

RECOMMENDATIONS

Photography exhibition

August 23 September 01
A solo photography exhibition titled, 'Our glorious past: Sonargaon' by photographer Syed Zakir Hossain, begins at the DRIK gallery of Dhanmondi in the city.

Sculpture exhibition

August 12-28
A sculpture exhibition of artist Ferdousi Priyobhashini continues at Bengal art gallery at Dhanmondi in the city.

Architectural designs' show

Aug. 17 Sept. 09
An exhibition goes on at the National Museum at Shahbagh in the city to reveal the unfolding drama of the design and construction of Sher-e-banglanagar.

Documentary

August 29-31
Directed by Kawsar Chowdhury, a documentary production 'Shei rater kotha bolley eshechi' (Tale of the darkest night) appears on screen at the auditorium of Russian Cultural Center at the following timings:

On August 29 at 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.
On August 30 at 10:00, 11:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.
On August 31 at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Photography

On the fence between past and present

Zakir Hossain's snapshots exhibited at Drik Gallery aim to arouse awareness

SAIFUL ISLAM

At least these photos will document our heritage, Sonargaon is on the edge of complete extinction', said Syed Zakir Hossain, a photographer who worked months to frame the priceless beauty of the archaeological treasure of Bangladesh, Sonargaon, only a few miles from Dhaka.

Ibrahim Khaled and Iftekharuzzaman of Bangladesh Freedom Foundation were present on the inauguration and launching ceremony.

Iridescent and derelict, stylish and dampening, in a nutshell these four words could be uttered after having a look around the collection of photos featuring an example of our glorious past. Sonargaon, a historical capital, a refuge of the lovers of archeology is being reduced to a dilapidated dwelling area.



tened' in the name of reconstruction.

As a result of years of indifference, Sonargaon stands on a thin fence between survival and destruction. The photos showcase marvelous but dilapidated sights. The features of Panam Nagar, a treasure-trove of glory and architectural excellence, are irresistible. Eyes were glued to the wonders that had been caught by Zakir's camera.

mate rhythm, the works on caste iron and grill bars, works of clay and stones are remarkable, a valuable aspect of our heritage' said Samsul Wares.

A walk around the spacious gallery at Drik could depress anyone who had known that this valuable tradition is being destroyed and reduced to mundane use by people who are careless of the treasure of the past Sonargaon must be saved at once from the decaying construction it is witnessing.



Anniversary

A day to remember

Sonargaon Hotel turns 21

CULTURE DESK

THE Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel had arranged a grand program on the occasion of 21st Anniversary Celebration today. On this day in 1981, this hotel was officially inaugurated by the then President of the country -- Justice Abdus Sattar while Begum Khaleida Zia was present at the inaugural function.

This time the center of the 21st anniversary functions was the Grand Ballroom of the hotel. A 50% discount was offered on the special buffet dinner of Taka 1200/- per person. It means, after discount the price of special buffet dinner was Taka 600/- only, while children below 12 years enjoyed the buffet for only

Taka 350/- per person. In addition there was live music and a colourful fashion show which enthralled the audience.

Twenty-one years -- this establishment has moved along keeping a pace with the altering fabric of the Bangladeshi society. This steadfast growth has created an enigmatic but a compact bond between The Pan Pacific Sonargaon and the people of Dhaka. So, when the hotel decided to celebrate its birthday, people of Dhaka decided to show up in hundreds to make the occasion a gala affair.

The first attraction of the evening was the buffet paradise. As the clock reached 7 o'clock, the ballroom started filling with people wanting to saturate themselves within the mouth-watering array of dishes. The gastronomic competition was on as the tongue indulged with tremendous gusto. The food seduced even

the thirstiest of the eaters. The range was a perfect selection of Bangladeshi, Indian, European, Japanese and oriental food. The tantalizing aroma titillated the nostrils and worked fine as an appetizer. As for food lovers, this was a sort of an inner desire come to a material form. To make eating a pleasant pass time, there was live music followed by the main attraction of the day fashion show.

As the night was maturing, the gala affair took a more kaleidoscopic image. The Grand Ballroom was a sea of people. Their laughter, the assorted perfumes and the exhilarating dresses all formed an haute combination that reeked of elegance and flair. The crowd enjoyed the evening function with discerning taste, savoring the best of the food galore. The entire Ballroom took a festive mood and the guests were so enthralled that there was a little room empty within the ballroom.

The hotel authority thanks all its patrons for their support of long 21 years and making the 21st anniversary program a success. The Pan Pacific Sonargaon is aspiring to serve all the patrons and guests in the years to come with world class hospitality.

Event



Eminent singer Rumana Khan performs at a grand cultural event at the installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central at Hotel Purbani recently

TV GUIDE

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Table with ZEE TV listings including Yoga For Life, Jagran, and various news programs.

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