

RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion

**August 08**  
A discussion program on intellectual and freedom fighter late Professor Syed Ali Ahsan will be held at 11:00 p.m. at the Sufia Kamal auditorium in the city to be presided over by Cultural Affairs Minister Begum Selima Rahman.

**Australian Film Festival**

**August 15-16**  
Australian High Commission in Bangladesh hosts an Australian film festival on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Australia and Bangladesh. A total of ten films, of different lengths, will be screened at the British Council auditorium in the city. Free passes are available at the British Council office.

**Welcome monsoon**

**August 9**  
Sangeet Bhaban, a leading musical organisation, arranges 'Barsha Mangal', a musical ceremony dedicated to monsoon at its arrival in the region. The event starts at 7 p.m. at the auditorium of Bangladesh Shishu Academy in the city.

**Satranji display**

**August 1-8**  
An exhibition of traditional Satranji by eminent satranji maker and promoter Shaiful Alam Selim of Karupannya, Rangpur, starts at DRIK gallery at Dhanmondi in the city and is open to all from 3 to 8 p.m. daily.

**Art exhibition**

**August 2-15**  
Artist Fakrul Islam holds a solo exhibition of his works at the gallery of Alliance Francaise, complete schedule of which will soon be announced. Art is the best way to express emotion, love and personal attitude of oneself says Fakrul.

**Children's painting**

**July 22-August 8**  
Enlited Wasserwelten (Water world), an exhibition of paintings done by children from the schools of 'Shipi Sultan Pathshala' and 'Surov' of Dhaka, takes place at Goethe Institut in the city from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. everyday except on Fridays and general holidays.

Music

# A new initiative for band music

## "JukeBox"'s maiden performance at BCIC Auditorium in the city

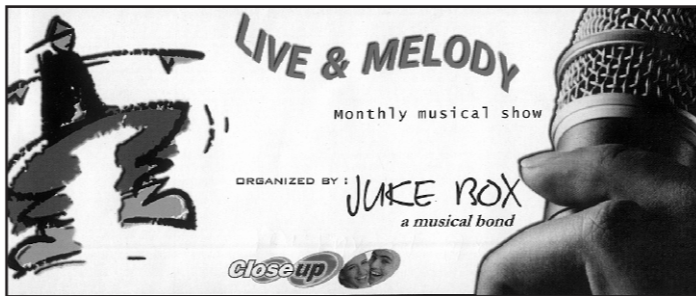
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NOT even continual monsoon rain all day long could deter the music-loving people of the city from coming to the BCIC Auditorium, to enjoy the 'Close-up and JukeBox Music Concert' on August 2. Two renowned band groups, Vikings and Feed Back, performed at this concert that surely was a hitherto-unprecedented phenomenon in the music scene of the country. 'Juke Box', however, is a group of enthusiastic youths who endeavour to establish regular arrangements for band groups to perform.

From their realisation that,

unlike in case of the theatre groups of the country, there are limited scopes for the band groups as regards regular performance, a few young hands joined together under the name of 'Juke Box' in June 2002. The members of the team are the two brothers, Aakash and Shagor, Taufiqur Rahman, Bappa Mazumder and Shanjeeb Chowdhury, and Abdun Noor Tushar. At this primary stage of their mission, 'Juke Box' wishes to arrange at least one concert a month in which two bands will perform. These concerts will be open to public through tickets at a considerable price.

The concert was the maiden attempt by 'JukeBox' in collabo-



ration with 'Close-up'. The concert opened with the Vikings, the winner as the best band in Benson & Hedges Star Search, 1999. Vikings presented some ten songs that included numbers both from their own albums and popular English music. Specially, 'Din joto dukkho toto,' Bon Jovi's remake of the song 'It's my

life' of Doctor Alban, and Bryan Adams' 'Please forgive me' earned much applause from the audience.

Then the stage was given over to Feed Back, a band that emerged in the late 1980s. Feed Back presented from its old albums songs that are still popular, such as, 'Moushumi,' 'Udashi

ei mone,' and the greatest hit one 'Keno khulechho tomar o janala.' They also sang two songs from their forthcoming fourth album: 'Emoni raate' and 'Path hara pathik shobai.' Their own number 'Telephone-e fishfish' and 'Another brick in the wall' of Pink Floyd simply overwhelmed the audience with the frenzy of rock music.

As this first attempt of 'Juke-Box', the concert surely was a successful one; for, the auditorium, although not very big, was packed with music lovers mostly from the younger generation. But 'JukeBox' strongly wishes to eradicate the 'infamy' that is generally attached to band music concerts. And at the same

time, it wishes people not to confuse 'JukeBox' with the band 'Dolchhut,' which includes Bappa and Shanjeeb, and is very famous at present. 'Juke-Box' does not mean to take privileges, nor harm 'Dolchhut's

reputation. Instead, 'Juke Box' wants to be an institution by itself, which strives to change the present musical entertainment scene for better one both for the artists and the audience.

Conference

# Of beauty and belle

## ACI Ltd., a top pharmaceutical and chemical company sponsors beauticians' conference, an event, first of its kind, in the city

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ADVANCED Chemical Industries Limited (ACI) sponsored, for the first time in the country, an event titled, 'Beauticians' Conference' at its head office at Tejgaon Industrial Area in the city on July 31.

A large number of reputed beauticians of the country attended the ceremony that witnessed delivery of speech from S. Alamgir, Executive Director (Consumer Brands), Arshadul Alam, also an Executive Director that of Health care, and Sheema Huq, General Manager (Corporate Services of ACI).

Dr. Zahid Ikram of BIRDEM too spoke who stressed on topics like

obesity and anti-oxidants. Country Managers of world renowned companies like Searle and Dabur attended the event as special guests and delivered speech. Business Development Manager of Colgate Palmolive was also present.

The beauticians extended thanks to the management of ACI for organizing the conference and discussed various issues relating to their profession. ACI Management, in return, also reciprocated compliments to the beauticians for their noble profession something that aimed at self-reliance by the women, generated employment and played vital role in beautifying of the female population of the country.



At the conference

Fashion

# Of colour, taste and costume

## Indian fashion event draws "lukewarm" response

AFP, New Delhi

MID-WAY through India's fashion showcase of the year, participants were Monday claiming a lukewarm response from buyers despite organisers' claims the event had attracted a large number of domestic and foreign retail chains.

The India Fashion Week (IFW), which began on Friday, is organised by the Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) and is aimed at providing Indian fashion industry professionals the space to develop business opportunities.

The highlight of the IFW has traditionally been fashion shows by leading Indian designers showcasing their collections -- Pret-a-Porter (ready to wear) and Diffusion (a line between ready to wear and high-fashion).

While large crowds have been drawn to the nightly fashion shows, Indian designers described the

response from buyers and potential customers this year as "lukewarm."

Designers Neelam Saxena and Ashish Pandey are two of the 53 designers participating.

According to Saxena, there hasn't been a "single serious visitor" to the stall since the IFW opened Friday.

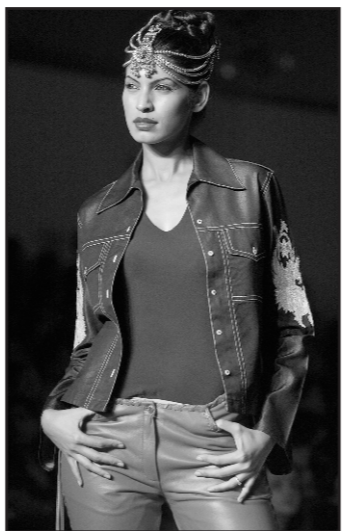
"All I have done is to exchange business cards with a number of people. Not a single business deal has been concluded so far," she told AFP.

A manager of a stall set up by designer Malini Ramani agreed.

"We have lots of people coming in and looking. But businesswise, we haven't done any yet," she said. "Maybe, after Malini's show this evening, things will change."

The empty stalls eloquently illustrated the slack business at the IFW.

The vibrant colours, striking georgette skirts in various hues,



asymmetrical hemlines, ruffled blouses and embroidered denim pants ripped at the ankles, were not exactly luring buyers.

in to see the stalls are too few. The response can at best be described as lukewarm," she said.

Vinod Kaul, executive director of the FDCI, dismissed their comments, though he could not immediately provide figures as to how much business IFW had been able so far to generate for the designers this year.

"The Indian designer fashion industry is a nascent one -- just a fraction of the 670-billion-rupee Indian apparel market. But (the IFW) is growing at a rate of 20 percent each year. There were 33 fashion designers in the first IFW; there are 53 this year.

"The number of buyers also has shown a jump of about 70 percent from two years ago. All this goes to prove the increase of interest that all sections have been evincing in the IFW," Kaul said.

According to Kaul, about 150 domestic and 12 foreign buyers are attending the market.

Among the big international buyers scouting for business was Selfridges, a top London department store, registering its presence at the show for the second year in a row.

"Indian fashion did very well during the 23-day show," Sutton said.

"We are here to look at the work of all these designers," he said, adding that Selfridges had bought about 20 million rupees (408,000 dollars) worth of Indian designer clothes for the Bollywood promotion.

He expressed interest in doing more business with Indian designers, saying "if they (designs) fit in with the rest of the designs at Selfridges, why not?"

According to Kaul, Indian designers were now shifting from couture to pret, which meant they were "getting more conscious of the tremendous potential of retailing."

# TV GUIDE

<b>BTV</b>	12:10p.m. News headline	12:15 Songs	12:20 Selected program	1:00 News	2:00 News headline	2:20 Open University	2:40 Health based program	3:00 News	3:05 Bangla film	4:00 News headline	4:30 Newspaper	5:00 News	5:30 Drisshoto	6:00 News	6:10 Selected program	6:35 Jiboner alo	7:00 News headline	7:05 Books world	7:30 Selected program	8:00 News	8:30 Drama	9:00 News headline	10:00 News at ten	10:25 Samakalin orthoniti	10:30 Songs	11:00 English film	11:30 News (Bangla/English)			
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<b>HBO</b>	6:30 The Chamber	8:45 Beverly Hills Cop II	10:45 Over the Top	12:45 The Whole Nine Yards	2:45 Cry Freedom	6:00 The Phantom	8:00 Wayne's World	10:00 Rush Hour	12:00 Housesitter	2:00 The Chamber	4:15 Caught																			
<b>BBC WORLD</b>	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																
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<b>STAR WORLD</b>	7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	8:00 Da Vinci's Inquest	9:00 The Drew Carey Show	9:30 Whose Line is it Anyway	10:00 Ally McBeal	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show	12:00 The Practice	1:00 Caroline In The City	1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful																					

4:30 Asia Today /World Business Report	5:00 BBC News	5:30 Hardtalk
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<b>TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>BTV:</b> 10:25 p.m. <i>Samakalin Orthoniti</i> . Coordinated, directed and hosted by A K M Shoeb, the new programme features various aspects of the country's economy. The programme highlights on issues like national budget, remittance, EPZ, banking sector, investment, market rate, possible future exportable items, rural economy, etc. Apart from all these, the brief programme presents expert economic opinion.	<b>SHRIEK</b> : 8:05 p.m. <i>Nakshi par-er manushera</i> . The drama highlights the lives of simple villagers who find Jatrapala to be a strong medium of entertainment in their monotonous struggling days and nights. The drama written by Selim Aldean and Masum Reza and directed by Giasuddin Selim was originally made into a script by late dramatist Aahir Alam, who met with a fatal accident while returning from a shooting site.
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<b>PICK OF THE DAY</b>	<b>SHRIEK</b> On Star Movies at 5:30 p.m. In every horror movie, there is a phone waiting to ring... a victim waiting to scream... a killer waiting to strike. And the only way to survive is to keep one thing in mind: stay one step ahead of the killer... even if the killer's a klutz! Now, a sexy reporter with a knack for getting into a tight place has teamed up with a bumbling mall cop to track a killer intent on killing off the most popular kids at Bulemia Falls High School. "...																												
<b>CHANNEL [V]</b>	8:00 [V] Back to Back	8:30 [V] Jumpstart	9:30 [V] Hit Machine	10:00 [V] Back to Back	10:30 [V] Hit Machine	11:00 [V] Back to Back	11:30 [V] Hit Machine	12:00pm [V] Zabaradast Hits	12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox	1:00 [V] FDFS	1:30 [V] Hit Machine	2:00 [V] Zabaradast Hits	2:30 Po[V]	3:30 [V] Back To Back	4:00 [V] Hit Machine	4:30 [V] Hotline	5:30 [V] Top 5@5	6:00 [V] ideo war	6:30 Very [V]	7:00 Ctri [V]	8:00 [V] Zabaradast Hits	8:30 [V] Back To Back[V] Chosen One-VIVA!	9:00 [V] Zabaradast Hits	9:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox	10:00 [V] FDFS	10:30 [V] Hit Machine	11:00 Late Night [V]	11:30 [V] Rewind	12:00 [V] Back to Back
<b>GEOGRAPHIC</b>	7:00 Wild	7:30 Nat Geo Max	8:30 Sci Files	9:30 People & Places	10:30 Dog with Jobs	11:00 Human Edge	11:30 On The Edge	12:30 Rolex Awards for Enterprise	1:00 Geowatch Asia	1:30 Wild	2:00 Nat Geo Max	3:30 Sci-Files	4:30 People and Places	5:30 Human Edge	6:00 Mission Wild	6:30 Dogs With Jobs	7:30 Earth Pulse	8:30 On The Edge	8:30 Wild	9:30 Nat Geo Max	10:30 Sci-files	11:30 People & Places							
<b>AXN</b>	6:30 Movie: Midnight Express	9:30 Relic Hunter	10:30 Now and Again A Girl's Life	11:30 Beastmaster II	12:30 Guinness World Records : Primetime	1:30 Relic Hunter	2:30 Movie: Midnight Express																						

5:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime	6:30 Adventure Central	7:30 Beastmaster II	8:30 Queen of Swords	9:30 Scaries Places on Earth	10:30 Thu Horror Movie: Night of the Living dead
<b>ZEE TV</b>	6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal	6:30 Bhakti Bhav	7:00 Yoga For Life	7:20 Jagran	7:50 Zee Gym & Eat
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11:00 Hudd Kar Di	12:00 Mehndi Tere Naam Ki	12:30 Tu Kahe Agar	1:00 Love Marriage	1:30 Kohi Apna Sa	2:00 Kamal
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12:00 Yeh Dil Kya Kare					
<b>ZEE MUSIC</b>	7:30 Sizzlers	8:00 Music Box	8:30 Artist Of The Fortnight	9:00 Sizzlers	9:30 Hit Pe hit
10:30 Hit Mix	11:00 Taaza Maal	12:00 Just Jammin	12:30 Hit Pe Hit	1:30 Tara Rum Pum	2:30 Hit Mix
3:30 Jharokha	4:00 Hit Pe Hit	5:00 Dil Se	5:30 Hit Mix		

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<b>ZEE MGM</b>	6:30 Carry On England	9:00 The Man Who Knew Too Much	11:30 Doctor At Large	2:00 Italian Movie	4:30 The Woman in Red	7:00 Dead On	9:30 Secret Admirer									
<b>ZEE ENGLISH</b>	6:00 Benny Hill Shoe	6:30 Capitol	7:00 Family Pride	7:30 Heartbreak High	8:30 Benny Hill Shoe	9:00 Three's Company	9:30 Kate & Allie	10:30 Living Single	10:30 ER	11:30 Full House	12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air	12:30 Veronica's closet	1:00 Royal Canadian Air Force			
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