## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Reconstruction of Reality

June 7 -21 Kazi Sayed Ahmed holds a solo exhibition of his artworks titled 'Reconstruction of Reality' at the gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. The show is open to all daily except Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 8

## Jamdani exhibition

June 3 - 18 A Jamdani sari exhibition is on at Haseen's gallery in Kemal Ataturk Ave. in the city. Done in cotton and half silk, around 150 saris are on display with 24 designs. The show is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Bird fair, painting, quiz competion

A bird fair will be held at Aga Thakurpara in Barguna district on June 29 that is to be organised by Dalchut, a little magazine club with cooperation from Enam-UI-Haque, President of Bangladesh Bird Club. Children's painting contest, guiz competition, photography exhibition and bird watching will also be held.

#### Music Festival June 20 -21

On the auspicious occasion of the two-day 'Music festival 2002' at the premises and gallery of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, a piano concert will be held on the first day at 4 p.m. and performers will comprise of students from l'ecole de musique a La Galerie. Later on, in the late evening a concert will be held of Indian classical songs to be performed by Nilufar Yasmeen and flutist Gazi Abdul Hakim. The

evening's session will end through a

performance from boys of rock group, 'Bangladesh Band'. On the second day, proceedings will begin in the morning with a film exhibition on topics of music. Documentaries on various French singers and jazz artists will be screened throughout the day. An international French school will be opened at 11 a.m. Baul singer Shahjahan Miah, who is blind and father of young singer Lokman Hakim, will render songs from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. A folk songs' event to be

organized by fashion designer Bibi

Russell will start at 9 p.m. to

continue till late

### Cinema

# Fate of Janani hangs in balance

Production of a government-financed film based upon a novel of Shaukat Osman, remains suspended since last four years after stoppage of fund

CULTURE

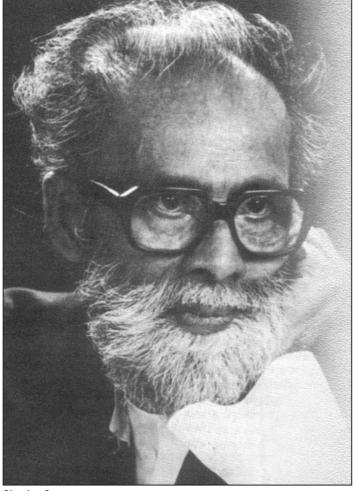
**CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT** 

Bangla feature film, titled 'Janani', based upon a novel of eminent author, Shaukat Osman, was being produced with a complete sponsorship from the ruling government of the country during the year 1996-97. But unfortunately, with the sudden death of Shaukat Osman, the government-owned institution of Film Development Corporation (FDC), which was entitled to pay the amount in phases, stopped releasing any further sum to Shaukat's son and producer of the film, Jean-Nesar Osman. Jean-Nesar is a diploma holder of Poona Film Institute of India.

According to reliable sources and upon evaluation of legal documents, it could be gathered that an official agreement was signed between Jean-Nesar Osman (first party) and the then-ruling Government of Bangladesh (second party) on July 21 in 1997 for the film 'Janani' that was termed in the document as a Government-sponsored film of the year

Bangladesh Film Development Corporation also agreed to provide technical assistance to the producer of 'Janani' and in this regard, a new accord was fixed upon mutual acceptance between the two parties on August 26 of the same year. A file was opened at the FDC office in this regard and the file number read, FDC/PRO-2295/97/391(18).

A cheque of taka fifteen lacs was issued in favour of the producer, Jean-Nesar Osman, on September 11 in 1997. An additional cheque of taka fifty



Shaukat Osman

thousand was issued in favour of Shaukat Osman, as remuneration of the writer of the original plot

It may be mentioned, as per an article of the agreement, the entire amounts of the two sanctions were handed over to the Information Ministry who have been dealing the matter with the producer of the film. It has been agreed upon by the two sides that the amounts would be collected later on, by the producer's side, through install-

As sources further inform, a mere thirty percent of the film's works have been done through private fund and the preliminary screening of the Rush-Print was handed to the Department of Film and Publication on November 18 in 1997 for purpose of viewing by the preview committee that was headed by Akmal

Hussain, the past secretary of the Ministry of Information.

It was the month of May in 1998, specifically to say, the 15th day of the month, when a bolt struck Janani almost from the blue. After a brief illness, Shaukat Osman, the original creator of the film's plot, a guide and mentor of the production unit, breathed his last. The government in awe and disappointment of all stopped the funding of 'Janani', with lame excuses of various kinds. The fourth death anniversary

of Shaukat Osman was observed at the auditorium of Bishwa Shahitya Kendra on May 14, this year by the management of 'Shaukat Osman Parishad', a forum that has been active since the laureate's expiry on upholding aspirations of the late intellectual. The memorial meeting was attended among others by eminent journalist Obaidul Haq, Santosh Gupta, Professor Wakil Ahmed, Professor Abul Kalam Monjur Morshed, Professor A.K. Azad Khan, artist Hashem Khan, Professor Sved Manzoorul Islam, artist Rafiqunnabi, Professor Afsar Ahmed and Professor Bulbon Osman. The meet that was presided over by eminent litterateur Mustafa Nurul Islam and directed by Dr. Abul Azad, demanded the resumption of the film 'Janani's regular shooting and early completion of works. The Shaukat Osman Parishad agreed with the opinions of the distinguished guests and decided to start the film's remaining works from August this year. The production unit of 'Janani' will try to complete the works within the shortest possi-



'Shaukat Osman Parishad' would collect all expenses through private sources and from different sponsors at home and abroad', said a top member of the Parishad. Moreover, Rezaul Karim Talukdar who is

the current president of Canada-Bangladesh Trade Promotion Center Inc. has expressed his willingness to arrange financier and source of sponsorship from abroad. 'Janani', a film that would



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Nat Geo Genius

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have had duration of around two hours would have told the harsh life stories of the female community of Bangladesh. Daria, the central character, would ultimately have killed herself through immolation in order to expiate her sin after she had given birth to an illegitimate child as a result of an unfortunate rape. Daria confronted the patriarchal imperative of selfsacrifice in face of 'moral duty'. The sign of motherhood in Osman have been invested with symbolic meanings, and had been idealized through self-immolation of the girl's Shaukat Osman, considered

as one of the leading writers of Bangladesh, was awarded Adamjee Literary Award, Bangla Academy Award, Ekushey Award, Nasiruddin Award, Philips Literary Award, besides several other recognitions. His works number more than eighty and his writings have been translated into English, French, German, Norwegian, and in regional languages of India. He had received 'Bangla Academy Award', the most prestigious award in the country, for his contribution in the field of short story. These works explored problems and prospects of the common mass of our society. Shaukat treated the pros and

cons of the post-colonial Bengali society through graphical and realistic evaluation. Thus, lack of education and medical facilities, religious prejudice and intolerance, class discrimination, system of 'purdah', belief in the supernatural and 'pirism' had come in most in his

Saat Bhai Bangla

Football (Bangla)

News in Bengali

Saffalya (Bangla)

Talk Jhaal Misti

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Artist of the

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Sizzlers

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**ZEE CINEMA** 

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Phoren Maal

Ikke Pe Ikka

Time Bomb

Hit Pe Hit

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## Tv guidE

## **ATN BANGLA**

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11:40	Patriotic song
11:50	Special program
12:15	World cup song
12:20	World cup match live:
	Group G Champion Vs
	Group D runners-up
2:10	News headline
2:45	Health program
3:00	News
3:05	School debate contest
4:00 4:05	News headline
5:00	Selected program News
5:05	Family planning
5:20	World cup match live:
0.20	Group C Champion Vs
	Group H runners-up
6:00	News
7:00	News headline
7:30	Dance
8:00	News
8:30	Drama
9:00	News headline
10:00	News at ten
10:25	World cup football
44.00	highlights
11:30	News (Bangla/English)
11:45	Closing
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1:00	Ekushey Headlines
1:00	Expedition to the
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**Ekushey Late Night** 

News: Simulcast From

Ebong Ranna

**Ekushey News** 

Drama Serial:

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## 5:45 Islamic Prog

7:00	New Singer
	Competition Prog:
	Nabin Borron
8:00	ATN Bangla News
8:25	Mega Serial:
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9:00	Musical Prog:
	Surer Madure
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	Prog: Janmotethe
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	Film: Abodan
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6:07	Film song's prog:
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Surchhobi 6:45 Dance Prog: Dance Dance 7:00 ATN Bangla **Evening News** 7:35 Musical Prog: 8:10 Reporting Prog: Ghotonar

Nepathee 8:45 Band Musical Prog: Pop Dhamaka 9:20 Mage Serial: Kun Semanay Mukte 10:00 ATN Bangla News 10;35 Drama: Racom

11:15 Bengali Feature Film: Mukter Mala 11:30 ATN Bangla News **BBC WORLD** 

6:00am BBC News 6:30 Asia Today/Reporters 7:00 **BBC New** 7:30 Asia Today/Asia **Business Report** 8:00 **BBC News** 8:30 Asia Today/Reporters 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

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**HBO** The Haunting of Seacliff Inn The Jackal Death Becomes Her Out of Sight

1:00 3:30 A Kiss Before Dying 5:30 The Untouchables 8:00 Falcon Down Hard Rain 10:00 12:00 Mrs. Winterbourne 2:15 **Death Becomes** Her

4:15 The Untouchables **STAR MOVIES** Action: News Break Comedy: Richie Rich's Christmas

Thriller: No One 9:00 Can Hear You 9:45 Thriller: The Coroner Comedy: Men in White Action : Dead Presidents Thriller: Do You Wanna Know A Secret Comedy: If You Only Knew Action: High

Comedy: Deuce **Bigalow Male** Gigolo STAR PLUS Hum Saath Aath

Adventure

Break

Action: News

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. If you only knew. Parker, an ordinary guy, loses his apartment and must find a new one. As luck would have it, he quickly meets a beautiful artist, Samantha, looking apartment with a man if he's gay. Parker puts two and two together and decides to pose as gay in order to get closer to the lovely Sam. But his romantic plans are frustrated when she keeps setting him up with her other gay friends. A sweet romantic comedy film that features compelling



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STAR MOVIES: 10:45 a.m. Richie Rich's Christmas wish. Poor Richie Rich. So much money and so unhappy. After he fouls up an effort to deliver holiday presents to poor and needy children in town, our despondent hero wishes he were never born. With the help of Professor Keenbean and his Wishing Machine, Richie's wish is granted. Now it is up to Richie to get of this friends and his family

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**12:05** Aaj Ki Baat

STAR GOLD

7:30am Arjun (Sunny Deol,

Dimple)

Hangal

3:00pm Geet Bahar

Geet Bahar

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Kuch Baatein Ak

(Premnath, Pran)

(Mehmood, Aruna

Gopichand Jasoos

Lakhon Me Ek

Irani, Pran)

Geet Bahar

Monday Magic

(Raj Kapoor,

Zeenat Aman)

Bollywood News

(Dharmendra)

Hukumat

STAR WORLD

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STAR NEWS

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# Hard Rain On HBO at 10:00 p.m.

PICK OF THE DAY

Filmed in the tradition of heist movies like "The Great Train Robbery", Hard Rain is certainly not your run-of-the-mill disaster flicks. Produced by Mark Gordon and directed by Mikael Salomon (twice nominated for Academy Awards for visual effects in 'Backdraft' and cinematography for 'The Abyss'), Hard Rain is in fact, the brainchild modern day 'It's A Wonderful Life' scenario and get of screenwriter Graham Yost -- after having back to his family in time to save Christmas for his watched news coverage of the disastrous Mississippi River floods of 1993.

12:00 [V] Back To Back NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC** 7:30am National Geographic Winfrey Show Breakfast News Special

Hindi

MacGyver Nash Bridges 8:30 **Breakfast News** Traders English The Oprah Winfrey Breakfast News 9:00 Hindi 12:00pm Worlds wildest 9:30 Star News English Police Videos Star News Hindi 10:00 Caroline In The City 10:30 Star News English The Bold & The 11:00 Star News Hindi Beautiful 11:30 Star News English Hollywood Squares 12:00pmStar News Hindi Family Ties 12:30 Star News English Baywatch Star News Hindi Star News English The Simpsons 1:30 3<sup>rd</sup> Rock From The 2:00 Star News Hindi 6:30 Bollywood News Starnews Asia 7:00 Star Bazaar Hindi

> 7:30 Saat Baje Hindi King of Queens Star Khel 8:00 Everybody Love 8:30 Tonight At 8 9:00 Star Samachar Starnews Update 9:30 Star News English Dharma & Greg 10:00 Star Business News 10:30 Star Newshour Boston Public 11:30 Star News English 12:00amSports Tonight King of Queens

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Guilt by Association In His Father's Shoes Sliders 2:00 Sesame Street 3:00 Scholastic Clifford 3:30 Caillou

Second Sight

5:00 Star Trek: Voyager 6:00 Sliders 7:00 Elvis Meets Nixon Star Trek: Voyager 9:00 Marriage Acts

12:00 Larry McMurtry's Streets of Laredo ZEE TV Yoga For Life 7:20 Jagran Zee Gym & Eat Healthy 8:20 News 8:30 Ardhangini

8:45 Yaadein Radio Cevion Ki 9:00 Nickelodeon 9:30 Nick on Zee Hum Paanch 10:30 11:00 Hudd Kar Di 12:00 Amanat

12:30 Kitne Kool Hain Hum Tu Kahe Agar 1:00 1:30 Koi Apna Sa 2:00

Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan Gharana Chhote Sarkar 6:30 Nickelodeon On Zee 7:00 Nickeldeon 8:00 Yeh Hai Mumbai

Meri Jaan.. 8:30 Kitne Kool Hain Hum 9:00 Saanijhi Baazi Kiski 9:30

Kohi Apna Sa 10:30 Choti Maa... Ek Anokha Bandhan 11:00 Tu Kahe Agar Gharana

11:30 12:00 Yeh Dil Kya Kare **ALPHA TV** 

**BANGLA** Shudhu Tomake Chai

7:30 Aalaap Bengali Spl Purobi Bangla 8:30 Gaan Unitd. 9:20 Bharat Bhraman 9:30 Mojar Khela Kobitae 10:00 Bichitra Ranna Ghai 11:00 Parineeta 11:30 Gaan Unltd

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Raghuveer

CNBC 1:00 6:00

Zinda Dil 10:30 1:30 Ek Kunwari El Kunwara 5:15 Cine News 6:00 Raiszaada Cine News 10:00

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