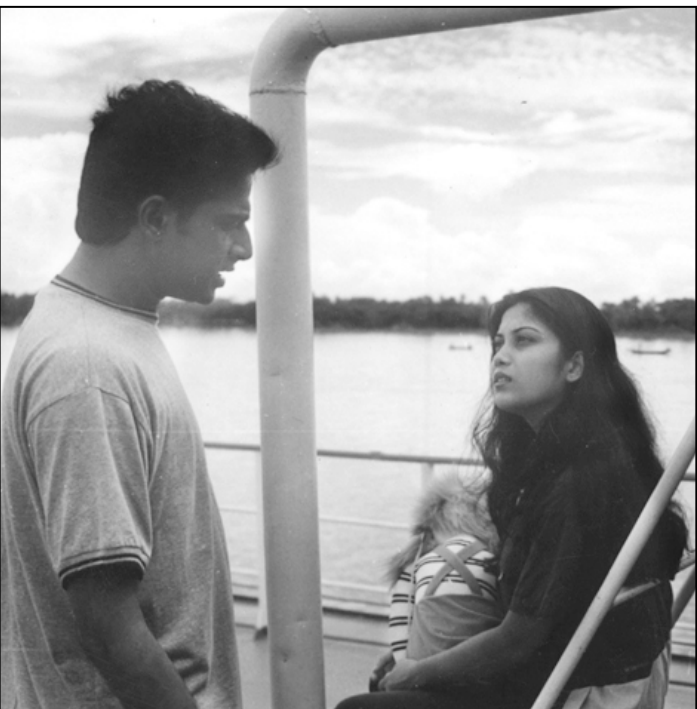
Munira Morshed Munni, GS of the film society, commented on the film saying, "there is an experimental blend of dramatic and cinematic elements in this

film."

The plot of the film is very simple evolving around a long drive outing by ship. The characters in the film are of different age, habit and nature. Their problems are also varied. Hasan-Kakon couple is at the centre of the story. *Kanamachhi* tells a tale of love of urban people outside urbanity in an idyllic setting.

A touring company arranges a pleasure trip to the Sundarbans. Hasan and Kakon, running second year of their conjugal life, make up their mind to join this touring party. Among others, there are Naila, Cousin, Rivi and an elderly woman called Aunt in the group.

This pleasure trip has two-fold excitement and joy. First, a long journey by a launch at a moonlit night. The second excitement is a short stay at the Sunderbans. All the touring guests stay five days on board the huge launch and encounter different people of different

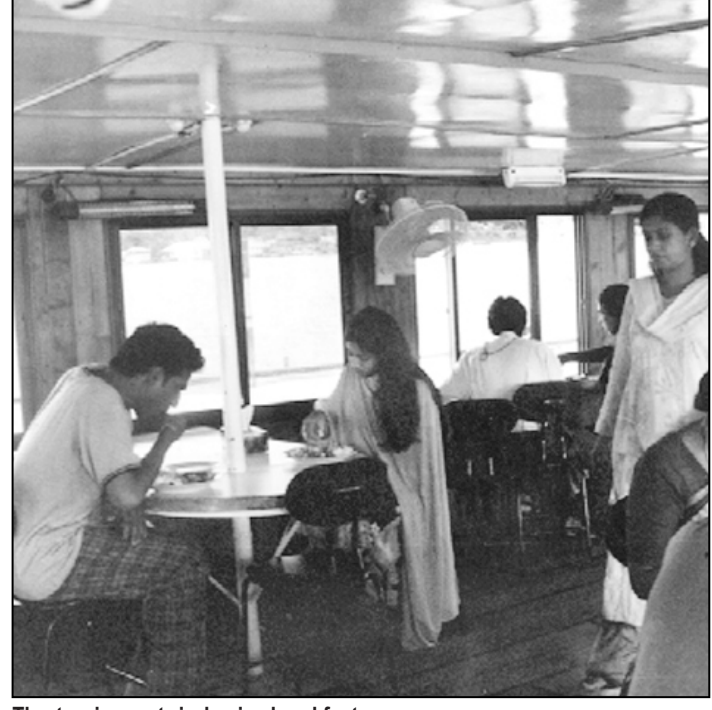


Pushpa (Srabanti) shows her affinity for Hasan (Ahmed Rubel)

habit and manner. Aunt over-looks whether anything unpleasant takes place. She takes care if any young man peeps into any lady's chamber.

Rid of parental protection and constraints of city life, members of this touring party savour an unearthly beauty of moonlit night and serenity of dawn with the rise of a tender sun on the calm river. They experience the metaphysical beauty of sun rise and sun set in the lap of a tranquil nature. Mystery of a misty morning corresponds to that of the travelers' relationship. They get involved in a diverse communion with each other as a result of their interaction in a friendly atmosphere away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Reading Milan Kundera's 'Hitch-Hiking Game' Hasan and Kakon plan to play hitch-hike. They decide to conceal their true relationship while travelling. After some time they start



The touring party is having breakfast

Event

Out for a cause

Film actresses of West Bengal to educate sex workers in Kolkata

SAKYA SEN from Kolkata

THEY are out for a cause. The film actresses in Bengal have decided to spend a substantial amount of time every year with the sex workers in Kolkata. The aim of these actresses are to educate the sex workers and to help them in finding a different vocation to earn money.

The film actress society of Kolkata, organised a march in the most famous red light area of the city, Sonagachi, on December 6. West Bengal's top film lady Rituparna Sengupta along with a number of her co-stars walked the narrow lanes and by-lanes of Sonagachi requesting the sex workers there to get of the flesh trade business.

Amongst the others who joined her were Sudipta Chakrabarty (an award winner in Kiron Kher's Bariwali), June Malia, Labony Sarkar, Indrani Halder and many others.

Initially, the crowd of sex workers that gathered around them were more curious than anything else. But as the actress spoke their mind, the crowd around them gathered. All of them were eager to what Rituparna had to say. Bengal's first lady of the film industry

made it very clear that the group was not out to raise money for the sex workers.

"We want you to give up this trade. For that we are here to help you. But first you will have to give a clear indication that you are willing to quit your profession as sex workers. Then only will we be able to save you," she said. "She urged them to get out from the clutches of the pimps and local goons that rule the area around Sonagachi. "You work and they take the lion's share," she shouted and immediately it drew a large round of muted applause. Others who spoke were June Malia and Indrani Halder.

However, they were more concerned as to whether the sex workers practiced safe sex or not. Sonagachi has more than six thousand prostitutes. Amongst them are a little less than 1,000 girls from Andhra Pradesh alone. There are some who charge more than Rs 10,000 for a night's business.

Others work as less as Rupees 50. And they have to satisfy quite a few customers to get a substantiate income. Rupa Rani, a girl who falls in this category said, "There are nights when I indulge in sex with more than 10 people. As I do not know

whether the next day, I will earn sufficiently. Forty per cent of this amount goes to the pimp."

"Of the remaining 60 per cent, I have to give a minimum of 20 per cent to the owner of the room. So if I do good business in one night, the maximum that I may end up with is Rupees 200."

Later on talking to reporters, Rituparna said, "The fact is that society cannot respect these people. Even if they want to quit the trade and lead a health life society does not allow them to do so. Our aim is to help them in their endeavour. If we can get even 10 of the girls out of Sonagachi we will consider our effort to be successful."

She also lamented the fact that governments have never really cared about the health of these people. It was a sort of change for everyone who participated in the walk along with the film stars.

The usual wrinkles of shame and pity that distort the face when one walks through such an area was missing. It was clear that the idea was noble. Rituparna, who charges quite substantially these days for her films also said that she would try and rope in corporate houses to help their cause.



Rituparna Sengupta (in dark glass) June malia (centre) and Srilekha Mitra (right) walk with the prostitutes of Sonagachi

RECOMMENDATIONS



Eid Fashion Layout

Annela Haque's Andes is having her Eid Fashion layout at its outlet (Rd. 10, House 23, Gulshan-1). Starting from Men's kurtas to women's designer Jamdani saris everything is in the list. It will be open to all everyday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. till chand ratri.

Ambiance

An exhibition titled 'Ambience' by Debesh Goswami is being held at the National Museum. The exhibition will continue everyday from 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. till December 20.

Neel Utshab

Organised jointly by Aranya and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Neel Utshab features dresses, saris and other household products in indigo. Aranya and MCC have teamed up to bring back indigo from the blind allies of history. The outstanding collection of indigo products is now on display at Aranya at Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani. The utshab runs until December 15.

Film Festival

Organised by Bangladesh Short Film Forum, the 9-daylong 7th International Short and Independent Film Festival Dhaka 2001 is due to start from December 22 at the Central Public Library auditorium. 120 films from 32 countries will participate at the festival.

Disney, Besson Retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society organised Disney-Besson Retrospective is going on at German Cultural Centre at Dhanmandi

11th December:
2:00 pm "Toy Story" by Walt Disney
3:15 pm "A Bug's Life" by Walt Disney
6:30 pm "The Professional" by Luc Besson

12th December:
2:00 pm. "Mulan" (1998) by Walt Disney
3:15 pm. "Hercules" (1997) by Walt Disney

TV GUIDE

EKUSHEY TV

12:30 Ekushey Middy
12:30 Charidike
1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30 Documentary Programme: Japan Video Tropic
Classic Cartoons
2:10 Surer Prodeep
2:40 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial: Gohor Gachi
3:30 Amader Kotha
4:00 Surer Prodeep
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00 Islamic Program: Oishee
5:30 Drishti
5:50 Aiker Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Classic Cartoons
6:30 Charidike
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Deho Tore
7:30 Ekushey News
7:58 Ek Minute
8:00 Drama Serial: Abong Beaya
8:30 Ekushey Shapthahik 2000 Eid Fashion-2001
9:00 Ekushey News
9:05 Iranian Film: Omeed News : Simulcast from MTV
10:30 Iranian Film: Omeed
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
11:30 Ekushey Business
12:00 Ekushey Headlines

ATN BANGLA

3:30 Sheri Prog: Mobarak Ho Mahey Ramadan
5:30 Islamic Prog
7:00 Child's Prog: Shapla Saluk Gold Medal
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Drama serial : Uttaran
9:00 Reporting prog: Ghotanar Nepathee
9:35 Magazine prog: Sutorang
10:10 Musical prog: **Katha O Sur**
10:50 Fashion Magazine: Style & Beauty
11:20 Drama serial : Bondon
11:20 Bengali film : Professor
12:00 ATN Bangla News
4:30 Iftar Prog: Mobarak Ho Mahey Ramadan
6:07 Musical prog : ATN Music
6:45 Magazine prog: Abong
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35 Drama serial : Uttaran
8:10 Film Magazine : Cine Music
8:45 Drama: Duray Kotho
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Fashion Magazine: Style & Beauty
11:05 Drama serial : Bondon
11:30 ATN Bangla News
12:00 Bengali Film : Atem

STAR GOLD

10:30 Amul Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Ek Nari Ek Brahmachari (Jeetendra, Mumtaz)
3:00 Amul Bollywood News
3:30 Naami Chor (Biswajit, Leena Chandavarkar)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Mangal Masti- Daag (Dilip Kumar, Nimmi)
11:00 Amul Bollywood News
11:30 Biwi Ho To Aisi (Rekha, Farouque Sheikh)
12:30 Biwi Ho To Aisi (Contd)
3:00 Geet Bahar
3:30 Naami Chor (Biswajit, Leena Chandavarkar)
7:00 Daag (Dilip Kumar, Nimmi)

STAR WORLD

6:00 Happy Days
6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Water Rats
9:00 That 70's Show
9:30 Dharma & Greg
10:00 Sting Special: All This Time
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
12:30 Media TV
1:00 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 JAG
6:55 STAR News Asia
7:00 The Pretender
7:30 Law & Order : Special Victims Unit
9:00 Friends
10:00 JAG
10:30 The Pretender
11:30 Law & Order : Special Victims Unit
12:30 JAG
1:30 The Pretender
2:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily
3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries
4:00 Joyce Meyer Ministries
4:30 World News
5:00 Things People Do
5:30 Mork & Mindy

STAR PLUS

6:00 Sanskruti

6:30 Star Geetmala
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids-Daily
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Pal Chhin
11:30 Saahil
12:00 Sansar
12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
2:00 Sanskruti
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00 Shagun
3:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
4:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
5:00 Meri Saheli
5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Fox Kids Daily
6:40 Aaj Ki Baat
7:30 Sanskruti
8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:30 Kalash
9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Kay Show
9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kaahin Kissii Roz
12:05 Aaj Ki Baat
12:30 Shagun
1:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
1:30 Telebrands
2:00 Kaahin Kissii Roz
2:30 Gharwali Uparwali
3:00 Pal Chhin
3:30 Saahil
4:00 Sansar
4:30 Kyunki Saas Bi Kabhi Bahu Thi
5:00 Meri Saheli
5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

EKUSHEY: 8:00 p.m. *Ebong Biye*. Episode 10: Russel is very happy to see Tuntuni, but Mohabbat is worried. Both of them thinks that Irin is a spy. After hearing this Irin says that she will never go to their house. Pakhi also arrives. Jahanara opposes that Pakhi will join her team but the opposite happens.

EKUSHEY: 8:30 p.m. *Ekushey Shapthahik 2000 Eid Fashion* 2001 is designed with the latest Eid fashions. In this episode there will be Saris (price ranging between 1000 tk.) and Salwar Kameez (price ranging between tk. 1200 2000). Artist Rafiqun Nabi and advertisement specialist Korobi Mizan will comment on these dresses.

STAR WORLD: 9:30 p.m. *JAG. Surface Warfare*: Bud's brother Mikey comes perilously close to taking out fellow sailors during a military exercise and the JAG team comes to his defence.

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 World Business Report
11:00 BBC News
11:30 World Business Report
12:00 BBC News
12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
1:00 BBC News
1:30 QED
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Click Online
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Earth Report
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk
6:00 BBC News
6:30 World Business Report
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Holiday
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Earth Money

PICK OF THE DAY

My Girl - 2
On HBO at 11:00 PM
The last time we saw Vada Sultenfuss, she gave Macaulay Culkin the kiss of death, and had him happily running off into the woods and right into the lion's den. Poor kid. And now she's back. With her first love dead, and her mother largely a stranger to her memories. Vada is now 13 years old and fussing about boys, babies and of course the all peculiar upper torso developments.

ESPN

6:30 Sportscenter Hindi
7:00 English Premier League Highlights English Premier League Highlights 2001/02
8:00 NFL Football Miami, FL USA Indianapolis Colts Miami Dolphins
11:30 Motorsport Asia
12:00 Cricket Magazine India's Greatest Cricket Moments Dhaka, Bangladesh India @ Pakistan '98 B'Desh Silver Jubilee 3rd Final H/L
1:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA
2:00 Asa World Tour Asa World Tour: Best Wrecks Dallas, TX USA
2:30 Champions Trophy Sharjah, UAE Pakistan @ Sri Lanka 2nd Odi, 1st Session
5:00 Champions Trophy Sharjah, UAE Pakistan @ Sri Lanka 2nd Odi, 2nd Session

HBO

7:00 Official Denial
8:45 Trespass
10:45 Meteorites!
12:30 La Bamba
Kiss the Girls
5:00 The Natural
7:45 Coming to America
10:00 My Girl 2
12:00 Cabin by The Lake
2:00 Mchale's Navy

SPORTS

Session
7:30 Football Focus
10:30 Sportscenter Hindi
9:00 American Muscle 2001 American Muscle
9:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League
11:30 Sportscenter Hindi
12:00 Cricket Magazine India's Greatest Cricket Moments Dhaka, Bangladesh India @ Pakistan '98 B'Desh Silver Jubilee 3rd Final H/L
1:00 NFL Football Miami, FL USA Indianapolis Colts Miami Dolphins
4:00 Sportscenter Hindi
4:30 Motorsport Asia
5:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA
5:30 Sportsline Today
7:30 Cricket Talk Show Harsha Online
9:30 Sports India
10:00 Yachting Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup 2001 Sardinia, Italy Event Highlights
10:30 Golf Tournament Holden Australian Open Golf Championship Queensland, Australia Day Two
12:30 Sportsline Today
1:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League
3:00 Cricket Talk Show Harsha Online
4:00 Class 1 Um World Powerboat C'Ships Dubai, United Arab Emirates Dubai Grand Prix
4:30 Table Tennis Itf Pro Tour 2001 Dutch Open Finals
6:30 Sailing Volvo Ocean Race
7:00 English Premier Football League English Premier

4:15 Coming to America

STAR NEWS

07:30 Breakfast News
6:00 Star News Hindi
6:30 Bollywood News
7:00 Star Bazaar
7:30 Saat Baje
8:00 Star Khel
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 Sports Tonight
12:30 Star News English

ZEE TV

6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal
6:30 Aalaap
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:30 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
8:20 News
8:30 Ardhangani
8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
9:00 Nickelodeon
9:30 Nickelodeon
10:00 Sarhadein
10:30 Ek Tukda Chand Ka
11:30 Ek Nazar
12:00 Woh Haseen Pal
1:00 Manzlein Apni Apni
1:25 Jhalak
1:30 Koi Apna Sa
2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
2:30 Gharana

3:00 Feature Film
6:00 Ek Nazar
6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee
7:00 Nickelodeon
7:30 Ek Nazar
8:00 Deewane To Deewane Hai
8:30 Ek Tukda Chand Ka
9:00 Justjuo
9:30 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
10:00 Koi Apna Sa
10:30 Aap Jo Bole Haan To Haan Aap Jo Bole Na
11:30 Sarhadein
12:00 Gharana
12:30 Muje Dore Koi Khinche 1:00 Sansaar
2:00 Deewane To Deewane Hai
2:30 Manzlein Apni Apni
3:00 Feature Film
5:30 News in Hindi

ZEE CINEMA

7:00 Top of the Tops
7:30 Durga- Feature Film
10:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
10:30 Dil Ka Doctor- Feature Film
1:15 Madhyantar
1:30 Saugandh - Feature Film
5:00 Darpan
5:15 Weekend Cinema
5:45 Film Time
6:00 Main Tulsi Tere Angan Ki- Feature Film
9:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
9:30 Tara Rum
10:00 Manav Hatya-Feature Film
1:15 Yaadein
1:30 Daulat Ke Dushman- Feature Film
4:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
4:30 Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi- Feature Film

ZEE MUSIC

6:00 Music Plus
7:00 Aalaap
7:30 Tara Rum
8:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:25 Star Style
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Cool Age
11:30 Music Box
12:00 Music Plus
1:00 Hit Pe Hit
2:00 Jharokha
2:35 Artist Of The Fortnight
3:05 Tara Rum
4:00 Hit Pe Hit
5:00 Music Box
5:30 Hit Mix

6:00 Compact Disc
6:30 Music Plus
7:30 Hit Pe Hit
8:30 Just Jammin
9:00 Dil Se
9:30 Music Box
10:30 Jharokha
11:05 Fillers
11:35 Phoren Maal
12:35 Shabab
1:05 Music Box
1:30 Jharokha
2:00 Hit Pe Hit
3:00 Artist Of The Fortnight
3:30 Tara Rum
4:30 Phoren Maal
5:30 Sizzlers

ALPHA TV BANGLA

6:00 Chokher Bani/Football
6:30 Goenda Paribar
7:00 Nayantara
7:30 News in Bengali
8:00 Surer Ei Dharana Dharay
8:30 Sur Taal
9:00 News
9:05 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan
10:00 Saregama
11:00 Premier Phande
11:30 Ebar Jombe Moja
12:00 Bhalobasa
12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
1:00 Ingit
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:30 Saptapadi Durga Puja Special
5:00 Surer Ei Jhama Dharay
5:30 Nababi
6:00 News in Bengali
6:30 Chokher Bani/De Re
7:00 Nayantara
7:30 Purobi Bangla
8:00 Pratibimba
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
9:10 Chena Mukher Shari
9:45 Ingeet
10:15 Football
10:45 Ek Palake
10:50 Bangla News Bulletin
10:45 Ek Palake
10:50 Bangla News Bulletin
10:55 Ek Palake
11:00 News in Bengali
11:30 Aat Pake Bandha
11:55 Ek Palake
12:00 Chokher Bani/De Re
12:25 Ek Palake
12:30 Bangla Feature Film
3:00 Monniye
3:30 Bharat Bhraman
4:00 Pratibimba
4:30 Ek Akasher Niche