

RECOMMENDATIONS



Photography exhibition

**March 13-19**  
North South University Photography Club (NSUPC) is holding its week-long International Inter University Photography Exhibition at the Shilpakala Academy with more than 300 photographs from 14 different universities of Bangladesh and other countries being displayed at the event. The display will remain open for all from 11 am to 7 pm daily.

Exhibition

**March 06-26**  
To celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, an exhibition featuring the recent works of the eminent artist Qayyum Chowdhury is going on. The show will be open for all till March 26 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Events at Alliance Francaise

**Exhibition**  
**March 19-30**  
The inauguration of a painting exhibition of artist Avena Cozannet will take place at 6 pm at the gallery.

Musical evening

**March 25**  
Musical programme will be held at the cafeteria at 9:30 pm. The members of the institute can enjoy the show free of cost.

Around the world



Inductee Prince performs a song of George Harrison after the late Beatle was inducted during the 19th Annual Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 15 March 2004 in New York City.

Endeavour

Chhayanaut's journey towards a 'Home of Culture'

Mita Haq and Sharmila Bandyopadhyay perform in the fundraiser

AFSAR AHMED

IN Bangladesh, Chhayanaut does not need an introduction; no one can deny this statement published in the institution's website. Chhayanaut, which was established in 1961 to save and promote the secular Bangali culture at the time when our identity was threatened by the tyrant rulers of the then West Pakistan, always gave us the moral strength throughout moments of tests and tribulations during pre and post liberation war. They were the first to resuscitate the season-based festivals like *Pohela Boishakh*, *Sharadotsab* and *Basanta utshab* into the city dwellers' hearts.

Chhayanaut now is by far the largest school of performing arts in the country where songs of Tagore and Nazrul, old Bangla songs, classical and folk songs, instrumental music and oriental dances are practised intensively through theoretical and practical classes. But unfortunately it is yet to realise its 'dream complex'.

The dream came partially true when the Government allotted them a piece of land at Dhanmondi in 1999 and they started the journey on May 15, 2002, where they are planning to house a full-fledged art centre including exhibition room, auditorium, library, rehearsal rooms, workshops, audio-visual centres etc. As this cannot be possible without the help of others, they had arranged a fund raising cultural programme on March 15 at the National Museum auditorium.

Two eminent artistes, Mita Haq with Rabindra Sangeet and Sharmila Bandyopadhyay along with her troops with Manipuri dance presented a grand cultural evening.

Dr Sanjida Khatun, President of Chhayanaut marked the beginning of the programme by thanking all the contributors and praising the two famous artistes of the programme. Mita Haq,



Rabindra Sangeet performer Mita Haq rendering a number at the fundraiser

who has developed her own inimitable style with accurate pronunciation and has carved a niche in the field of Rabindra Sangeet said, 'Chhayanaut brings out the human quality from people and I would be proud to be part of its journey.' Then she started with a popular patriotic tune *O Amar Desher Mati* with her enriched and melodious voice. Among the other numbers *Porobashi Chole Esho Ghore*, *Dhay Jeno Mor Shokol Bhalobasha*, *Akash Bhora Shurja Tara*, *Jagorone Jay Bibhabori*, *Amar Mon Manena*, and especially her last rendi-

tion which was described as the artist's favourite, *Dinanto Belay* truly touched the heart of the listeners. Mita Haq's captivating voice with the intricate modulations, her controlled eloquence, and the lyrical grace made each performance not just memorable but truly magical.

To mark the essence of a perfect evening eminent Manipuri dancer Sharmila Bandyopadhyay, best known for her perfection in choreography; along with Sonya Rashid, Samina Hossain Prema, Warda Reehab and the students of Chhayanaut came to perform the exquisite items of ritualistic but recreational Manipuri dance.

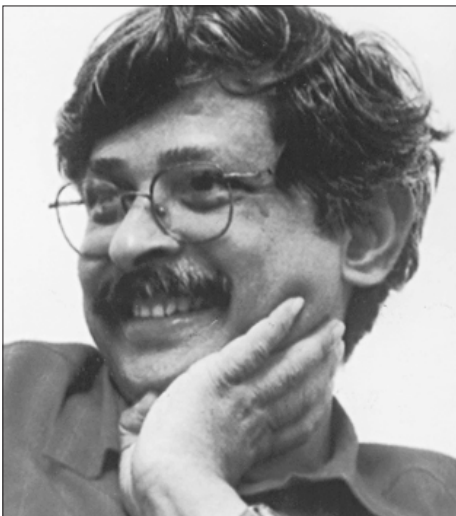
The *Mridanga Badon* was the first item which was performed in groups accompanied by instruments like the *Mandira* and *Pung* (Drum). This is often played during *Kirtana*, and was incorporated with the dance. The ancient dance of the *Maibi Priestesses* presented next as a group dance with gorgeous costumes and gentle, swaying petal-soft movements. The two forms of Manipuri dances - *Lasya* characterized by gliding and soft movements or *Tandava* being more vigorous and forceful were also featured in the different items where the dancers performed various steps and weave patterns, involving various choreographic compositions.

Gossamer veils, cylindrical mirrored skirts and ornaments dazzled the audiences with their colourful costumes which created a dream-like effect. *Prabandha Nritya* and *Radha Nartan* exemplified the *Lasya* aspect while *Krishna Nartan* was the example of *Tandava* form. In their last attraction where they depicted the spring celebration and a dignified grace was to be found in every aspect that made the recital an absorbing and exhilarating experience.

Patrons should come forward to help this institution for making their voyage for a 'home of culture' smooth and easy.

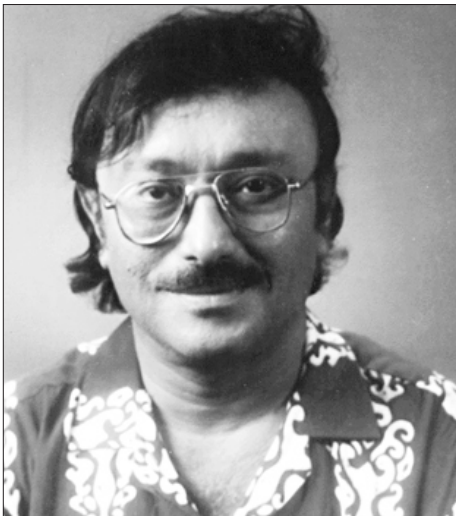
Award

Uro Cola Children's Literature Awards declared



Zafar Iqbal,

Eminent litterateur Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Ali Imam and Imdadul Haque Milon have won this year's Uro Cola Children's Literature awards. The awards have been given for three books published at this year's Ekushey Book Fair.



Ali Imam

Muhammad Zafar Iqbal got the honour for his book *Doshshi Kojon*, Imdadul Haque Milon for *Chhotoder Jonnyo Unish Rokom Galpo*, and Ali Imam for his *Manab Shabbhotar Itihash*.

Last year the awards were given to Humayun



Imdadul Haque Milon

Ahmed, Rabeya Khatun and Selina Hossain. The award consists of an amount of ten thousand taka, a certificate and a crest.

Uro Cola has introduced the awards in order to enhance children's literature in the country.

Exhibition

Young photographers aspire high

HARUN UR RASHID

THE on-going Inter University Photography Exhibition 2004 at the gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy surely marks a milestone achievement for the young enthusiasts of the North South University Photography Club (NSUPC). For, this time the event has gone beyond the boundaries of the country and included participants from four foreign universities. 'Although two foreign universities participated in last year's exhibition, we didn't call it "international". But this time we have got four universities--of course, this is not any big number either, but we have formally launched the event at the international level from this year,' said Ahsan Ahmed Chowdhury, the president of the club.

Secretary for Cultural Affairs Mudabbir Hussain Chowdhury inaugurated the exhibition. NSU Vice Chancellor Hafiz GA Siddiqi was present at the ceremony.

NSUPC held the first edition of the exhibition in 2000 inviting only the private universities of the country. The next exhibition took place in 2002 which



One of the foreign photos by Maryaane A. Lunney from Canada

included the national universities also. The 2003 exhibition comprised colour photographs only.

This year's exhibition has invited about 300 photos from about 55 photographers of 14 universities to compete in seven categories. The categories are *Action*, *Landscape*, *Portrait*, *Architecture*, *Life Style*, *Nature* and *Still Life*. Each of the categories has two sections for colour and black-and-white photographs.

The ten participating universities of Bangladesh are Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Jahangirnagar University, Shah Jalal University, BRAC University, University of Development Alternative (UODA), University of Asia Pacific, Asian University of Bangladesh, Independent University Bangladesh, East West University and the host North South University. Among the foreign universities are University of Guelph from Canada, University of Western Sydney from Australia, University of Delhi from India, and University of Assiut from Egypt.

A panel of judges has judged two best photos from

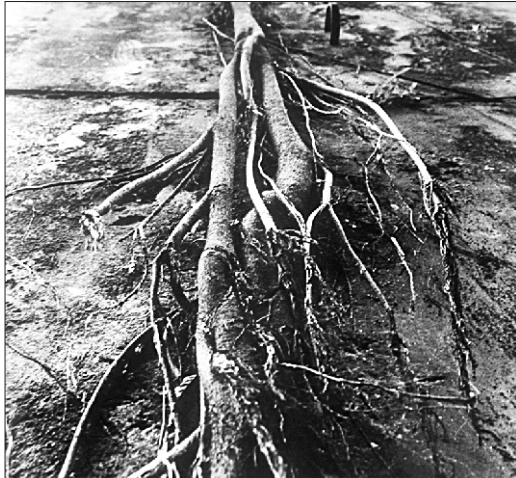


1st place winner in the Portrait category, Photographer: Ahsan Ahmed Chowdhury, North South University

each of the categories. The panel comprised four renowned photographers of the country-- Dr Shahidul Alam of Drik, Nasir Ali Mamun of the *Daily Prothom Alo*, Dr. Rashid un Nabi and Abir Abdullah of Aalok.

The photographs reveal various aspects of the country--its natural beauty, habits of people, religious practices--and thus uphold the expression of the young minds of these young photographers. A few photographs depict so much brilliance of the photographers' artistic maturity that eminent photographer Nasir Ali Mamun is very hopeful of their talent. 'When we started photography about 30 years ago, there were not more than 10 to 12 cameras in the whole Dhaka city. Now, the situation has changed and technologically enhanced equipment has made photography more artistic and perfect,' he said. 'Although the medium has not existed in this region for a long time, I firmly believe that these young generation photographers have much potential of producing international level photographs,' he added.

The exhibition remains open till March 19 from 11 am to 7 pm.



2nd place winner in Architecture category, Photographer: Tareq Hadi, BRAC University

Altitude

Bond is not the perfect spy: MI5

James Bond, Britain's most famous fictional secret agent, would be feeling rather shaken and stirred to learn he would be too tall to be a real modern day spy in the country's domestic spy agency.

New guidelines for MI5 - the domestic intelligence service - stipulated that people applying to be field agents should be no taller than 5ft 11in so they did not stand out, the Sunday Telegraph reported.

That would rule out all the actors to have starred as the suave, unflappable Bond who worked for MI5's sister foreign spy agency - MI6 - in the 007 movies.

Bond stars Sean Connery, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton and Pierce Brosnan were all 6ft (1.83m) or taller, the paper said.

'You should be able to blend into the background. Applicants would ideally be no taller than 5ft 11in for

men and 5ft 8in for women,' the application form reads.

The government is recruiting 1,000 new spies over the next few years to MI5 to bring the service's numbers up to 3,000.

But there was some good news for Bond - the paper said his employers, MI6, had not yet imposed a height restriction.

Source: Reuters

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.



News Bulletin


**BTB**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:40 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:10 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.  
News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.  
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.  
**CHANNEL-i**  
Breakfast News 07:15 am, 9:00am  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.  
Telecast of BTB news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**ATN BANGLA**  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.  
Telecast of BTB News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
Latest News (Bangla) at 09 a.m, 10:00 a.m, 11:00 am, 1pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.  
**NTV**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:02 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:45 pm.  
News (Bangla) 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.  
**TARA BANGLA**  
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.  
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.  
Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.  
**BBC World**  
Every hour on the hour

ATN BANGLA

10:15am. *Annodristee*  
10:50 *The Adventure of Sinbad*  
11:25 *Mega serial : Mohona*  
12:40 *Bengali feature film : Uchit Shikha*  
3:45 *Uro Cola Saat Rang Motamot*  
5:10 *Islamee Sawal O Jawab*  
5:50 *Annodristee*  
6:25 *Cine Musical prog*  
7:40 *Drama Serial: Khowab*  
8:15 *Drama Serial: Nayeka Sangbad*  
8:40 *Drama Serial : Danob*  
9:25 *Drama Serial : Face to Face*  
10:30 *Bengali Feature Film : Belat Ferot Maya*  
12:20  
**CHANNEL-i**  
09:45am. *Tritiyo Matra Chitri Pelam*  
12:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
02:00 *Feature Film: Ulka Goner Opreay*  
05:45 *Musi Plus*  
06:10 *Shomoyor Katha*  
06:45 *Travel On*  
07:50 *Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Brishti*  
08:25 *09:35 Drama Serial: Rangdhanu Rang*  
10:00 *Drama Serial: Nijasthya Report*  
**ntv**  
10:30am. *Shur Ananda*  
11:00 *Tela Film : Putul Nach*  
02:30 *Drama Serial: Taray Taray*  
03:40 *Drama Serial: Shongshoy*  
04:15 *Ke Korbe Bajimat*  
05:10 *Apar Jigyasha*  
05:40

06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*  
06:50 *Sports World*  
08:10 *Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe*  
08:50 *Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan*  
09:40 *Drama Serial: Brittonbondi Dindarpan*  
11:20  
**TARA BANGLA**  
1:00pm. *Swapner Rang Nil*  
2:00 *Taka Na Sona*  
2:30 *Angana Live*  
4:30 *Tarpor Chand Uthlo*  
5:00 *Serial Probaho*  
6:00 *Nonite Fontle*  
6:30 *Taka Na Sona*  
7:00 *Sree Ramkrishna*  
7:30 *Antakshari*  
8:00 *Serial Jug*  
8:30 *Serial Tarpor Chand Uthlo*  
9:00 *Serial Swapner Rang Nil*  
10:30 *Election Spl. Live*  
12:00 *Doshal*  
12:00 *Hoi Hulod*  
**HBO**  
10:00am. *Under Siege 2*  
12:00 *Spy Game*  
2:30 *Christine*  
4:45 *Girl Interrupted*  
7:15 *Masters of the Universe*  
9:30 *Beethoven's 3rd*  
11:30 *Timecop*  
1:30 *Spy Game*  
**STAR MOVIES**  
9:45am. *The Marrying Man*  
11:45 *Life*  
1:45 *Glory Daze*  
3:30 *My Stepmother Is An Alien*  
5:20 *The Wisdom Of Crocodiles*

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**  
  
**MGM:** 11:30 pm. *Donnie Brasco*. Genre: Crime / Drama / Thriller. **Al Pacino, Johnny Depp, Michael Madsen.** This true story follows FBI agent Joe Pistone as he infiltrates the mafia of New York. Befriending Lefty Ruggiero, Pistone (under the name Donnie Brasco) is able to embed himself in a mafia faction lead by Sonny Black. Ruggiero and Pistone become tight as the group goes about collecting money for 'the bosses'. Eventually, the group becomes big time when Black himself becomes a boss, all the while Pistone collects evidence.  
  
**HBO:** 7:15 pm. *Masters of the Universe*. Genre: Fantasy / Action / Adventure / Sci-Fi. **Dolph Lundgren, Frank Langella, Skeeter, Meg Foster.** Fantasy action-adventure about the war-torn planet Eternia and the Castle of Greyskull which is coming under threat from the evil Skeletor who wants to take over the planet. A group of freedom fighters, led by the heroic He-Man are accidentally transported to Earth by a mysterious Cosmic Key, which holds the power to make Skeletor all-powerful.  
7:00 *Air Panic*  
8:30 *Brotherhood Of The Wolf*  
10:45 *Vamp*  
12:15 *When The Party's Over*  
**MGM**  
9:00am. *Incognito*  
11:30 *Street Car Named Desire*  
2:00 *Tadpole*  
4:30 *Autumn in New York*  
7:00 *Theodore Rex*  
9:30 *Love Bug : Run Lola Run (Franka Potente,*  
11:30 *Moritz Bleibtreu)*  
1:30pm. *Mac Gyver*  
2:30 *Oprah Winfrey*  
3:30 *Bold And Beautiful*  
4:30 *Hollywood Squares*  
5:00 *Whose Line Is It Anyway*  
5:30 *Miami Vice*  
6:30 *The Simpsons*  
7:00 *Home Improvement*  
7:30 *Friends*  
**STAR WORLD**  
1:30pm. *Mac Gyver*  
2:30 *Oprah Winfrey*  
3:30 *Bold And Beautiful*  
4:30 *Hollywood Squares*  
5:00 *Whose Line Is It Anyway*  
5:30 *Miami Vice*  
6:30 *The Simpsons*  
7:00 *Home Improvement*  
7:30 *Friends*  
**ZEE TV**  
12:30pm. *Lipstick*  
1:00 *Tum Bin Jaan Kahan*  
1:25 *Jhalak*  
1:50 *Awaaz... Dil Se Dil Tak*  
2:30 *Piya Ka Ghar*  
3:00 *Astiva... ek prem Kahani*  
3:30 *Bollywood Hits: Sargam (Rishi Kapoor, Jaya Prada)*  
6:30 *Cartoon Network On Zee*  
7:30 *Hum Paanch*  
8:00 *Just Shoot Me*  
8:30 *Charmed*  
9:30 *Karen Sisco*  
10:30 *Two Guys And A Girl*  
11:00 *Titus*  
11:30 *Baywatch*  
**ZEE CINEMA**  
10:30am *Sansar (Anupam Kher, Raj Babbar, Rekha)*  
1:30 *Warrant (Dev Anand, Zeenat Aman)*  
5:30 *Mera Pati Sirf Mera Hai (Jeetendra, Rekha)*  
9:30 *Kitne Door Kitne Paas*

**PICK OF THE DAY**  
  
**Lola rennt**  
On MGM at 9:30 pm.  
Genre: Drama / Thriller / Crime / Romance  
Franka Potente, Moritz Bleibtreu, Herbert Knaup  
The film explores the events that fate alone controls and displays the constant "what if's" that occur every moment and that can easily change the happenings of the next. The film follows the events between a woman, Lola, and her boyfriend, Mani, who she desperately tries to save from death by helping him obtain a huge amount of money he carelessly lost.

8:00 *Piya Ka Ghar*  
8:30 *Chausath Pannell Hum Sub Barati*  
9:00 *Manish/Lavanya*  
9:30 *Astiva Ek Prem Kahani*  
**STAR PLUS**  
2:00pm. *Bhabhi*  
2:30 *Kabhi Aaye Na Judai*  
3:00 *Shagun*  
3:30 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*  
4:00 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*  
4:30 *Kahin To Hoga*  
5:00 *Kaahin Kissii Roz*  
6:00 *Hum Saath Aath Hain*  
6:30 *Fox Kids*  
7:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*  
8:00 *Shaka Laka Boom Boom*  
8:30 *Sonpani*  
9:00 *Kasauti Zindagii Kay*  
9:30 *Sanjivani - A Medical Boon*  
10:30 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*  
11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*  
11:30 *Kahin To Hoga*  
12:00 *Kaahin Kissii Roz*  
**STAR GOLD**  
9:00am. *Shapath*  
12:30 *Raju Chacha*  
4:30 *Itihaas*  
8:00 *Maya*  
8:30 *Hera Pheri Movies*  
**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
1:30pm. *Celebrity Slimming*  
2:00 *Living Pulse*  
2:30 *New Detectives: Elements of Murder*  
5:00 *Mystery Hunters: Travelers: Toronto*  
6:30 *Discovery Wings*  
7:30 *The Need to Succeed*  
8:30 *Extreme Engineering:*

9:30 *Extreme Machines: Dinosaur Planet Pod's Travels*  
11:30 *Martial Arts*  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
3:30pm. *Animal Hospital*  
4:30 *Emergency Vets Iron Bonds*  
5:30 *Amazing Animal Videos*  
6:30 *Planet's Funniest Animals*  
7:30 *Blue Planet The Blue Planet*  
8:30 *Klondike & Snow*  
9:30 *Life on the Field of Bones*  
10:30 *Wild Encounters*  
11:30 *Killing For A Living : Cold Blooded Killers*  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
1:30pm. *Cheating Death (Aka Dangerous Voyage Of Dragons Kings*  
2:30 *Hitter's Lost Sub*  
3:30 *Hidden Genders*  
4:30 *Monkey Business*  
5:30 *Mission Wild*  
6:30 *Dogs With Jobs*  
7:00 *World Of Wildlife*  
8:30 *Cheating Death (Aka Dangerous Search For Kennedy's P110*  
9:30 *Sailing's Everest*  
10:30 *Cyber War-To Catch A Little Fish*  
**STAR SPORTS**  
9:30am. *Asian 9-Ball Tour Semifinal #1(R)*  
11:00 *Asian 9-Ball Tour Semifinal #2(R)*  
12:30 *English Premier Football League 2003/04 Blackburn Rovers Vs Arsenal Fc*

(R)  
3:00 *Grand Prix Divin 2004 (R)*  
5:00 *Motocross Programming*  
2004 (T)  
5:30 *Hitz (R)*  
6:00 *Watersports Programming (T)*  
7:00 *Max Power Max Power*  
8:00 *Sportsline (L)*  
8:30 *World Championship Boxing 2003 (R)*  
10:30 *Sportsline (R)*  
11:00 *South Africa Tour Of New Zealand 1st Test Day 5 Highlights(R)*  
**ESPN**  
8:00am *Tennis Masters Series Pacific Life Open 4th Round(L)*  
11:00 *Football Focus (R)*  
12:00 *Women's Pro Billiards*  
4:30 *Table Tennis 2003 (T)*  
7:00 *Harsha Online Health Streak(R)*  
8:00 *Hitz (T)*  
8:30 *Sportscenter India (L)*  
9:00 *Goals! (T)*  
11:30 *Sportscenter India (R)*  
12:00 *Espn Samsung Cricket Show (R)*  
**TEN SPORTS**  
8:00am. *SL v AUS :2nd Test, Day 1 H/Ls*  
10:00 *SL v AUS :2nd Test, Day 2 (Live)*  
5:30 *Smackdown*  
7:30 *IndiasTour of Pak: 2nd ODI H/Ls*  
9:30 *SL v AUS :2nd Test, Day 2 H/Ls*  
11:30 *After Burn*