### RECOMMENDATIONS

### Theatre's Balod

Renowned drama group Theatre will hold its 26th production Balod, a drama based on the Liberation War of Bangladesh. Written as a short story by Muhammad Jafar Iqbal, the transformation of the story into a drama has been done by Gazi Rakavet and the drama has been directed by K M Haroon. The drama will start at 7 p.m. at the Mohila Samity auditorium.

#### 15th National Fine Arts **Exhibition 2002**

December 28 The 15th National Fine Arts Exhibition 2002 starts on December 28 at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. At the exhibition several awards including Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Award 2002 for the Best Work Bengal Foundation Award, Arab Bangladesh Bank Award, Deepa Haque Award, Bashundhara Group Award and Pacific Group Gold Medal will be declared. Honourable President Professor Dr. lajuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the exhibition. The exhibition will run through January 27 everyday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays

### **Exhibition**

December 27- January 8 A solo exhibition of paintings by A H M Bashirullah will start at the Alliance Française de Dacca on December 27 at 5 p.m. The exhibition will remain open for visitors up to January 8 everyday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Concert December 28

A concert will be held at 3 p.m. at the BCIC auditorium to raise funds for the acid-victims. Popular bands like Bangla, Shadhinota, Vikings, Aurthohin and Rhythm 5 will perform at the concert.

#### **Tapan Sinha** Retrospective Zahir Raihan Film Society.

December 27 Adalat O Ekti Meye (1981) at 05.30 Documentary

# Caring for the Wildlife

"Dharitri" and CIDA jointly screen country's first documentary on Royal Bengal Tiger

HARUN UR RASHID

NE hundred years' time is quite a long period when considered against the average lifetime of a human being. But if the time-span is put against the changes our Mother Earth has to undergo, it appears almost insignificant. With such a statistical overview a horrible information was presented at a documentary film show on December 18 at the Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium of the National Museum. Before screening Razia Quadir's Sundarban-er Bagh-er Sandhane, a documentary on the famous Royal Bengal Tiger (Panthera tigris), it was told that only one hundred years ago there had been about 75,000 tigers in the Sundarbans whereas at present the number has reduced to a few hundreds only.

Sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and Dharitri, a local media and communication agency, the documentary has already earned appreciation as the 48-minute long film on the Royal Bengal Tiger is the first of its kind made in Bangla-

As a Development Communicator Razia has focused in the film on the fact that awareness creation regarding environment and wildlife conservation is essential amongst the traditional groups, who enter the forest to make a living. With running commentary on their ongoing activities and plans, the team members undertaking the expedition with Razia also give information about how human activities in the Sundarbans have crucially affected the natural habitation of 'the king of the forest'. Razia especially mentions the woodcutters and the honey and wax collectors who have to go deep into the forest. And by doing so, these ignorant people significantly disturb the habitation of the tigers, which often drive some



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tigers to become man-eating

Razia, however, does not put the blame entirely on these poor village people. There are those dishonest poachers who illegally hunt deer and tigers, and trade the animals' bones and skins for money and dubious medicinal products. Also, there are the unscrupulous timber traders, who cut down huge amount of trees each year. Both the activities badly affect the whole ecosystem of the region. For every single species is dependent on another, and any kind of maltreatment of one makes all endangered.

During her stay of about four months in the Sundarbans, Razia has filmed some marvellous and charming sights including scenes of a few tigers. When the first tiger

appeared on the screen at the film show, the thrill of the moment, the overwhelming feeling that Razia had felt, also touched the whole audience with the same awe. During her shooting Razia even gave the tigers some beautiful names like 'Bishal', 'Aalshe', and 'Chotur' according to the animals'

Apart from the tigers, Razia has also shot with her camera some other beautiful creatures of the Sundarbans such as the spotted deer, monkeys, the brown headed Machhranga, crocodiles, porpoises, snakes, woodcock, large and small crabs. What is very saddening and alarming is that many of these magnificent creatures are now treated as endangered species due to the drastic decrease in their number, which is

direct result of imprudent human activities. The film also shows the mystery and charms of the scenic beauty of the Sundarbans, which might promote tourism both in the country and

In her film, Razia points out one very important fact, that the tiger does not attack any animal unnecessarily, nor does it become maneater if there is sufficient supply of its natural food resources. So, if consciousness can be created among people that these wild animals also have the right to live as our fellow creatures on this planet, may be we will be able to protect them from extinction. In that manner we should also be able to contribute to the invaluable

PICK OF THE DAY

Sherman Klump is an incredibly fat and good-hearted

# **Sweets of Bangladesh: delightful delicacies**

A slice of the new year's images: "Singer" calendar-2003

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S in the previous years, Singer Bangladesh Limited has brought into light its corporate calendar this year too. The calendar-2003 has been prepared on the theme of our eternal Bengal that depicts a profound sense of creativity in the resentation of our cherished cultural heritage -- "Sweets of Bangladesh delightful delicacy."

Monda, mithai, mishti or sweet-

meat in English, is a tradition that runs deep not just as food but as a cultural expression. Here in Bangladesh. sweetmeat is an essential element in our social and familial occasions. It has ritualistic importance in most of our festivals, customs and traditions. Be it success in the examination or a promotion in the career, the arrival of a newborn into the family or finalisation of a daughter's marriage -- mishti or sweet is inseparable from such moments, a harbinger of happy time!

It's a gesture that puts smiles back on our faces. It's a gesture of sharing, of togetherness, a gesture that leaves a sweet taste in our mouths like we say in Bangla -- mistimukh or delightful delicacy. Perhaps that is why in Sanskrit and Bangla, sandesh and sangbad, which mean news, are synonymous words.

A wide variety of sweetmeats are available in our country. Once they were sold in claypots or wrapped in banana leaves; today they are also being exported abroad. The sweetmeat of Bangladesh has really "diversified worldwide." Its popularity is entirely region-based and this culinary delight has gained acceptance entirely through people's memories of its distinctive taste and oral transmission of its merits with almost no written documentation of its history. Comilla's Roshmalai

The Ghosh community of Tripura first invented this type of sweetmeat. In the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, they used to supply this as per the demand of different social and family occasions. During that time, a variety of sweet was consumed with "malaikari" coated around "rosogolla." The way of preparing this sweet is to dip the dry "rosogolla" into 'khir' made of pure milk, which was termed as "khirbhog". In the thirties, the size of the "rosogolla" was made smaller and was named "roshmalai. Kushtia's Motka

Kushtia's Nitai Paul first began making this sweet in Kumarkhali. Made with sugar syrup, this sweet is

also known as Kushtia's Khaja. motka tastes delicious with "muri" made from newly harvested paddy in winter Porabari's Chamcham

Around 150 years ago the Gauda community of India came to Porabari, a place near Tangail. The sweet, which they began making with curd and molasses gradually took the name "Porabari's chamcham." This reddish sweet is made by draining out as much water as possible from the curd and dipping the sweet in thick sugar syrup in high temperature. Other than in Tangail, it is widely found and available in many parts of Bangladesh.

Brahmanbaria's Chhanamukhi In the early 19th century, the Ghosh community of Brahmanbaria brought forth this item. In the beginning, the sweetmeat was as big as a cake in size. Many could enjoy together the same "chhanamukhi" cutting it into many pieces. Gradually with the diminishing size, it has come down to the present shape. Though it was served in lotus and banana leaves before, nowadays packets are being used to do the same. The sweetmeat

is usually available in Brahmanbaria and Comilla.

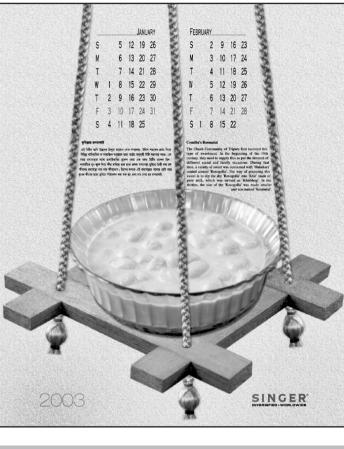
Faridpur's Danadar Mishti

Sweetmeat maker Laxman Ghosh belonging to Bhanga thana of Faridpur district first began making this sweet. Made with sugar and curd, this Danadar sweet is near crystal-clear. It is available in Faridpur district only.

Muktagachha's Monda

Gopal Paul, a migrant from Murshidabad, first made 'monda' at the beginning of the 18th century. It is usually made by heating the mixture of curd and sugar. This mouthwatering delicacy is available in Gopal Paul's famous monda shop of Muktagachha in Mymensingh.

Through the absorbing arrangement of the sweets of Bangladesh. "Singer" has ventured to remind us of our cultural heritage. In this age of modern and ultra-modern automation. ripples in the minds of the perceptive audience should make this attempt a



## TV GUIDE

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8.40	Alor Pathe
9.00	Khabar
9.05	Karate Do
9.30	Shamaroho
10.00	The News
10.05	Chotoder Khabar
10.15	Cartoon
10.35	Notun Kuri-2002
11.00	News Headlines
12.00	News Headlines
	Afternoon
3.10	News Headlines
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10.30	House Full
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12.10	Close Up Hit Wave
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2.00	Shotter Shandhane
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Mount Olympus Beethoven's 2nd Texas Chainsaw Massacre Part 2 Mute Witness 2:00 4:00 **Barb Wire** 6:00 Spiders 8:00 Code Red: The Rubicon Conspiracy

10:00 The Nutty Professor 12:00 Sliver 2:00 Blues Brothers 2000 4:30 Barb Wire

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9:30 Pacific Blue 10:30 Old Squad 11:30 Martial Law Without Warning 12:30 1:30 Pacific Blue 2:30 Movie: Predator 4:30 The Green Hornet 5:30 Without Warning 6:30

Martial Law 7:30 Motorworld 8:30 Seven Days 9:30 Celebrity Adventures Fri Movie:

Roll STAR MOVIES Desert Blue

Crocodile II: Death

7:45 Spitfire 9:30 Just the Ticket 11:30 The Crush 1:15 Bad Trip

3:00 While You Were Sleeping 5:00 Tin Men 7:00 Apocalypse Night Shadow I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Clau

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SONY 6:00 Music Mantra 6:30 Just Mohabhat 7:00 Dil Ka Dwar Khol 7:30 Amrit Varsha

What Lies beneath

Sant AsaramVani Charbusters Good Morning Music Mantra

Contest Shree Ganesh Hum Sab Ek Hain Kya Haadsa Kya Haqeeqat Kabhi Biwi Kabhi

Boogie Woogie Om Namay Shivay Just Mohabbat Chhoti Si Asha Dil Hai Ki Manta Nahin

5:30 Shri Krishna 6:30 Disney Hour Charbusters 7:30 8:00 Music Mantra Kva Haadsa Kva Hageegat

9:00 Devi 10:00 Heena 10:30 CID 11:00 Meri Biwi Wonderful 11:30 Bhanwar 12:00 Chhoti Si Asha

# **ADVENTURE**

6:30 Lifeboat 00:30 Franz Joseph Land Surfer's Journal 8:30 Explorer's Journal 9:30 Fresh Air Crew Bird Nesters Of Thailand The Great Indian Railway Pt1 11:30 Danger Diaries 01:00 Lifeboat 00:30

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### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 7.00 p.m. Apocalypse Now. Based on Joseph Conrad's Heart Of Darkness, this is a controversial addition to the multitude of Vietnam war movies in existence. We follow Captain Willard or himself up as a God among a local tribe Notes taken by Coppola's wife have recently been used to create "Hearts Of Darkness" - a fascinating and revealing account of the making of this movie.



Danger Diaries

Fresh Air Crew

Sahara Sprinter

The Great Indian

Railway Pt2

Danger Diaries

The Perils of

**Pussycats** 

Penelope Pitstop

Dexter's Laboratory

The Ku Koo Du Koo

The New Adventures

Sheep in the Big City

of Captain Planet

The Perils of

Josie and the

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Penelope Pitstop

The Looney Tunes

The Legend Of

The Scooby Doo

**CARTOON** 

**NETWORK** 

Lifeboat

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has everything a girl could want. Panoramic views of the city, a fully functional gym and a voyeuristic landlord with a minor oedipal complex and psychotic tendencies. One day, one of the tenants has an accident. First she looks pizza. This leaves a vacant room, which Carly Norris takes a fancy to. She's a 30 something executive who has never had that much success with men

HBO: 12.00 p.m. Sliver. Sliver Heights

Snow White\* The Powerpuff Girls

The Scooby Doo

Addams Family

The Mask Power

**Flintstones** 

Swat Kats

Superman The

Jackie Chan

Adventures

All New Popeye

The Legend Of

The Powerpuff Girls

The Scooby Doo

The Looney Tunes

The Cartoon Cartoon

The Real Adventures

of Jonny Quest

Home Movies The

Night Shift

Jackie Chan

Adventures

**Brak Show** 

Swat Kats

Superman The

Snow White\*

Animated Series

Dexter's Laboratory

Show

Zone

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12:00

**Animated Series CHANNEL [V]** 

The Nutty Professor

On HBO at 10.00 p.m.

7:00 **IVI** Hit Machine [V] Back To Back 8:00 **[V]** Jumpstart [V] Hit Machine [V] Back To Back [V] Hit Machine [V] Back To Back [V] Hit Machine [V] Zabardast Hits [V] Jungli Jukebox 12:30 13:00 **IV1** Hit Machine 13:30 **IVI** Zabardast Hits [V] Back To Back 14:30 [V] Zabardast Hits

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#### man. He is a college professor on the verge of a breakthrough in DNA restructuring when he meets an admirer of his, named Carla, who is a teacher new to Klump's college. He is enamored of her, but is frustrated by his

STAR GOLD

(30 minutes +)

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Small Wonder

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#### 23:30 Aai Ki Baat STAR WORLD

(30 minutes +) England 6:00 Cheers Middlesbrough Vs Manchester United (R) 6:30 Oprah Winfrey Show 7:28 Star Asia Travel Goals! (R) 7:30 Sportscenter Bristol. Buas 8:30 CT USA (L) Roswell 9:30 Tony Hawk'S Gigantic Dark Ange Skatepark Tour (R) 10:30 Oprah Winfrey **English Premier** Star Asia Travel 11:28 Football League When Cars Attack 11:30 **English Premier** 12:30 Suddenly Susan Bold&Beautifu Football League 13:00 2002/03 London. 13:30 Hollywood Squares **ENGLAND West Ham** The Brady Bunch 14:00 United Vs Fulham (S) 14:30 Baywatch New Zealand Cricket 15:30 The Simpsons National Bank Series 16:00 Cheers 02/03 Auckland, NEW 16:30 Starnews Asia ZEALAND New 17:00 Frasie Zealand Vs India 1st 17:30 World's Wildest Police Odi, Highlights(R) Videos Sachin Tendulkar 18:25 Starnews Asia Programming India 18:30 Nash Bridges

## 23:00 Traders **ESPN** Sportscenter Hindi (R)

**Programming Sachin** 

Spanish League

Spanish League

Highlights (R)

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**English Premier** 

Football League

**English Premier** 

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**ENGLAND West** 

Arsenal (R)

**English Premier** 

Football League

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Middlesbrough,

Vs... Presented By

Sachin Tendulkar (T)

Here We Go! English

Sportscenter Hindi (L)

Premier League

Preview (T)

2002/03 Birmingham,

Bromwich Albion Vs

Highlights (R) Cricket Programming New Zealand Cricket Speaks On World Cup **National Bank Series** 

02/03 Auckland, New Zealand New Zealand Vs India 1st Odi, 1st Session(R)

Spanish League

Highlights 2002/03

Spanish League

## STAR SPORTS

(30 minutes +) Sachin Tendulkar **Programming Sachin** Speaks On World Cup Stars (R) Australia Cricket **Orange Test Series** Melbourne. AUSTRALIA Australia Vs England 4th Test, Day 2, 2nd & 3rd Session(L) South Africa Cricket Castle Lager/Mtn Tes Series Durban SOUTH AFRICA South Africa Vs Pakistan 1st Test, Day 1, Highlights(R) South Africa Cricket Castle Lager/Mtn Tes Series Durban SOUTH AFRICA South

Africa Vs Pakistan 1st Test. Day 2. 1st Session(L) Nba Inside Stuff (T) South Africa Cricket Castle Lager/Mtn Test Series Durban SOUTH AFRICA South Africa Vs Pakistan 1st Test, Day 2, 2nd & 3rd Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (L)

Cricket Programming Super Selector (T) **Programming Sachin** Speaks On World Cup Stars (T) Sportsline Tonight

Sportsline (T)

Australia Cricket